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The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate of the bill (H.R. 3103) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, to simplify the administration of health insurance, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. ARCHER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. STARK, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BONIOR as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

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

H. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 848. An act to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3029. An act to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3268. An act to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that act, and for other purposes.

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-2982. A communication from the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, notice of an intention relative to the Corps of Engineers project at Applegate Lake, Oregon; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2983. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order," received on June 4, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2984. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Papayas Grown in Hawaii," received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2985. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Tobacco Inspection"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2986. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on retail fees and services of depository institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2987. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2988. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area," received on June 4, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2989. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery," (RIN0648-AH57) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2990. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to FM broadcast stations, received on June 5, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-575. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

"SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

"Whereas, the Hawaiian islands are among the most environmentally sensitive areas in the world, containing unique and extremely fragile ecosystems; and

"Whereas, the State's 150 recognized ecosystems are home to more than one-third of the 526 plant species and 88 bird species on the United States endangered and threatened species list; and

"Whereas, conservationists call Hawaii the 'Endangered Species Capital of the World,' as three-fourths of the nation's extinct plant and bird species once lived only on our islands; and

"Whereas, alien pest species are considered the single greatest threat to the survival of our native Hawaiian plant and bird species; and

"Whereas, the island of Guam is now devoid of any and all avian life due to the devastation of a well-known alien pest, the brown tree snake; and

"Whereas, 19 new insect species found their way into the environment in 1994, even though the State Department of Agriculture inspected 13 million agricultural parcels entering the State and intercepted 131 alien insects and 183 illegal animals; and

"Whereas, on average, 20 new insect species arrive in Hawaii each year, of which ten become pests; and

"Whereas, federal quarantine law gives the United States Department of Agriculture the legal authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for the mainland from Hawaii in order to protect the mainland's environment, but does not grant the same authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for Hawaii from the mainland to protect Hawaii's environment; and

"Whereas, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano established the 'Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species' (CGAPS), a group comprised of representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Transportation, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, National Park Service, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Customs Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Navy, United States Postal Inspection Service, and United States Postal Service; and

"Whereas, the Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee provided funding for CGAPS efforts to focus public attention on the need to prevent new alien pest species from entering the State and to control pests which are already established; and

"Whereas, as a result of information obtained through CGAPS efforts, state departments may be proposing specific programs aimed at accelerating the eradication of established pest species and improving mechanisms to prevent the introduction of alien pest species; and

"Whereas, state budget concerns will have a serious impact on the agencies which contribute to these prevention and control efforts; and

"Whereas, the costs of these efforts pale in comparison to the price we would pay in terms of losses to industries such as tourism and agriculture which depend on environment quality, if our environment is not preserved and protected; and

"Whereas, in recognition of the long-term cost benefits of immediate action, funding for the implementation of those programs may be included in the budgets of those state departments; and

"Whereas, in addition to programs proposed by state departments, other CGAPS members may seek grants to accomplish the same purposes; and

"Whereas, the Legislature may appropriate funds for grants to those private conservation, agricultural, and tourism organizations; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1996, That the Governor is respectfully urged to place a high administrative priority on existing pest eradication and prevention programs, as well as the development and implementation of new programs recommended by the CGAPS members; and

Be it further resolved, That the President of the United States and the United States Congress are respectfully urged to advocate legislation and programs to eradicate pests and prevent their introduction into Hawaii; and

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

POM-576. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

"Whereas, the Hawaiian islands are among the most environmentally sensitive areas in the world, containing unique and extremely fragile ecosystems; and

"Whereas, the State's 150 recognized ecosystems are home to more than one-third of the 526 plant species and 88 bird species on the United States endangered and threatened species list; and

"Whereas, conservationists call Hawaii the "Endangered Species Capital of the World," as three-fourths of the nation's extinct plant and bird species once lived only on our islands; and

"Whereas, alien pest species are considered the single greatest threat to the survival of our native Hawaiian plant and bird species; and

"Whereas, the island of Guam is now devoid of any and all avian life due to the devastation of a well-known alien pest, the brown tree snake; and

"Whereas, the economic impact of alien pest species in the State of Hawaii exceeds \$400 million annually, yet the State spends only \$25 million per annum on prevention; and

"Whereas, 19 new insect species found their way into the environment in 1994, even though the State Department of Agriculture inspected 13 million agricultural parcels entering the State and intercepted 131 alien insects and 183 illegal animals; and

"Whereas, on average, 20 new insect species arrive in Hawaii each year, of which ten become pests; and

"Whereas, federal quarantine law gives the United States Department of Agriculture the legal authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for the mainland from Hawaii in order to protect the mainland's environment, but does not grant the same authority to inspect baggage and passengers bound for Hawaii from the mainland to protect Hawaii's environment; and

"Whereas, Governor Benjamin J. Cayetano established the 'Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species' (CGAPS), a group comprised of representatives from the State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Health, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Department of Transpor-

tation, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, National Park Service, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Custom Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Navy, United States Postal Inspection Service, and United States Postal Service; and

"Whereas, the Governor's Agriculture Coordinating Committee provided funding for CGAPS efforts to focus public attention on the need to prevent new alien pest species from entering the State and to control pests which are already established; and

"Whereas, as a result of information obtained through CGAPS efforts, State Departments may be proposing specific programs aimed at accelerating the eradication of established pest species and improving mechanisms to prevent the introduction of alien pest species; and

"Whereas, State budget concerns will have a serious impact on the agencies which contribute to these prevention and control efforts; and

"Whereas, the costs of these efforts pale in comparison to the price we would pay if our environment, and therefore industries such as tourism and agriculture which depend on environmental quality, is not preserved and protected; and

"Whereas, in recognition of the long-term cost benefits of immediate action, funding for the implementation of those programs may be included in the budgets for those State departments; and

"Whereas, in addition to programs proposed by State departments, other CGAPS members may seek grants to accomplish the same purposes; and

"Whereas, the State Legislature may appropriate funds for grants to those private conservation, agricultural, and tourism organizations; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1996, the Senate concurring, That the Governor is respectfully urged to place a high administrative priority on existing pest eradication and prevention programs, as well as the development and implementation of new programs recommended by the CGAPS members; and

Be it further resolved, That the President of the United States and the United States Congress are respectfully urged to advocate legislation and programs to eradicate pests and prevent their introduction into Hawaii; and

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

POM-577. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

"Whereas, since October 1, 1994, the HING DDR has conducted 155 activities utilizing 249 HING volunteers and 141 civilian volunteers to reduce the demand for drugs in the State of Hawaii; and

"Whereas, during a twelve-month period (October 1, 1994-September 30, 1995), DDR activities have reached a total audience of over 35,818 individuals; and

"Whereas, while working with the Honolulu Police Department's 'No Hope In Dope Program,' HING DDR has provided positive role models to speak to elementary, intermediate, and high school youths throughout the State of Hawaii; and

"Whereas, HING DDR has coordinated with the Hawaii Air National Guard C-130 Squadron to provide airlift support to transport the 'No Hope In Dope Program' to the outer islands; and

"Whereas, HING DDR has coordinated with Hawaii Air and Army National Guard units to provide static displays at drug-free parades and concerts; and

"Whereas, HING DDR volunteers have trained community leaders, parents, and other individuals on being a mentor for the youths who have graduated from the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program; and

"Whereas, HING DDR volunteers have been involved with recruiting youths and mentors, and working with the Advisory Committee in support of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program; and

"Whereas, HING DDR volunteers have started PRIDE Parent Training, a nine-hour seminar that will help parents identify the signs of possible drug use and gang activity and is designed for parents of youths between the ages of seven and seventeen years of age; and

"Whereas, HING DDR has an extensive video library on drugs and gangs which is available for home viewing; and

"Whereas, HING DDR has educational material and activity books on drugs, drug use, and peer pressure available for parents, teens, and children; and

"Whereas, HING DDR is a member of the Youth Gang Response System-Oahu Team which is a partnership of government, private agencies, and community groups working together to address youth gang and drug problems in Hawaii in a unified and holistic manner; and

"Whereas, HING DDR volunteers supported the Adult Friends For Youth-Moving Up Transition Convention by providing positive role models to escort youths for the day; and

"Whereas, HING DDR volunteers supported the PACT (Parents and Children Together) Kid's Day Newspaper Drive; and

"Whereas, the Hawaii National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program is committed to fighting this war on drugs through prevention and education in collaboration with the community; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1996, the Senate concurring, That the United States Congress is hereby urged to support legislation to support the Hawaii National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program; 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, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegations."

POM-78. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

"Whereas, the 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, is the Air Force's only air intervention composite wing providing lethal, integrated air power worldwide;

"Whereas, the 366th Wing is unique because it is a composite force already built and trained, ready to fight and intervene anytime, anywhere;

"Whereas, one of the primary benefits of a composite wing structure is the opportunity for aircrews to train every day under more realistic conditions, with a variety of aircraft flying multiple missions;

"Whereas, the 366th Wing exceeded all of Air Combat Command's tough standards at

the wing's first Air Force inspection in July, 1995, the first ever for a composite wing and the largest in Air Force history; and

"Whereas, the opening of a training range near Mountain Home Air Force Base is essential to maintain the readiness and strike force capabilities of this unique military asset:

Now, therefore, be it "Resolved, by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we urge the Congress of the United States to pass necessary legislation to establish and fund the training range at the Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

"Be it further resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States."

POM-579. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"RESOLVE NO. 39

"Whereas more fish were discarded in the federally managed fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean than were landed by American fishermen in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1992; and

"Whereas, in 1994, 25,881,596 kilograms of halibut and 1,866,272 kilograms of herring were discarded by fisheries in the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea; and

"Whereas, in 1994, 15,459,253 crab were discarded by fisheries in the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea; and

"Whereas, in 1994, 195,609 salmon were harvested in groundfish fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea; and

"Whereas these discarded herring, crab, and salmon are resources managed by the State of Alaska that were intercepted in offshore federal waters; and

"Whereas these resources are the economic and cultural lifeblood for many Alaskans who depend on the sea for their livelihoods and subsistence; and

"Whereas marine wildlife species in Alaska marine waters that depend on fish for food are faced with declining populations and a potential listing as endangered species; and

"Whereas this continued wanton waste undermines any long-term management strategy for sustained commercial, subsistence, and recreational fisheries, and places the rural communities of Alaska at risk; and

"Whereas efforts to implement severe penalties against vessels responsible for high bycatch and discard rates have failed; and

"Whereas minimizing the catch of undersized fish and reducing wanton waste will conserve fisheries resources for present and future generations of subsistence users, commercial and recreational fishermen, seafood industries, coastal communities, consumers, and the nation; and

"Whereas fisheries can technically or operationally reduce waste and the incidental taking of nontarget species if given economic incentives or if appropriate regulatory measures are applied; be it

"Resolved, by the Alaska State Legislature That the wanton waste now occurring in federal fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea is of utmost ecological, social, and economical importance; and be it

"Further resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the Congress to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conserva-

tion and Management Act, or to enact other legislation, encompassing a broad range of measures to reduce wanton waste in North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea fisheries, including harvest priority incentives for clean fishing practices and other management tools."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, with amendments:

S. 1745. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-278).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1488. A bill to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions, and for other purposes.

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. DOLE (for himself, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1856. A bill to establish a commission to study and provide recommendations on restoring solvency in the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOLE:

S. 1857. A bill to establish a bipartisan commission on campaign practices and provide that its recommendations be given expedited consideration; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1858. A bill to provide for improved coordination, communication, and enforcement related to health care fraud, waste, and abuse; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1859. A bill to create a point of order against legislation which diverts savings achieved through medicare waste, fraud, and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, to ensure the integrity of such trust fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1860. A bill to provide for legal reform and consumer compensation relating to motor vehicle tort systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 1861. A bill to provide for legal reform and consumer compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRESSLER (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1862. A bill to permit the interstate distribution of state-inspected meat under ap-

propriate circumstances; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1863. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to acquire permanent flowage and saturation easements over land that is located within the 10-year floodplain of the James River, South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, Mr. THURMOND, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EXON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NUNN, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 258. A resolution to designate the balcony adjacent to rooms S-230 and S-231 of the United States Capitol Building as the "Robert J. Dole Balcony"; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1856. A bill to establish a commission to study and provide recommendations on restoring solvency in the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

THE MEDICARE RESTORATION ACT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, last Wednesday the Medicare trustees released their report on the state of the Medicare trust fund, and the report was grim. Instead of going bankrupt in 2002, as they previously forecasted, the