

the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1995

Coast Guard nominations beginning James M. Begis, and ending Jon W. Minor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 16, 1995

Coast Guard nomination of Louise A. Stewart, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 16, 1995

Foreign Service nominations beginning Christopher E. Goldthwait, and ending William L. Brant, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 1995

Foreign Service nominations beginning John Thomas Burns, and ending Van S. Wunder, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 1995

Foreign Service nominations beginning Luis E. Arreaga Rodas, and ending Jeffrey A. Wuchenich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 1995

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send resolutions to the desk regarding Senator CAMPBELL's new committee assignments as a majority Member, and ask they be considered en bloc and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 92) amending Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of Senate; a resolution (S. Res. 93) making majority party appointments to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Committee on Indian Affairs; a resolution (S. Res. 94) making a majority party appointment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions en bloc.

The resolutions (S. Res. 92, S. Res. 93, S. Res. 94) were agreed to en bloc as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 92

Resolved, That Rule XXV, paragraph 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry" and insert in lieu thereof "18".

Strike the figure after "Energy and Natural Resources" and insert in lieu thereof "20".

SEC. 2. That Rule XXV, paragraph 3(c) of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended as follows:

Strike the figure after "Indian Affairs" and insert in lieu thereof "16".

SENATE RESOLUTION 93

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following Senate committees for the

104th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. MURKOWSKI (Chairman), Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. BURNS.

Veterans' Affairs: Mr. SIMPSON (Chairman), Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. CRAIG.

Indian Affairs: Mr. MCCAIN (Chairman), Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GORTON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. HATCH.

SENATE RESOLUTION 94

Resolved, That the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) is hereby appointed to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and that the following be the majority membership on that committee for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Mr. LUGAR (Chairman), Mr. DOLE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 219

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 27, the Senate begin 6 hours of general debate equally divided in the usual form on the subject of S. 219, the regulatory moratorium bill; further that at the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 219.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S. RES. 49

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 15, Senate Resolution 49 be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-40. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5

"Whereas, the state has endured billions of dollars in losses through a disproportionate share of federal Department of Defense facilities closures mandated by the federally appointed Base Closure and Realignment Commissions in 1988, 1991 and 1993; and

"Whereas, it has been documented that this state has suffered more than its share of economic devastation during the current worldwide economic recession, and is the last of the states to show signs of positive recovery; and

"Whereas, the state has sustained disasters, both natural and manmade, in recent years from earthquakes in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, fires in northern and southern California, and from riots in the greater Los Angeles area; and

"Whereas, Southern California, through its particular world preeminence in the technologies of earth and space travel, military defense systems, and interglobal communications has been the free world's guarantor of peace through strength of leadership; and

"Whereas, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is being considered for closure as part of the military base closure and realignment process; and

"Whereas, built in 1943, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is the Navy's primary surface ship repair facility on the west coast in addition to having the highest aircraft carrier usage of any public shipyard; and

"Whereas, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard is a large, full service facility that includes 347 acres, four industrial piers, two wharves, and three drydocks; and

"Whereas, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard represents approximately \$757,000,000 in total local spending and 10,100 jobs in the southern California region so that closing the shipyard would have a devastating impact on that area of the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature hereby memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to provide for the continued operation of the Long Beach Naval Shipyard as an essential facility and as an integral part of the southern California economy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States."

POM-41. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION AT BRUNSWICK, ME.

"Whereas, the Department of the Navy has maintained a naval air station at Brunswick, Maine during World War II and continuously since 1951; and

"Whereas, the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick has performed in an exemplary manner throughout its more than 4 decades of history; and

"Whereas, the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick is one of the most up-to-date facilities available in the United States for long-range maritime patrol; and

"Whereas, the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick is the only remaining operational naval air station in the northeast quadrant of the United States and the only military airfield in northern New England; and

"Whereas, on the entire east coast, only the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick and Key West has been identified as having "strategic military value"; and

"Whereas, the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick offers unencumbered air space, no encroachment problems and expansion capability to handle all 7 of the projected Atlantic Fleet VP squadrons with no additional military construction required; and

"Whereas, the State of Maine is firmly committed to actively supporting the continuation of the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick; now therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to continue to operate, develop and diversify the United States Naval Air Station at Brunswick, Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That We further urge the Congress of the United States to take all necessary action to ensure that the United

States Naval Air Station at Brunswick remains an integral part of our nation's defense; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation."

POM-42. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

U.S. NAVAL SHIPYARD AT KITTERY, ME

Whereas, the Department of the Navy has maintained a shipyard at Kittery, Maine since June 12, 1800; and

Whereas, the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery has performed duties in an exemplary manner throughout its almost 2 centuries of history; and

Whereas, the Kittery shipyard is one of the most up-to-date facilities available in the United States for the repair, overhauling and refueling of naval vessels; and

Whereas, the communities in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts located near the Kittery shipyard offer an abundance of highly trained, skilled and experienced workers who have an outstanding work ethic; and

Whereas, the State of Maine is firmly committed to actively supporting the continuation of the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to continue to operate, develop and diversify the United States Naval Shipyard at Kittery, Maine; and be it further

Resolved: That we further urge the Congress of the United States to take all necessary action to ensure that the Kittery shipyard remains an integral component in a post-Cold War defense strategy; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation."

POM-43. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 130

"Whereas, the Pentagon is recommending the closure of the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal; and

"Whereas, the closure of the terminal would cost 100 military and over 1,200 civilian jobs and indirectly almost 750 additional jobs; and

"Whereas, even though some of the present employees could be relocated to Fort Monmouth in Eatontown, New Jersey, this closure would create a significant disruption in employees' lives; and

"Whereas, the closure would also create a significant disruption in the economic life of Bayonne with the loss of about \$44 million annually in contracts with New Jersey firms and about \$71 million annually in salaries; and

"Whereas, the terminal performs critical functions in shipping and storing military cargo, providing sealift capability for the Pentagon, and handling traffic management for East Coast ports; and

"Whereas, with the location at the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal of the Military Transportation Management Command Eastern Area Headquarters and the traffic management portion of the 1301st Major Port Command, the terminal is an integral part of the United States military operations; and

"Whereas, the closure of this terminal would not reflect sound financial or military logic; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

"1. This House calls upon the Base Closure and Realignment Commission to remove the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal from the list of base closings recommended by the Pentagon and to maintain the operation of the terminal.

"2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this State."

POM-44. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Armed Services.

BASE CLOSURE

"Whereas, military installations in this Commonwealth provide employment for 163,000 Pennsylvanians; and

"Whereas, military installations in this Commonwealth constitute 2.9 percent of all State employment and 4.1 percent of all State output and represent 2.7 percent of the Department of Defense budget spent within this Commonwealth; and

"Whereas, the closure or realignment of military installations in this Commonwealth could result in the termination of not only those jobs on operating bases, but also thousands of base-related jobs and the loss of millions of dollars in total income; and

"Whereas, this Commonwealth has lost 11.5 percent of all defense jobs eliminated in the United States as a result of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission's 1991 and 1993 recommendations; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of the United States and Congress to oppose the closure or realignment of military installations in Pennsylvania for the reasons stated in this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the members of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Committee."

POM-45. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"Whereas, the future success of Hawaii's economy and the future welfare of its citizens rests upon its ability to increase the employment skills and competitiveness of its people and to stimulate economic growth; and

"Whereas, the improvement of Hawaii's employment capabilities and competitiveness of its people requires high quality education; and

"Whereas, increases in the productivity and competitiveness of Hawaii's education and library system are essential to upgrading the quality of the existing education system; and

"Whereas, the development of an advanced state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, utilizing modern information processing technology in Hawaii's education and library system, linked locally, nationally, and internationally to businesses, residences, and other public and private services, is essential for achieving a quality educational system in a cost-effective manner; and

"Whereas, the development of an advanced state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in Hawaii is essential to promoting the economic competitiveness of the State, improving the literacy and employment skill level of its citizens, and ensuring the future vitality of its educational and library systems; and

"Whereas, Hawaii must ensure that the State benefits from telecommunications infrastructure advances and ensure universal access to information and education resources for all residents of the State; and

"Whereas, Hawaii must assume a position of economic leadership and national prominence in the information age by funding school and library information infrastructure; and

"Whereas, current funding mechanisms may not provide Hawaii's schools and libraries with the funds needed to construct the infrastructure necessary to take advantage of telecommunications technologies and services, to purchase those services, or to provide the educational, training, and information they are intended to service; and

"Whereas, the current Congress of the United States has expressed its belief in the concept that the individual states are better able to determine their individual needs and are better positioned to determine who moneys should be spent to address those needs; and

"Whereas, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is charged with the responsibility of administering the radio frequency spectrum as a national asset for the benefit of the American public; and

"Whereas, the FCC is currently conducting an auction of radio spectrum that will be used by winners of that auction to provide personal communications services (PCS); and

"Whereas, the FCC auction will generate moneys in excess of \$4,000,000,000 that should be shared with the individual states such that they will be better able to construct their education infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1995, That the Congress of the United States is requested to enact whatever laws are necessary to allow the individual states to share in the proceeds of the current Federal Communications Commission auction of radio spectrum for purposes of funding the states' schools' and libraries' telecommunications and information infrastructure; and

Be it further resolved, That the Public Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advocate, and the Department of Education are requested to prepare a plan for the efficient expenditure of revenues received by the State of Hawaii as a result of this Resolution; and

Be it further resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation."

POM-46. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.C.R. No. 20

"Whereas, the future success of Hawaii's economy and the future welfare of its citizens rest upon its ability to increase the employment skills and competitiveness of its people and to stimulate economic growth; and

"Whereas, the improvement of Hawaii's employment capabilities and competitiveness of its people require high quality education; and

"Whereas, increases in the productivity and competitiveness of Hawaii's education and library system are essential to upgrading the quality of the existing education system; and

"Whereas, the development of an advanced state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, utilizing modern information processing technology in Hawaii's education and library system, linked locally, nationally, and internationally to businesses, residences, and other public and private services, is essential for achieving a quality educational system in a cost-effective manner; and

"Whereas, the development of an advanced state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in Hawaii is essential to promoting the economic competitiveness of the State, improving the literacy and employment skill level of its citizens, and ensuring the future vitality of its educational and library systems; and

"Whereas, Hawaii must ensure that the State benefits from telecommunications infrastructure advances and ensure universal access to information and education resources for all residents of the State; and

"Whereas, Hawaii must assume a position of economic leadership and national prominence in the information age by funding school and library information infrastructure; and

"Whereas, current funding mechanisms may not provide Hawaii's schools and libraries with the funds needed to construct the infrastructure necessary to take advantage of telecommunications technologies and services, to purchase those services, or to provide the educational, training, and information they are intended to service; and

"Whereas, the current Congress of the United States has expressed its belief in the concept that the individual states are better able to determine their individual needs and are better positioned to determine how moneys should be spent to address those needs; and

"Whereas, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is charged with the responsibility of administering the radio frequency spectrum as a national asset for the benefit of the American public; and

"Whereas, The FCC is currently conducting an auction of radio spectrum that will be used by winners of that auction to provide personal communications services (PCS); and

"Whereas, the FCC auction will generate moneys in excess of \$4,000,000,000 that should be shared with the individual states such that they will be better able to construct their education infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1995, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Congress of the United States is requested to allow the individual states to share in the proceeds of the current Federal Communications Commission auction of radio spectrum for purposes of funding the states' public schools', universities', and libraries' telecommunications and information infrastructure; and

"Be it further resolved, That the Public Utilities Commission, the Consumer Advo-

cate, and the Department of Education are requested to prepare a plan for the efficient expenditure of revenues received by the State of Hawaii as a result of this Concurrent Resolution; and

"Be it further resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the public utility/public service commissions of the fifty states, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State legislatures, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and EDUCOM."

POM-47. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

"Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission has published an agreement containing a consent order, file number 941-0124, dealing with the proposed acquisition of Alpo by Nestle Food Company; and

"Whereas, Nestle Food Company owns a processing facility in Fort Dodge, Iowa, operating as Friskies PetCare Products; and

"Whereas, the consent order requires Nestle to divest the Fort Dodge Friskies PetCare plant within 12 months; and

"Whereas, the Friskies PetCare Products has operated in Fort Dodge for more than 19 years and has been an excellent corporate citizen, providing good jobs and benefits to 141 employees; and

"Whereas, the direct economic impact of the Friskies plant in Webster County and Fort Dodge approaches \$100 million per year; and

"Whereas, the complaint filed with the Federal Trade Commission alleges that the acquisition of Alpo by the Nestle Food Company will eliminate substantial actual competition between Nestle and Alpo, increase the likelihood that Nestle will unilaterally exercise market power in the relevant market, and increase the likelihood of, or facilitate collusion or coordinated interaction among, firms in the relevant market; and

"Whereas, the relevant market in the complaint is the manufacture and production of canned cat food for the geographies market of the United States of America; and

"Whereas, the Fort Dodge facility produces 24,000,000 cases of canned pet food per year of which 66 percent is canned cat food and 33 percent is canned dog food; and

"Whereas, Nestle officials have stated that they will increase the production at other Nestle-owned plants to replace the lost production from the sale of the Fort Dodge plant; and

"Whereas, the Federal Trade Commission has indicated that it is unlikely that it will allow the sale of the Fort Dodge plant to any other major competitor in the pet food industry; and

"Whereas, the citizens of Fort Dodge and Webster County, the Mayor and City Council of Fort Dodge, the Webster County Board of Supervisors, the employees of Friskies, and the Webster County Industrial Development Commission all believe that the remedy proposed by the Federal Trade Commission will not accomplish the stated goals, and will, in fact, result in the loss of 141 good jobs in Fort Dodge and have a disastrous effect on the local economy, including the loss of more than \$200,000 per year in Iowa sales taxes; now therefore, be it *"Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That the Federal Trade Commission is

urged to amend the agreement containing consent order, file number 941-0124, so that Nestle is not required to divest itself of the Fort Dodge Friskies PetCare Plant; and

"Be it further resolved, That the entire Iowa congressional delegation, Governor Branstad, and the Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development are urged to support the citizens of Fort Dodge in their efforts to appeal to the Federal Trade Commission to amend the consent order; and

"Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Federal Trade Commission, and members of the Iowa congressional delegation."

POM-48. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislative of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUPPORT AMTRAK

"Whereas, Amtrak is energy-efficient and environmentally beneficial, consuming about ½ as much energy per passenger mile as airlines and causing less air pollution; and

"Whereas, Amtrak provides mobility to citizens of many smaller communities poorly served by air and bus services, as well as to those senior citizens, people with disabilities, students and people with medical conditions who need trains as a travel option; and

"Whereas, Amtrak is 9 times safer than driving per passenger mile and operates even in severe weather conditions; and

"Whereas, Amtrak travel rose 48% from 1982 to 1993 and Amtrak dramatically improved coverage of its operating costs from revenues; and

"Whereas, expansion of Amtrak service using existing rail rights-of-way would cost less and use less land than new highways and airports and would further increase the advantage of Amtrak's efficiency; and

"Whereas, federal investment in Amtrak has fallen in the last decade while it has risen for airports and highways; and

"Whereas, states may use highway trust fund money as an 80% federal match for a variety of nonhighway programs but are prohibited from using the money for Amtrak projects; and

"Whereas, Amtrak pays a fuel tax that airlines do not pay; and

"Whereas, Amtrak workers and vendors pay more in taxes than the Federal Government invests in Amtrak; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the President and Congress of the United States not to reduce federal funding of Amtrak; to exempt Amtrak from paying fuel taxes that airlines do not pay; to allow the states flexibility in using federal highway trust fund money on Amtrak projects; and to require that federal officials include a strong Amtrak system in any plans for a national transportation system; and be it further

"Resolved, That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation."

POM-49. A resolution adopted by the Legislative of the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 48

"Whereas, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission employees an impressive variety of television and radio broadcast and non-broadcast technologies to serve the residents of this state; and

"Whereas, the commission is a major cultural and educational resource serving and unifying Nebraska residents of all ages and locations; and

"Whereas, the commission is widely recognized as both the pioneer employer of educational communications technologies and one of the premiere statewide educational and public telecommunications systems in the United States; and

"Whereas, the Commission assists every Nebraska educational sector and institution, public and private, in providing quality teaching and learning and making education more readily accessible; and

"Whereas, the commission brings a wide variety of national, international, and Nebraska-produced programs to the schools and homes of the state, as well as repeatedly brings national recognition to Nebraska; and

"Whereas, the commission is the only entity, public or private, with both the capability to provide picture and sound throughout Nebraska and the responsibility to employ that capacity to pursue educational equity, maintain educational quality, and provide responsible and constructive programming for the people of Nebraska; and

"Whereas, the commission provides on a daily basis children's, cultural, public affairs, informational, and distance-learning programs of impressive substance and quality; and

"Whereas, the commission employs an appropriate and interdependent mix of state, federal, and private funding to address this important mission on behalf of the people of Nebraska; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the ninety-fourth Legislative of Nebraska, first session:

"1. That the Legislative commends the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission for forty years of exemplary service, and urges the Congress of the United States, in partnership with the people of Nebraska, to continue critical support of educational and public telecommunications and the national public broadcasting organizations providing programs of significant quality to rural and urban residents alike, which are of particular importance as Nebraska and the nation move increasingly into the information age and the next century.

"2. That the Clerk of the Legislative transmit a copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate of the Congress of the United States, to all members of the Nebraska delegation to the Congress of the United States, and to the President of the United States with the request that it be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States."

POM-50. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"Whereas, Picatinny Arsenal at Dover, New Jersey, traces its roots to the "middle Forge" which was established in 1749 at the foot of Picatinny Peak and later became part of the Mount Hope Iron Works, which provided cannon shot, bar iron, shovels and axes for the Revolutionary Army; and

"Whereas, the Army purchased the site and established the Picatinny Powder Depot in 1880 when the War Department needed a location which to construct a black powder magazine; and

"Whereas, Picatinny Arsenal produced high explosives and ammunition from 1902

until 1977, when its role as an arsenal changed from manufacturing to research and development; and

"Whereas, Picatinny Arsenal is the United States Army's principal research, development and engineering facility for assigned weapon systems, responsible for developing 90 percent of the Army's weaponry; and

"Whereas, the Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) at Picatinny Arsenal has assignments which include artillery, infantry, surface vehicle mounted and aircraft mounted weapons and ammunition; rocket and missile warhead sections; fire control systems; demolition munitions; mines, bombs and grenades, pyrotechnic systems and munitions; explosives and propellants; and practice and training munitions; and

"Whereas, for the past four years, ARDEC management has downsized and reduced operating costs while retaining core capabilities and the ability to expand to accommodate new missions or to respond to national emergencies; and

"Whereas, Picatinny is staffed by more than 5,000 civilian engineers, scientists and support personnel, with a technical staff of whom more than 30 percent have graduate degrees; and

"Whereas, Picatinny Arsenal has a national mission and represents a unique intellectual community that cannot easily be duplicated; and

"Whereas, if the arsenal is closed, no assurance exists that the functions therein performed can be replaced or will be assumed anywhere else; and

"Whereas, the kind of institutional knowledge located at Picatinny Arsenal is critical because U.S. laws restrict the munitions and weapons marketplace, both domestic and international, deterring industry from substantial investment or retention of staff and facilities in a commodity arena where there is no commercial market; and

"Whereas, Picatinny Arsenal, invaluable to the Nation's defense with its specialized facilities on 6,500 acres, faces possible consolidation or closure as the Department of Defense reduces its budget with another round of base closures; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges the President and the Congress of the United States to carefully examine the impact of the closure of the Picatinny Arsenal upon the Nation's defense readiness and to reject such closure.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and every member of Congress elected from this State."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 617. An original bill making additional supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and other purposes (Rept. No. 104-17).

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Special report entitled: "The Activities of the Committee on Armed Services United States Senate, 103d Congress, First and Second Sessions" (Rept. No. 104-18).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BRADLEY (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 611. A bill to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 612. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a hospice care pilot program for the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 613. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct pilot programs in order to evaluate the feasibility of participation of the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system in the health care systems of States that have enacted health care reform; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 614. A bill to confer jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 615. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish outpatient medical services for any disability of a former prisoner of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 616. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide parity between the United States and certain free trade agreement countries with respect to the exemption for personal and household effects purchased abroad by returning residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATFIELD:

S. 617. An original bill making additional supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 618. A bill to provide a low-income school choice demonstration program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Mr. Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SIMON, Mr. MACK, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. REID):

S. 619. A bill to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 620. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, upon request, certain property in Federal reclamation projects to beneficiaries of the projects and to set forth