

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will shortly adjourn over until Monday at noon, 12 o'clock. I announce to all Senators that no votes will occur on Monday prior to the hour of 5 p.m. I expect a lengthy period of morning business on Monday to accommodate a number of requests, and I will update the Democratic leader at a later time with respect to potential legislation the Senate may consider on Monday. We have already had one conversation about that, and we will have some more here in a few minutes.

Before I consider two housekeeping items, I would like to thank all Senators for their cooperation this week. The Senate has now passed a budget resolution outlining a long overdue balanced budget for our Nation, and I congratulate all those Senators who have participated in the negotiations. Again, I thank Senator DOMENICI, the chairman of Budget Committee, and Senator LAUTENBERG, who also has worked with us getting through some problems we ran into. They both did an excellent job. The Senate also adopted the supplemental appropriations conference report. Consequently, I think this has been a good week, and I hope we can continue that next week.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY TO THE THREAT POSED BY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 45

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical

weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 5, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 84) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

At 7:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1469) making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2058. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Selected Acquisition Reports for the period October 1 through December 31, 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2059. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "State Program" (CO-034-FOR) received on May 23, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2060. A communication from the Board Members of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Railroad Retirement Financial Improvement Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2061. A communication from the Board Members of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2062. A communication from the Board Members of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Penalty Amendments Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2063. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Certain Contracts" (RIN1215-

AA95) received on May 22, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2064. A communication from the Chairperson of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2065. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, drafts of legislative proposals relative to public health for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2066. 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, two rules including a rule entitled "Food Labeling"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2067. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules entitled "The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program" (RIN1840-AC42) received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2068. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas" received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2069. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "1997 Marketing Quota" received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2070. A communication from the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "The Environmental Quality Incentives Program" (RIN0578-AA19) received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2071. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "U.S. Standards for Grades of Apple"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2072. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Exemptions of RUS Operational Controls" received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2073. A communication from the Acting President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Indonesia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2074. A communication from the Acting President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Argentina; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2075. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "Community Support Requirements,"

received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2076. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2077. A communication from the Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2078. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning direct spending or receipts legislation within five days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2079. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, (RIN1018-AE10) received on June 4, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2080. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a building project survey for the Department of Transportation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2081. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, a prospectus for construction of a building for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2082. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule relative to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, (RIN2070-AB78, FRL-5829-9) received on June 4, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2083. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report on the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2084. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Environmental Monitoring of Organotin; 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-123. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ship Bottom, County of Ocean, New Jersey relative to the Mud Dump Site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-124. A resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls, New Jersey relative to the Mud Dump Site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-125. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Haven, New Jersey relative to the Mud Dump Site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-126. A resolution adopted by the Romanian Community of Sacramento, Cali-

fornia relative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-127. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Knoxville (Tennessee) Airport Authority relative to the National Spallation Neutron Source; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-128. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, The federal unified gift and estate tax generates a minimal amount of federal revenue, especially considering the high cost of collection and compliance, and in fact has been shown to decrease these federal revenues from what they might otherwise have been; and

Whereas, This "Death Tax" has been identified as destructive to job opportunity and expansion, especially to minority entrepreneurs and family farmers; and

Whereas, The "Death Tax" causes severe hardship to growing family businesses and family farming operations, often to the point of partial or complete forced liquidation. This deprives state and local governments of an important, ongoing source of revenue; and

Whereas, Critical state and local leadership assets are unnecessarily destroyed and forever lost to the future detriment of the community through the relocation and liquidation associated with the tax; and

Whereas, Local and state schools, churches, and numerous other charitable activities would greatly benefit from the increased employment and continued family business leadership resulting from the repeal of the tax; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal the federal unified gift and estate tax; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-129. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, Since its establishment following World War II, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has played a key role in helping to bring stability to the world. In addition to its strategic significance, NATO has fostered economic and social benefits through increased communications and various programs. This success is built on the commitment of its member nations to ideals of democracy and opposition to oppression; and

Whereas, The role that NATO plays in encouraging peace and progress is especially apparent to the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The Baltic states, through their individual histories, especially their common experiences in this century, are well aware of the need for unity among people devoted to self-determination. The irreversible commitment to democracy in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania is among the many conditions that are the foundation of NATO; and

Whereas, While much has changed in Europe over the past decade, there remain many reminders of threats to security in the region. Situations in several areas illustrate the role for NATO and the need for it to include the nations of the Baltic states; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to work for the admission of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-130. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the noble people of Ethiopia have developed and nourished a proud and distinguished culture that has endured for three millennia; and

Whereas, Ethiopia has had a long and productive friendship with the United States of America; and

Whereas, the people of the United States have responded generously and magnificently to the plight of Ethiopian famine victims through the provision of humanitarian aid; and

Whereas, the winds of democratic change have blown dramatically and ferociously across the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Latin America, many parts of Africa, and now to Ethiopia; and

Whereas, Ethiopia is poised at a crucial juncture in its history because it is making a regression toward non-democratic one-party rule of Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF); and

Whereas, the ascendance of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front and its policy of promoting ethnic federalism have engendered animosity among nationalities of Ethiopia; and

Whereas, such governmental policies and practices have contributed to the severity of strained relations in Ethiopia by misdirected bureaucratic cleansing, arbitrary arrest, and detention of the prominent physician professor Asrat Woldeyes and many other prisoners of conscience, recognized as such by Amnesty International and the indigenous Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRC); and

Whereas, the people of Ethiopia are aspiring to resolve their complicated problems through the formation and utilization of democratic institutions and maximum citizen input; and

Whereas, the basic underpinning of democratic institutions in the new Ethiopia should be the supremacy of the will of the people and the guarantee of the rule of the people; and

Whereas, the Ethiopian government should adhere to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which encourages freedom of speech, assembly, religion, and press, guarantees all basic rights, and discourages ethnocentric politics and ethnic reservations; and

Whereas, it is crucial that the diverse voices, opinions, and philosophies of the people be expressed in promoting political, economic, and social progress and justices in Ethiopia; and

Whereas, a multiparty government may be the most egalitarian, feasible, and productive political arrangement in providing suffrage and in overcoming monumental obstacles; and

Whereas, the President Bill Clinton and the Congress of the United States will play a crucial role in promoting the peaceful resolution of the immense problems of war ravaged Ethiopia; and