

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning military education and training to the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3211. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3212. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of informational copies of two lease prospectuses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3213. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a detailed description of the compliance activities undertaken by the Department for mixed waste streams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3214. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Production and Utilization Facilities," (RIN3150-AF20) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3215. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning reclassification of the Saltwater Crocodile Population in Australia, (RIN1018-AC30) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3216. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, (RIN1018-AD43) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3217. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, (RIN1018-AD44) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3218. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Operating Permits Program," (RIN2060-AD68) received on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3219. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans," (FRL5511-4, 5525-4) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3220. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of four rules entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System," (FRL5529-1, 5464-7, 5516-7, 5528-4) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3221. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives," (FRL5522-2, 5519-2, 5524-4, 5524-9, 5456-4, 5523-7, 5526-4) received

on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3222. A communication from the the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Postsecondary Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities," received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3223. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3224. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Tin-Coated Lead Foil Capsules for Wine Bottles," received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3225. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Consolidation of Repetitive Provisions," (RIN1218-AB53) received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3226. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Reorganization, Renumbering, and Reinvention of Regulations," (RIN1212-AA75) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3227. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of thirteen rules entitled "Tolerance Exemption," (FRL5376-3, 5377-7, 5370-8, 5371-4, 5372-5, 5375-9, 5374-7, 5373-5, 5521-5, 5522-6, 5521-4, 5372-4, 5521-7) received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-639. A petition adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"HOUSE BILL 712

"TITLE III.—ARTICLE— TRANSPORTATION

"Section 10-204

"ARTICLE III

"Section 3

"There is hereby created the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Zone which shall embrace the District of Columbia, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia located within those counties, and the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's in the State of Maryland and political subdivisions of the State of Maryland located in said counties.

"Section 5

"(a) The Authority shall be governed by a board of six directors consisting of two directors for each signatory. For Virginia, the directors shall be appointed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; for the

District of Columbia, by the Council of the District of Columbia; and for Maryland, by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. For Virginia and Maryland, the directors shall be appointed from among the members of the appointing body, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall serve for a term coincident with their term on the appointing body. A director may be removed or suspended from office only as provided by the law of the signatory from which he was appointed. The appointing authorities shall also appoint an alternate for each director, who may act only in the absence of the director for whom he has been appointed an alternate, except that, in the case of the District of Columbia where only one director and his alternate are present, such alternate may act on behalf of the absent director. Each alternate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy in the office of director or alternate, it shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment.

"Section 8

"(a) Four directors or alternates consisting of at least one director or alternate appointed from each signatory, shall constitute a quorum and no action by the board shall be effective unless a majority of the board present and voting, which majority shall include at least one director or alternate from each signatory, concur therein; provided, however, that a plan of financing may be adopted or a mass transit plan adopted, altered, revised or amended by the unanimous vote of the directors representing any two signatories.

"ARTICLE VI

"Section 14

"(b) It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member of the board to serve as liaison between the board and the body which appointed him to the board. To provide a framework for regional participation in the planning process, the board shall create technical committees concerned with planning and collection and analyses of data relative to decision-making in the transportation planning process and the mayor and council of the District of Columbia, the component governments of the Northern Virginia Transportation District and the Washington Suburban Transit District shall appoint representatives to such technical committees and otherwise cooperate with the board in the formulation of a mass transit plan, or in revisions, alterations or amendments thereof.

"Section 15

"(a) Before a mass transit plan is adopted, altered, revised or amended, the board shall transmit such proposed plan, alteration, revision or amendment for comment to the following and to such other agencies as the board shall determine:

"(1) The Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission;

"(2) The governing bodies of the counties and cities embraced within the zone;

"(3) The transportation agencies of the signatories;

"(4) The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission;

"(5) The Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments;

"(6) The National Capital Planning Commission;

"(7) The National Capital Regional Planning Council;

"(8) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

"(9) The Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission;

"(10) The Maryland Office of Planning; and
 "(11) The private transit companies operating in the zone and the labor unions representing the employees of such companies and employees of contractors providing service under operating contracts.

"(b) A copy of the proposed mass transit plan, amendment or revision, shall be kept at the office of the board and shall be available for public inspection. Information with respect thereto shall be released to the public. After thirty days' notice published once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation within the zone, a public hearing shall be held with respect to the proposed plan, alteration, revision or amendment. The thirty-days' notice shall begin to run on the first day the notice appears in any such newspaper. The board shall consider the evidence submitted and statements and comments made at such hearing and may make any changes in the proposed plan, amendment or revision which it deems appropriate and such changes may be made without further hearing.

"ARTICLE VII

"Section 18

"(c) With respect to the federal government, the commitment or obligation to render financial assistance shall be created by appropriation or in such other manner, or by such other legislation, as the Congress shall determine. Commitments by the District of Columbia shall be by contract or agreement between the governing body of the District of Columbia and the Authority, pursuant to which the Authority undertakes, subject to the provisions of Section 20 hereof, to provide transit facilities and service in consideration for the undertaking by the District of Columbia to contribute to the capital required for the construction and/or acquisition of facilities specified in a mass transit plan adopted as provided in Article VI, or in any alteration, revision or amendment thereof, and for meeting expenses and obligations incurred in the operation of such facilities.

"ARTICLE XVI

"Section 81

"The United States District Courts shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the courts of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, of all actions brought by or against the Authority and to enforce subpoenas issued under this title. Any such action initiated in a State or District of Columbia court shall be removable to the appropriate United States District Court in the manner provided by Act of June 25, 1948, as amended (28 U.S.C. 1446).

"Section 84

"Amendments and supplements to this title to implement the purposes thereof may be adopted by legislative action of any of the signatory parties concurred in by all of the others. When one signatory adopts an amendment or supplement to an existing section of the compact, that amendment or supplement shall not be immediately effective, and the previously enacted provision or provisions shall remain in effect in each jurisdiction until the amendment or supplement is approved by the other signatories and is consented to by Congress.

"Section 86

"This title shall be adopted by the signatories in the manner provided by law therefor and shall be signed and sealed in four duplicate original copies. One such copy shall be filed with the Secretary of State of each of the signatory parties or in accordance with the laws of the state in which the filing is made, and one copy shall be filed and retained in the archives of the authority upon

its organization. This title shall become effective ninety days after the enactment of concurring legislation by or on behalf of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia and consent thereto by the Congress and all other acts or actions have been taken, including the signing and execution of the title by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia.

"Section 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly by the passage of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States Congress of the passage of this Act; and that, upon the concurrence in this Act by the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

"Section 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996."

POM-640. A petition adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"HOUSE BILL 711

"(a) The board shall not raise any fare or rate, nor implement a major service reduction, except after holding a public hearing with respect thereto.

"(c) The board shall give at least fifteen days' notice for all public hearings. The notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper of daily circulation throughout the transit zone and such notice shall be published once a week for two successive weeks. The notice period shall start with the first day of publication. Notices of public hearings shall be posted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board.

"Section 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in Maryland, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shall conform with the following standards that constitute a major service reduction. A major service reduction includes: (1) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 20% in that year in the number of scheduled revenue miles; (2) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 1 hour in that year in the hours of service; (3) one or more reductions in a single year that represent a total reduction of more than 15% in that year in the number of route miles; or (4) one or more eliminations of service in a single year that represent a total elimination of service in that year for more than 10% of current riders. Any change that does not conform with these standards shall constitute a minor service reduction.

"Section 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, in Maryland, any posting of notice of public hearing regulations adopted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority under this Act shall include requirements for advanced posting of notice at stations, terminals, but shelters, and vehicles that serve members of the public that are directly affected by a proposed change.

"Section 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 1 of this Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the District

of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly by the passage of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States Congress of the passage of this Act; and that, upon the concurrence in Section 1 of this Act by the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

"Section 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996."

POM-641. A resolution adopted by the House of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 401

"Whereas, The United States Supreme Court has issued a series of decisions holding that the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States prohibits states from restricting the importation of solid waste from other states; and

"Whereas, Over the past several years owners and operators of solid waste landfills located in this Commonwealth have increased significantly the amount of solid waste that they accept from other states; and

"Whereas, According to statistics compiled by the Department of Environmental Protection, the percentage of solid waste disposed of in this Commonwealth that is imported from other states has increased in each of the past five years; and

"Whereas, According to statistics compiled by the Department of Environmental Protection, in 1995 imported waste made up 39.2 percent of the solid waste disposal of in landfills located in this Commonwealth; and

"Whereas, New York State and New York City recently announced plans to close by the year 2001 the Fresh Kills landfill located on Staten Island, which currently accepts 13,000 tons of waste per day from New York City, and the city's sanitation director stated that the city would consider sending its waste to landfills in Pennsylvania, among other places; and

"Whereas, The present and projected future levels of solid waste that owners and operators of landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth import from other states poses environmental, aesthetic and traffic problems and is unfair to citizens of his Commonwealth, particularly citizens living in areas where landfills and incinerators are located; and

"Whereas, In 1988 the Commonwealth adopted a law designed to reduce the need for additional landfills and incinerators by requiring and encouraging recycling of certain materials; and

"Whereas, It is within the power of Congress to delegate authority to the states to restrict the amount of solid waste they import from other states; and

"Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress, and passed by the United States Senate, that would give states authority to impose reasonable restrictions on the amount of solid waste imported from other states; and

"Whereas, Passage of such legislation by Congress may hinge upon the success of negotiations between certain states that import and export trash; and

"Whereas, Recently Governor Ridge and the governors of four other states wrote to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York, expressing their desire to reach an accord on authorizing states to place reasonable limits on the importation of solid waste; and

"Whereas, The failure of Congress to act will harm the Commonwealth by allowing the continued unrestricted flow of solid waste generated in other states to landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives memorialize Congress to approve legislation authorizing states to restrict the amount of solid waste they import from other states; and be it further

"Resolved, That the House of Representatives memorialize the Governor of New York to support legislation giving states the authority to place reasonable restrictions upon the amount of solid waste imported from other states; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania."

POM-642. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

"Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States has issued a series of decisions holding that the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States prohibits states from restricting the importation of solid waste from other states; and

"Whereas, Over the past several years owners and operators of solid waste landfills and resource recovery facilities located in this Commonwealth have increased significantly the amount of solid waste that they accept from other states; and

"Whereas, According to statistics compiled by the Department of Environmental Protection, the percentage of solid waste disposed of in this Commonwealth that is imported from other states has increased in each of the past five years; and

"Whereas, According to statistics compiled by the Department of Environmental Protection, in 1995 imported waste made up 35.4% of the solid waste disposed of in landfills and resource recovery facilities located in this Commonwealth; and

"Whereas, New York State and New York City recently announced plans to close by the year 2001 the Fresh Kills landfill located on Staten Island, which currently accepts 13,000 tons of waste per day from New York City, and the city's sanitation director stated that the city would consider sending its waste to landfills in Pennsylvania, among other places; and

"Whereas, The present and projected future levels of solid waste that owners and operators of landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth import from other states poses potential environmental, aesthetic and traffic problems and is unfair to citizens of this Commonwealth, particularly citizens living in areas where landfills and resource recovery facilities are located; and

"Whereas, In 1988 the Commonwealth adopted a law designed to reduce the need for additional landfills and incinerators by requiring and encouraging recycling of certain materials; and

"Whereas, It is within the power of Congress to delegate authority to the states to restrict the amount of solid waste they import from other states; and

"Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress, and passed by the

United States Senate, that would give states authority to impose reasonable restrictions on the amount of solid waste imported from other states; and

"Whereas, Passage of such legislation by Congress may hinge upon the success of negotiations between certain states that import and export trash; and

"Whereas, Recently Governor Ridge and the governors of four other states wrote to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York, expressing their desire to reach an accord on authorizing states to place reasonable limits on the importation of solid waste; and

"Whereas, The failure of Congress to act will harm the Commonwealth by allowing the continued unrestricted flow of solid waste generated in other states to landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Senate memorialize Congress to approve legislation authorizing states to restrict the amount of solid waste they import from other states; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Senate memorialize the Governor of New York to support legislation giving states the authority to place reasonable restrictions upon the amount of solid waste imported from other states; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable George Pataki, Governor of New York, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania."

POM-643. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 99

"Whereas, Whales have been recognized internationally since the 1960s as animals unnecessarily threatened with extinction because of the variety of alternative sources in modern time for the products and by-products derived from whales; and

"Whereas, The International Whaling Commission voted in 1982 to impose a moratorium on all commercial whaling at the end of the 1984-85 season; and

"Whereas, The principal whaling nations—Japan, Norway and Russia (then the Soviet Union)—did not agree to the moratorium until 1988, and in 1992, Norway announced it would resume hunting minke whales because, in Norway's opinion, the species was no longer in danger of extinction; and

"Whereas, The International Whaling Commission specifically banned commercial whaling of minke whales in 1993 because of the declining numbers of the species; and

"Whereas, It has been reported by international news services that Norway has almost doubled its quota from 232 to 425 minke whales for the 1996 season at a time when the total world population of minke whales is estimated at 110,000 to 120,000 whales; and

"Whereas, Public opposition to this move has been made all the more apparent by published news reports that the head of resources management at the Ministry of Fisheries in Norway said no public announcement of this initiative would be made to avoid violence against whalers; and

"Whereas, The United States has been in the forefront of the "Save the Whales" movement, by banning the importation of whale products in 1970 and, later in 1972, by prohibiting all commercial hunting of whales in United States waters; now, therefore, be it

"Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

"1. The President and the Secretary of State of the United States are requested to

express disapproval of Norway for its commercial whaling policies and for the raising of its quotas on minke whales.

"2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested to by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the King and Prime Minister of Norway, the President, Vice President and the Secretary of State of the United States, the United States Ambassador to Norway, and the members of the Congress of the United States.

"STATEMENT

"This resolution requests the President and the Secretary of State of the United States to express disapproval of Norway for its commercial whaling policies and for the raising of its quotas on minke whales. Norway, in the face of an international ban on minke whale hunting, recently increased its minke whale quotas from 232 to 425 whales. It is estimated that the total world population of minke whales is 110,000 to 120,000 whales.

"Requests the President and the Secretary of State of the United States to express disapproval of Norway for its commercial whaling policies and for the raising of its quotas on minke whales."

POM-644. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

"Whereas the United States Environmental Protection Agency has proposed new rules to expand the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program; and

"Whereas this expansion could add electric utilities, waste management facilities, mining, oil and gas exploration and production, materials recovery and recycling, and some warehousing activities to the list of facilities required to report toxic chemical releases under the TRI program; and

"Whereas only manufacturing facilities must currently report under the TRI program and there are significant fundamental differences between manufacturing facilities and the facilities threatened with addition to the list; and

"Whereas nearly all of the produced water, natural gas, and other miscellaneous materials from oil and gas exploration and production facilities are discharged to deep disposal wells far below the groundwater aquifer; and

"Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency's profiles of various industries not currently required to report under the TRI program assume that typical releases remain constant; this is not the case for at least some operations where the concentrations of chemicals in wastestreams change constantly; and

"Whereas the only way to monitor these varying discharges would be for operators to perform regular, expensive wastestream tests; and

"Whereas the information gained from these tests would not benefit communities significantly because much of the information regarding on-site hazardous substances is already required to be reported to local emergency planning committees, the Alaska State Emergency Planning Commission, the State Fire Marshall's office, and local fire departments; and

"Whereas the Alaska State Legislature considers this proposed rule-making would result in an unnecessary, duplicative reporting burden; and

"Whereas this expanded reporting requirement will force companies operating in Alaska to redirect financial resources to a reporting effort with far less benefit than current reporting requirements; and

"Whereas the State of Alaska has been implementing changes to minimize the cost burden on marginal oil and gas projects and those nearing their economic end: Be it

"Resolved that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency cease from imposing additional, duplicative reporting mandates on industry; and be it further

"Resolved that, if the Environmental Protection Agency continues with the implementation of the proposed rule, the Alaska State Legislature requests that oil and gas exploration and production be exempted from the TRI program reporting requirements."

POM-645. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 70

"Whereas the United States Congress, by its authority to regulate commerce among the states, has repeatedly preempted state laws, including those relating to health, welfare, transportation, communications, banking, environment, and civil justice, reducing the ability of state legislatures to be responsive to their constituents; and

"Whereas more than one-half of all federal laws preempting states have been enacted by the Congress since 1969, intensifying an erosion of state power that leaves an essential part of our constitutional structure—federalism—standing precariously; and

"Whereas the United States Constitution anticipates that our American federalism will allow differences among state laws, expecting people to seek change through their own legislatures without federal legislators representing other states preempting states to impose national laws; and

"Whereas constitutional tension necessary to protect liberty arises from the fact that federal law is "the supreme Law of the Land" while, in contrast, powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the states or to the people, and that tension can exist only when states are not preempted and, thus, remain credible powers in the federal system; and

"Whereas less federal preemption means states can act as laboratories of democracy, seeking novel social and economic policies without risk to the nation; and

"Whereas S. 1629 is designed to create mechanisms for careful consideration of proposals that would preempt states in areas historically within their purview through procedural mechanisms in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, namely—

"(1) in the legislative branch, by requiring a statement of constitutional authority and an expression of the intent to preempt states;

"(2) in the executive branch, by curbing agencies that may preempt beyond their legislative authority;

"(3) in the judicial branch, by codifying judicial deference to state laws where the Congress is not clear in its intent to preempt; be it

"Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges that

"(1) the congressional delegation of this state cosponsor S. 1629 in order to show its support for a decisive role for states within the federal system;

"(2) the United States Congress enact S. 1629, the Tenth Amendment Enforcement Act of 1996, in order to strengthen the political safeguards of federalism as anticipated under the United States Constitution; and

"(3) the President of the United States sign S. 1629 as a means of ensuring full consider-

ation of federalism principles within the exercise of executive powers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3540. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-295).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1194. A bill to amend the Mining and Mineral Policy Act of 1970 to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-296).

S. 1225. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory of historic sites, buildings, and artifacts in the Champlain Valley and the upper Hudson River Valley, including the Lake George area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-297).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1646. A bill to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance safety, training, research and development, and safety education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-298).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1703. A bill to amend the Act establishing the National Park Foundation (Rept. No. 104-299).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1823. A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-300).

H.R. 2967. A bill to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-301).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 3008. A bill 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 (Rept. No. 104-302).

By Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1648. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *HERCO TYME* (Rept. No. 104-303).

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1682. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *LIBERTY*, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-304).

S. 1825. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *HALCYON* (Rept. No. 104-305).

S. 1826. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *COURIER SERVICE* (Rept. No. 104-306).

S. 1828. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *TOP GUN*, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-307).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on June 26, 1996:

By Mrs. KASSEBAUM, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

The following candidates for personnel action in the regular corps of the Public Health Service subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations:

1. FOR APPOINTMENT:

To be assistant surgeon:

John M. Balintona	Rochelle Nolte
Al-Karim A. Dhanji	David C. Houghton
Heidi C. Erickson	John Mohs
Tracey A. Ford	Mark A. Sheffler
	Kimberly S. Stolz

(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.)

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

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. John S. Redd, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of Admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Kinzer, 000-00-0000.