

of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

H.J. Res. 94. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 5:50 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 Senate to the bill (H.R. 2378) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 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. 1116. An act to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clinton Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2487. An act to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the child support enforcement program and thereby increase the financial stability of single parent families including those attempting to leave welfare; to the Committee on Finance.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 30, 1997 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 871. An act to establish in the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

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-3060. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3061. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on August 26, 1997;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3062. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven rules received on August 27, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3063. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on September 16, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3065. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3066. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules received on September 10, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules received on September 17, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules received on September 18, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules received on September 23, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3072. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 26, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3073. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 26, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3074. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish

and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting" (RIN1018-AE14) received on September 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3075. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting" (RIN1018-AE14) received on August 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3076. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 22, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3078. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3079. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3080. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 12, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3082. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Agency's Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3083. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "1997-98 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AE18) received on September 4, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3084. A communication from the Director of the State and Site Identification Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on September 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3085. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Atomic Energy Act Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3086. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on August 28, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3087. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, informational copies of a Building Project Survey for the Baltimore, Maryland, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3088. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3089. A communication from the Executive Secretary of the Inland Waterways

Users Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the St. Paul Island Harbor, Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3091. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a deep-draft navigation project at Chignik Harbor, Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3092. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 96-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-91).

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

S. 750. A bill to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-92).

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

S. 1158. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding the Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-93).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amended preamble:

H. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems (Rept. No. 105-94).

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 126. An original resolution authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BROWNBAC, and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 1237. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 1238. A bill to amend section 1926 of the Public Health Service Act to encourage States to strengthen their efforts to prevent the sale and distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 1239. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ethofumesate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1240. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phenmedipham; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1241. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on desmedipham; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COATS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BROWNBAC, and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 1237. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

THE SAFETY ADVANCEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES ACT

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Safety Advancement for Employees Act of 1997. I send the bill to the desk.

Mr. President, I ask that further reading of the bill be dispensed with.

Mr. President, during this first Session of the 105th Congress, my esteemed colleague from New Hampshire, Senator GREGG, and I, each introduced a bill related to workplace safety and health. On July 10, a comprehensive OSHA oversight hearing was held by Chairman FRIST in the Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety. This hearing specifically focused on OSHA modernization legislation pending before the committee. The results of this hearing further confirmed the commitment Senator GREGG and I share concerning the safety and health of our Nation's workforce.

It is with great pleasure that Senator GREGG and I, introduce this consensus legislation. The SAFE Act has the support of Subcommittee Chairman FRIST, as well as Labor Committee Chairman JEFFORDS. Both are proud to be original cosponsors and I am sincerely grateful to them for all their hard work. They have clearly helped pave the way for this important measure. In addition, my House colleague and chairman of the Small Business Committee, JIM TALENT, will introduce

similar legislation in the House today. This legislation has received strong bipartisan support—an essential ingredient in the recipe for success.

It is important to understand that both the Senate and House versions do not attempt to reinvent OSHA's wheel, just change its tires. Treading water for 27 years, OSHA has never seriously attempted to encourage employers and employees in their efforts to create safe and healthful workplaces. Instead, OSHA chose to operate according to a command and control mentality. This approach has led to burdensome and often incomprehensible regulations which may not relate to worker safety and health and are, quite often, only sporadically enforced. Even the AFL-CIO has acknowledged that with only 2,451 State and Federal inspectors regulating 6.2 million American worksites, an employer can expect to see an inspector once every 167 years.

While changing OSHA's bald tires, it is important to point out that the SAFE Act does not dismantle OSHA's enforcement capabilities. That approach has been tried time and time again. But, enforcement alone cannot ensure the safety of our Nation's workplaces and the health of our working population. America would be better served by an OSHA that places a greater emphasis on promoting employers and employees working together and this bill would strike that balance.

The SAFE Act is geared to provide employers who seek a safe and healthful workplace for their employees with the ability to obtain compliance evaluations from qualified, third party consultants. In addition, the SAFE Act includes additional voluntary and technical compliance initiatives to assist employers in deeming their worksites safe for their employees. Businesses and employees need clarification on a whole host of issues. They need progress, now. We need good common-sense legislation that advances safety and health of the American workplace, now.

Senator GREGG and I are not interested in making another political statement. It is time for us to tuck the political statements into our coat pockets and pass good common sense legislation that advances the safety and health of the American workplace. Advancing safety and health in the American workplace is a matter of great importance and it must be considered in a serious and rational manner by Congress, by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by employers, and yes, by employees too.

Mr. President, I firmly believe that the SAFE Act represents a clean start to addressing the problems that affect OSHA and its dealings with employers and employees. Senator GREGG and I, are quite eager to continue working with my Senate and House colleagues on this important matter. By working together in a bipartisan fashion, we can ensure our Nation's work force that Congress does care about their