

EC-3018. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, (RIN1840-AC18) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3019. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter 23-96," received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3020. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Information Law; Miscellaneous," (RIN2900-AI23) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3021. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Investigation Regulations," (RIN2900-AI25) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3022. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Veterans Education: Course Measurement for Graduate Courses," (RIN2900-AH39) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3023. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "National Service Life Insurance," (RIN2900-AH55) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3024. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five final rules entitled "United States Government Life Insurance," (RIN2900-AH52, 2900-AH53, 2900-AH54, 2900-AH55, 2900-AI04) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3025. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Autopsies," (RIN2900-AI07) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-580. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Appropriations.

“JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1381

“Whereas, President Nixon stated, ‘No qualified student who wants to go to college should be barred by lack of money. That has long been a great American goal.’; and

“Whereas, each subsequent President, including President Clinton, has reaffirmed this policy; and

“Whereas, a dollar invested in the federal educational grant programs will return \$4.30 in additional tax revenue over a student’s lifetime; and

“Whereas, full-time college students work an average of 25 hours a week to support themselves; and

“Whereas, college-aged youths from the highest income families are more than 3 times as likely to be enrolled in college as those from the lowest income families; and

“Whereas, under current Congressional proposals, 212,000 college students will lose state grants and an additional 150,000 needy students will lose student loans; and

“Whereas, Congress has proposed reducing student grants for college by eliminating Pell grants for 400,000 students; and

“Whereas, Congress has proposed to penalize colleges and universities for serving needy students by instituting a tax on schools equal to 2% of loan volume; and

“Whereas, educational programs that will receive no funding under the current congressional continuing resolution include: law-related education, cooperative education, Douglas Teacher scholarships, innovative community service projects, drop-out prevention demonstrations, state vocational education councils and art programs; Now, therefore, be it

“Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully recommend and urge the Congress of the United States to maintain aid for higher education; and be it further

“Resolved, That duly authenticated copies of this Memorial be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Majority Leader 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-581. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on Appropriations.

“SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 323

“Whereas, the Center for Applied Science and Technology for Law Enforcement (CASTLE) successfully completed six months of pilot operation in September, 1995; and

“Whereas, the laudable mission of the CASTLE program is to understand and solve critical needs of the United States law enforcement and corrections community through the application of unique or specialized technology; and

“Whereas, the CASTLE program is committed to serving law enforcement and corrections in a fourteen (14) state Southeastern region, and transferring its lessons-learned, methodologies and technologies nationally; and

“Whereas, serving as a partnership of key Southeastern law enforcement professionals, universities, private sector companies and the Oak Ridge scientific complex, CASTLE has demonstrated its ability to identify the real needs of grass roots law enforcement, develop new forensic capabilities, apply advanced technology to crime fighting and improve police officer safety; and

“Whereas, CASTLE has the potential to be a significant contributor to national security; and

“Whereas, CASTLE is proactive, innovative and tireless in its service to national security through technology for better, safer and less costly law enforcement; and

“Whereas, to date, the CASTLE program has provided invaluable technical and research services to numerous Tennessee state and local law enforcement agencies that have sought access to specialized technology beyond their scope and means via CASTLE’s expert assistance; and

“Whereas, the excellent support provided by CASTLE in these instances has been instrumental in solving several murder cases and other sensitive, high profile cases; and

“Whereas, the centerpiece of the next phase of CASTLE, as identified in its Strategic

Plan, will be the establishment of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) as the lead laboratory for a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) sponsored virtual National Forensic Center; and

“Whereas, if adequately funded by the federal government, CASTLE will be a leader in solving critical needs of grass roots law enforcement through innovative management and selective application of advanced technology; and

“Whereas, the recent budget impasse in Washington, D.C. has threatened the continuation of adequate federal funding for the next phase of the CASTLE program; and

“Whereas, it would indeed be devastating to the public safety and welfare if the unique, advanced technology, innovative methodologies and tireless professionalism of the CASTLE program were to be sacrificed in the interests of less worthy components of the federal budget; Now, therefore, be it

“Resolved, by the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Justice to secure adequate federal funding for the implementation of the next phase of The Center for Applied Sciences and Technology for Law Enforcement (CASTLE) as identified in its Strategic Plan dated October, 1995, and to maintain adequate funding for the CASTLE program at its present level of operation; be it

“Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Janet Reno, Esquire, U.S. Attorney General; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and to each member of Tennessee’s congressional delegation.”

POM-582. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on Appropriations.

“HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 525

“Whereas, the operations of predecessor federal agencies and the past and current operations of the U.S. Department of Energy now require the control and abatement of legacy environmental hazards and also require ongoing waste management activities which, together, involve more than 130 sites and facilities in over 30 states and territories; and

“Whereas, the research and production missions of predecessor agencies and of the U.S. Department of Energy have been essential to the national defense; to development of safe, economical and reliable energy sources; and to many fields of scientific research which have enriched our nation; and

“Whereas, since 1942, the Oak Ridge Reservation in Anderson County, Tennessee, and in Roane County, Tennessee, has hosted missions and programs contributing to national security, national energy supply, national environmental enhancement, and national economic competitiveness; and

“Whereas, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is a national asset with world-class recognition and capabilities in energy, environmental materials, computer science, research and development that contributes to Tennessee’s and the nation’s economic competitiveness; and

“Whereas, the Environmental Management Program of the U.S. Department of Energy is responsible for control and abatement of environmental problems on the Oak Ridge Reservation; and

“Whereas, the Environmental Management Program of the U.S. Department of Energy is

further responsible for essential support of ongoing national security and national scientific research missions on the Oak Ridge Reservation through provision of waste management services and through technology development activities; and

“Whereas, appropriations for the defense environmental management, non-defense environmental management, and uranium decontamination and decommissioning funds for the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Programs have been reduced significantly for federal fiscal year 1996; and

“Whereas, the Oak Ridge community and the East Tennessee region now host a world-class community of over 100 environmental management and service companies which are demonstrating that environmental problems and ongoing waste management activities can be accomplished with greater efficiencies and effectiveness within the constraints of reduced budgets; and

“Whereas, the need to address environmental management challenges exists on the Oak Ridge Reservation and the talent and technological capability to address such challenges reside in the surrounding region; Now, therefore, be it

“Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate Concurring, That the General Assembly finds that stable and adequate funding of the DOE Environmental Management Program for the Oak Ridge Reservation is essential to the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and essential to the protection of the environmental quality of the State of Tennessee; be it further

“Resolved, That the General Assembly memorializes the committees of the United States Congress with jurisdiction for both program authorization and for appropriation of funds to the DOE Environmental Management Program to provide authorities and funding to this program for federal fiscal year 1997 sufficient to assure Tennessee citizens that:

“(1) Oak Ridge Reservation contaminants are controlled to prevent situations where it would cost more at a later date to control the spread of contamination;

“(2) workers on the Oak Ridge Reservation are not exposed to undue risks;

“(3) wastes that are produced in the ongoing defense and scientific research missions on the reservation are characterized and managed in such a way as to prevent a future environmental liability;

“(4) wastes receive appropriate treatment and are moved on to final disposal, thus avoiding the continuing costs of interim storage where disposal capacity is now available;

“(5) nuclear materials and facilities stabilization and decontamination and decommissioning of facilities are accomplished expeditiously by funding such projects now to reduce the overall life-cycle costs to taxpayers and to allow industry to take advantage of the infrastructure, technology, and capable work force;

“(6) U.S. Department of Energy programs are able to comply with state and federal law to the same extent that private business and industry are required to comply with state and federal law;

“(7) local governments and area citizens are fully involved in shaping the environmental management programs which will determine future uses and the environmental conditions appropriate for such future uses of the Oak Ridge Reservation; and

“(8) existing agreements made in good faith and in the spirit of cooperation and progress by the State of Tennessee with the U.S. Department of Energy are honored to

the fullest extent applicable by law; be it further

“Resolved, That enrolled copies of this resolution be transmitted to the respective chairs of the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Subcommittees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and each member of Tennessee’s Congressional delegation.”

POM-583. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah to the Committee on Appropriations.

“HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

“Whereas the constitutional role of the United States military is to protect the life, liberty, and property of United States citizens and to defend our nation against insurrection or foreign invasions;

“Whereas the United States is an independent sovereign nation and not a tributary of the United Nations;

“Whereas there is no popular support for the establishment of a world sovereignty of any kind either under the United Nations or under any world body in any form of global government; and

“Whereas global government could lead to the destruction of our United States Constitution and corruption of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence, our freedom, and our way of life: Now, therefore, be it

“Resolved That the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the United States Congress to cease the appropriation of United States funds for any military activity not authorized by the Constitution, to cease engagement in any military activity under the authority of the United Nations or any world body, and to cease any support for the establishment of any form of global government; be it further

“Resolved, That the Legislature urge the United States Congress to refrain from taking any further steps toward the economic or political merger of the United States into a world body or any form of world government; be it further

“Resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and Utah’s congressional delegation.”

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. INOUYE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1864. A bill to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1865. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issue regulations relating to recirculation of fresh air in commercial aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1866. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1867. A bill to restore the American family, enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, reduce welfare dependence, and control welfare spending; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAX:

S. 1868. A bill to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 to promote the use of deepwater ports to transport Outer Continental Shelf oil by reducing unnecessary and duplicative regulatory requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. Res. 259. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Agriculture should use the disaster reserve established under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 to alleviate distress to all livestock producers who have suffered feed losses due to drought, flooding, or other natural disasters in 1996 in the most cost efficient manner practicable, including cash payments from the sale of commodities in the disaster reserve, and should provide voluntary conservation assistance to persons who hay or graze on conservation reserve lands, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. Res. 260. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that livestock producers who are not eligible for emergency livestock feed assistance in the 1996 crop year, and who have suffered feed losses due to drought, flooding, or other natural disasters in 1996, should receive special consideration for assistance from commodities or the sale or commodities currently available in the disaster reserve established under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. Res. 261. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Agriculture should allow livestock feed assistance in the 1995 crop year to be eligible for emergency livestock feed assistance in the 1996 crop year, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1864. A bill to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER LEGISLATION

• Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I introduce a bill to transfer jurisdiction over a parcel of land from the Architect of the Capitol to the Department of the Interior. This no-cost transfer would allow this parcel to be used to establish