

H.R. 391. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act.

H.R. 3568. An act to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 4036. An act to making certain provisions with respect to internationally recognized human rights, refugees, and foreign relations.

H.R. 4167. An act to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers, and for other purposes.

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3116) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter, with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2092. An act to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3497. An act to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4137. An act to combat drug-facilitated crimes of violence, including sexual assaults.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 51. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning economic development, environmental improvement, and stability in the Baltic region.

H. Con. Res. 180. Concurrent resolution commending the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who served the United States faithfully during the Cold War.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1675. An act to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes.

S. 1802. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 2101. An act to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1834. An act to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992.

H.R. 1350. An act to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2366. An act to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement.

H.R. 2504. An act to designate the Federal building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veatch-Bale Federal Complex".

H.R. 2685. An act to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank.

H.R. 3056. An act to permit a county-operated health insurance organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county.

H.R. 3186. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building."

H.R. 3400. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3710. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 611 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse."

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 640) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1970. An act to amend the national Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2660) to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3068) to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2505. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2579. An act to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Or-

ganization to promote international travel and tourism to the United States.

H.R. 3700. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit interactive computer services to provide their facilities free of charge to candidates for Federal offices for the purposes of disseminating campaign information and enhancing public debate.

H.R. 3804. An act to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

H.R. 3852. An act to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine.

H.R. 3973. An act to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives.

H.R. 4168. An act to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4134. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize States to deny public education benefits to aliens not lawfully present in the United States who are not enrolled in public schools during the period beginning September 1, 1996, and ending July 1, 1997.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 26, 1996 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1834. An act to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4179. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Solid Waste Disposal Facility Criteria," (RIN2050-AE24, FRL5607-3) received on September 24, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4180. A communication from the Chairman and Management Member of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting jointly, the notice of opposition to the proposed "Railroad Retirement Amendment Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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-676. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"Whereas, there has been strong indication that Amtrak is seriously considering the elimination of trains 448 and 449, the New England States section of its Lake Shore limited passenger train operating between Boston, Massachusetts and Albany, New York; and

"Whereas, this train provides the only intercity rail passenger service to the city of Pittsfield and the County of Berkshire and interconnects this region to the Amtrak national hub at Chicago, Illinois and there is no commercial airline passenger service in Pittsfield, no interstate highway running through the city or a viable connection to a distant one, and extremely limited intercity bus service in Pittsfield or Berkshire County since the elimination of Greyhound Lines service several years ago; and

"Whereas, several thousand passengers per year use this service Amtrak provides both arriving and departing this city each year and over 1/3 million passengers per year use this train traveling to and from New England; and

"Whereas, the United States Postal Service uses this train to transport substantial amounts of mail generating healthy revenues for Amtrak that covers a large portion of the operating expenses of this train; and

"Whereas, this train provides needed transportation for persons from this area who have no other means of mobility and provides transportation to this area for persons arriving here for business, personal and tourism reasons it generates needed income for many businesses in the area; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives opposes any discontinuance of this above mentioned rail passenger train service after having made substantial capital investments for Amtrak in improving the local rail passenger station over the last fifteen years and urges Amtrak to continue operating trains 448 and 449 making cost savings in the operation of the trains rather than eliminating them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to the United States Congress."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1359. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain authorities relating to management and contracting in the provision of health care services (Rept. No. 104-372).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Jerry M. Melillo, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that

they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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 Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN:

S. 2132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive pension protection for women; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2133. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Center for American Cultural Heritage within the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BIDEN (by request):

S. 2134. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize Presidential Honors Scholarships to be awarded to all students who graduate in the top five percent of their secondary school graduating class, to promote and recognize high academic achievement in secondary school, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2135. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide reductions in required contributions to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. Res. 301. A resolution to designate October 13, 1996, as "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 302. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Indian Affairs; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN:

S. 2132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive pension protection for women; to the Committee on Finance.

THE WOMEN'S PENSION EQUITY ACT OF 1996

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, this legislation brings together some of the best ideas on women's pension legislation that have come before the House or the Senate. The legislation contains three new proposals to increase the security, the equity and the accessibility of our pension system. As the first permanent woman of the Senate Finance Committee, I have undertaken work in this area precisely

because retirement security is so vitally important to all Americans, but especially to America's women.

Many of America's women face retirement without economic security. The majority of the elderly are women, and the retirement system in our country is, unfortunately, failing them. Younger women are not earning the pension benefits they think they are, and older women are losing the pension benefits they thought they had. To make certain that the "golden years" are not the "disposable years," women need to take charge of their own retirement.

Last year, I introduced, and many of my colleagues cosponsored, the Women's Pension Equity Act of 1996 to begin to address one of the leading causes of poverty for the elderly—little or no pension benefits. Less than a third of all female retirees have pensions, and the majority of those who do earn less than \$5,000 a year from them. The lack of pension benefits for many women means the difference between a comfortable retirement and a difficult one. Three of the six provisions of that bill, the Women's Pension Equity Act, are now law.

Today we have introduced the Comprehensive Women's Pension Protection Act to put Congress on notice that we will continue to push for pension reforms that enable women to achieve a secure retirement. Congress should expect to hear from American women in the coming months about the need for pension policy that allows women to retire with dignity. We are here today, and we will be back in the beginning of the 105th Congress, because addressing pension issues is an integral part of the solution to women's economic insecurity.

In addition, pension issues are critical to our Nation as a whole. In light of the demographic trends facing America, retirement security is increasingly important to the quality of life for all of our citizens. With regard to women's pensions, specifically, though, I believe the first step is for women to take charge of their own retirement.

Women should create their own pension checklist to prepare for economic security when their working days are over. There are eight items that should be on any such checklist. Women should, first, find out if they are earning now or if they have ever earned a pension; second, learn if their employer has a pension plan and how to be eligible for that plan; third, contribute to a pension plan if they have the chance; fourth, not spend pension earnings if given a one-time payment when leaving a job, which is very important, also; fifth, if married, find out if their husband has a pension; sixth, not sign away a future right to their husband's pension if he dies; seventh, during a divorce, if that unfortunately happens, consider the pension to be a valuable, jointly earned asset to be divided; and eighth, find out about their pension rights and fight for them.