

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 785. An act to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resources Conservation Center.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring May 21, 2002.

Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

(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.)

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-1511. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Community Facilities Grants" (RIN0575-AC10) received on April 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1512. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California" (FV-96-916-3 IFR) received on April 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1513. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Amendments to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act" (RIN0581-AB41) received on March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1514. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order" (FV-96-709FR) received on March 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1515. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Farm Credit" (RIN0560-AE87) received on March 27, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1516. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Special Combinations for Flue-Cured Tobacco Allotments and Quotas" (RIN0560-AF14) received on March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1517. A communication from the General Sales manager and Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to donations of surplus commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1518. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1519. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Disclosure to Shareholders" (RIN3052-AB62) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1520. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products" received on March 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1521. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Organization and Functions" (RIN3052-AB61) received on April 8, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1522. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to telecommunications services for the period June 30, 1996 through December 31, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1523. A communication from the Assistant of Defense (Health Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to medical care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1524. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the Procurement List received on March 28, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1525. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to death benefits received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1526. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Allowances" (RIN3206-AH07) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1527. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "The Air Force Privacy Act Program" received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1528. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Post-Employment Conflict of Interest Restrictions" (RIN3209-AA07) received on March 24, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1529. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports and testimony for February 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1530. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1531. A communication from the Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to acquisition (RIN3207-AA30), received on March 26, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1532. A communication from the Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Panama Canal Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1533. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to demonstration projects, received on April 3, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1534. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to program unit costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1535. A communication from the Defense Financing and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cost comparison study; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1536. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Parity of Pay for Active and Reserve Component members, to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the small business loan program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1538. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (for Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the income insurance program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, (for Force Management Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Military Permanent Medical Nondeployables; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1540. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on health care costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1541. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (for Industrial Affairs and Installations), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1542. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, received on April 8, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1543. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cost comparison study relative to Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1544. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the administration of veterans' preference requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1545. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report on the effects of mergers and acquisitions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1546. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (for Health Affairs and Reserve Affairs), transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report on the means of improving the provision of uniform and consistent medical and dental care to the members of the reserve components serving on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1547. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on printing and duplicating services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the National Security Education Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1549. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Reserve Forces Policy Board for fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1550. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on proposed obligations for weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1551. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize a food cost based Basic Allowance for Subsistence for enlisted military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1552. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to permit Service Secretaries to defer the retirement of Chaplains; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1553. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation that address personnel, procurement, policy and environmental concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. ALLARD:

S. 572. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal restrictions on taxpayers having medical savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax deduction for student loan interest payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 574. A bill to delay the application of the substantiation requirements to reimbursement arrangements of certain loggers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MACK, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 575. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for

health insurance costs of self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 576. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that corporate tax benefits from stock option compensation expenses are allowed only to the extent such expenses are included in corporate accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 577. A bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 578. A bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 579. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KYL):

S. 580. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate that up to 10 percent of their income tax liability be used to reduce the national debt, and to require spending reductions equal to the amounts so designated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 581. A bill to amend section 49 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the periods of service that a judge or justice may serve on the division of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to appoint independent counsels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 582. A bill to deem as timely submitted certain written notices of intent under section 8009(c)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for school year 1997-1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 583. A bill to change the date on which individual Federal income tax returns must be filed to the Nation's Tax Freedom Day, the day on which the country's citizens no longer work to pay taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to change the time for filing income tax returns from April 15 to the first Tuesday in November, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 585. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to abate the accrual of interest on income tax underpayments by taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas if the Secretary extends the time for filing returns and payment of tax for such returns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROTH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 586. A bill to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, 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. LOTT (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. Res. 72. A resolution to allow disabled persons or Senate employees seeking access to the Senate floor the ability to bring what supporting services are necessary for them to execute their official duties; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 73. A resolution to declare the need for tax relief for the American people and condemn the abuses of power and authority committed by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 74. A resolution to commend the budget deficit reduction and tax relief for working families that has occurred under the Clinton Administration and to urge the Republican Congressional majority to take up without delay a budget resolution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1997, as modified by the order of April 11, 1996, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax deduction for student loan interest payments; to the Committee on Finance.

THE LOAN INTEREST FORGIVENESS FOR EDUCATION ACT

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague from Iowa, Senator GRASSLEY, and my colleague from Montana, Senator CONRAD BURNS, in introducing S. 573, the Loan Interest Forgiveness for Education Act, the LIFE Act. One of the major forces driving this bill is our growing concern that parents and students in this country have access to a quality education without amassing enormous student loan bills.

The cost of college has a direct impact on access to college. The more tuition goes up, the more students will be