

EC-2164. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2165. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2166. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2167. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2168. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2169. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2170. A communication from the Chairman of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2171. A committee 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 June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2172. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems" (RIN3206-AH88) received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2173. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for April 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2174. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Performance and Results Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2175. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Career Transition Assistance" (RIN3206-AH26) received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2176. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and President of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2177. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmit-

ting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Statistical Confidentiality Act"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2178. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2179. A communication from the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Condition of Education 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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-139. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, antipersonnel land mines kill or maim an average of 71 persons per day, the majority of whom are civilian; and

Whereas, the estimated 80,000,000 to 110,000,000 antipersonnel land mines strewn across at least 64 countries, cause havoc in the economics of developing nations: refugees cannot return home, farmers cannot till fields, relief shipments cannot be delivered, herd animals cannot approach water holes, health care systems are overwhelmed by land mine victims and clearance costs are extraordinary; and

Whereas, the ecological and economic impact of antipersonnel land mines has yet to be fully calculated; they render arable land useless, and contribute to over-farming of suitable land; and

Whereas, the United States has been a major producer and exporter an antipersonnel land mines for more than the past 25 years; and

Whereas, the cost, to the American taxpayers of salaries, equipment, transportation, and other needs of removing antipersonnel land mines was approximately \$17,000,000 from 1989 to 1996 and will continue to adversely affect the civilian sector of the United States economy; and

Whereas, despite international momentum for a global ban on antipersonnel land mines, a recent United Nations conference failed to negotiate a ban; and

Whereas, at the Ottawa International Strategy Conference in Ottawa, Canada in October, 1996, the governments of 50 nations adopted the "Ottawa Process" recognizing the urgent need for a ban on antipersonnel mines and outlined actions for reaching a ban rapidly in the hope of signing a treaty to ban antipersonnel land mines in Ottawa in December, 1997; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the United States to take action to negotiate an international ban on the manufacture, stockpiling, transfer and use of antipersonnel land mines, with a view to completing the negotiations as soon as possible, by active participation in the Ottawa process by which an international treaty banning antipersonnel land mines will be ready for signing in December, 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of The House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the Presiding Officers of the

Congress and to the Members thereof from this Commonwealth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 363. A bill to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program (Rept. No. 105-27).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 63. A resolution proclaiming the week of October 19 through October 25, 1997, as "National Character Counts Week."

S. Res. 92. A resolution designating July 2, 1997, and July 2, 1998, as "National Literacy Day."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Margaret M. Morrow, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to assist the development of small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 889. A bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 890. A bill to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COATS, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 891. A bill to require Federal agencies to assess the impact of policies and regulations on families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. GREGG, Mr. REID, Mr. FORD, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. GLENN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 892. A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the area health education center program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 893. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 894. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 895. A bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BUMPERS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FORD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 896. A bill to restrict the use of funds for new deployments of antipersonnel landmines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 897. A bill to make permanent certain authority relating to selfemployment assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MACK, and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 899. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for flow control of municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 900. A bill to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KEMPTHORNE:

S. 901. A bill to provide Federal tax incentives to owners of environmentally sensitive lands to enter into conservation easements for the protection of habitat; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction from the gross estate of a decedent in an amount equal to the value of real property subject to an endangered species conservation agreement; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. BOND, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 98. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 99. A resolution to encourage consumers to consult with their pharmacists in connection with the purchase and use of over-the-counter drug products; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REID, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MACK, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending American airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to assist the development of small business concerns owned and

controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS ACT OF 1997

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today a bill that strengthens this country's small business sector, and that is the Women's Business Centers Act of 1997. I am also extremely pleased to have the chairman of the Committee on Small Business, Senator BOND, join me on this bill as my principal cosponsor, along with the ranking Democrat from the Small Business Committee who is also an original cosponsor. I note the arrival on the floor of Senator KERRY from Massachusetts. He is the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business.

There are a number of Senators in a very limited period of time who have joined us from both sides of the aisle. I ask unanimous consent that those Senators who are listed in my statement be original cosponsors, because they have indicated a desire to do that.

I thank the ranking member from Massachusetts for his diligence. He has procured a number of cosponsors, and we have also. I believe from the committee itself we have overwhelming support. I would like to take a couple of minutes to explain what we are doing.

First, let me acknowledge that in the U.S. House of Representatives, starting last year, Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON took a lead in this matter and introduced a women's business bill. I introduced the companion bill in the Senate. By way of the recent history of this issue, we have been funding the women's business centers through appropriations. I take a great deal of pride in saying for the last few years, while the administration either did not fund this effort or reduced it in half, we funded it fully with the assistance of Chairman BOND, Senator HUTCHISON, and others, at \$4 million a year. We are asking that this effort, which we will explain briefly, now be funded at \$8 million a year.

Mr. President, I say to my fellow Senators, it might come as a shock to many that the fastest growing part of America's small business is women's small business. As a matter of fact, 2 years ago, we had a startling statistic that women-owned businesses employed more people—even then, 2 years ago—than all of the 500 major corporations in America. That means that there is a major business impact in America. Women are doing marvelously well by adding more women's ownership to the business sector. There is more diversification and more segments of the American population are becoming owners of businesses or have a real opportunity to do so.

In my particular State, there exists an entity that helps women's small businesses expand, in some instances, get started. I am very proud of that organization, and, frankly, it is growing. One will note that our bill varies a little bit from Representative JOHNSON'S