

H.R. 63. An act to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake".

H.R. 2016. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense 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. 1254. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 1919 West Bennett Street in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1903. An act to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 95. 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.

H. Con. Res. 109. Concurrent resolution recognizing the many talents of the actor Jimmy Stewart and honoring the contributions he made to the Nation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-2957. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2958. A communication from the Inspector General of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a notice relative to the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2959. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the report on Reserve retirement initiatives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2960. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the White House Communications Agency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2961. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an outsourcing study; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2962. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Canadian Border Boat Landing Program" (RIN 1115-AE53) received on September 11, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2963. A communication from the Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fees for Motions to Reopen or Reconsider" (RIN 1125-AA15) received on September 12, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2964. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a supplemental brief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2965. A communication from the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Medicaid Program (Coverage of Personal Care Services)" (RIN 0938-AH00) received on September 17, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2966. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Notice 97-53 received on September 16, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2967. A communication from the 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 India; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2968. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program (Subsidence)" (VA106FOR) received on September 15, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2969. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to royalty management and delinquent account collection activities for Federal and Indian mineral leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2970. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Egg and Egg Product Safety Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2971. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Food Safety Enforcement Enhancement Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2972. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Farm Safety Net Improvement Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-227. A resolution adopted by governing body of the City of Absecon, New Jersey relative to ocean dumping; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-228. A resolution adopted by Commission of the City of Miami, Florida relative to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-229. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Congress is currently considering the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991; and

Whereas, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 established a new vision for transportation in the United States by declaring that the national transportation system should be intermodal in character, economically efficient, environmentally sound and socially responsive; and

Whereas, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 provides for the funding of transportation enhancement projects, or activities related to transportation that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the country's transportation system; and

Whereas, transportation enhancement projects add community or environmental value to any active or completed transportation project, and include:

1. Facilities for pedestrians and bicycles;
2. The acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
3. Scenic or historic highway programs;
4. Landscaping and other scenic beautification;
5. Historic preservation;
6. The rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities, including railroad facilities and canals;
7. The preservation of abandoned railway corridors and the conversion of such corridors to other uses;
8. The control and removal of outdoor advertising;
9. Archaeological planning and research; and
10. The mitigation of water pollution resulting from highway runoff; and

Whereas, transportation enhancement projects enjoy broad popular support and have benefited the cities and counties of Nevada by improving the quality of life and economic development of those cities and counties: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly. That the members of the 69th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress, in considering reauthorization, to maintain the course set by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 through dedicated funding for transportation enhancement projects within the successor to the act; and be it further

Resolved. That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved. That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-230. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Whereas, throughout the world, an estimated 200 million children are at work, with many of them working under intolerable conditions; and

Whereas, child labor distorts and degrades an entire society, where children are cheated out of their childhoods, denied even the most basic education and set out, often at an early age, to difficult and dangerous work at pitifully low wages; and

Whereas, this abuse of children prevents many grown men and women from finding

work because employers would rather hire and exploit their sons and daughters; and

Whereas, children as young as 6 years of age work 15 hours a day, 7 days a week, scrambling for food, drugged to enable them to work longer and faster and often bent, cowed and crippled from overwork, accidents and starvation; and

Whereas, at a time when new technologies allow monetary investments to cross national borders with a keystroke on a computer and where capital can shop the world for the least expensive and most vulnerable workers, citizens of the United States must ensure that human values such as the dignity of working men and women and the dreams for their children continue to be honored; and

Whereas, international economic competition must not be allowed to degenerate into a race to the bottom where standards under which most people live are sacrificed for the private profit of a privileged few; and

Whereas, companies in the United States must be held accountable for the actions of their contractors at home and abroad; and

Whereas, persons in business, labor and government in our country need to do more by taking action against sweatshops and child labor in our own country as well as in other countries in the world; now, therefore,

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 1. The Nevada Legislature hereby urges:

(a) Congress to address the problem of child labor, both in the United States and abroad;

(b) Congress to support the adoption of the International Labor Organization convention on the elimination of child labor resulting from the 86th and 87th congressional sessions of the International Labor Organization in 1998 and 1999, respectively; and

(c) Businesses in the State of Nevada not to sell products made through the labor of children.

2. The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a copy of this act to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation.

SEC. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1093. A bill to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-83).

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. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1183. A bill to repeal the provision crediting increased excise taxes on certain to-

bacco products against payments made pursuant to the tobacco industry settlement legislation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1184. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to waive nonimmigrant visa fees for aliens seeking to enter the United States to engage in certain charitable activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BREAU):

S. 1185. A bill to provide employees with more access to information concerning their pension plans and with additional mechanisms to enforce their rights under such plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1186. A bill to provide for education and training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 1187. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ferroboration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1188. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 85 of title 28, United States Code, relating to the jurisdiction of the District Court for the District of Columbia, and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1189. A bill to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1190. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1184. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to waive nonimmigrant visa fees for aliens seeking to enter the United States to engage in certain charitable activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE MOTHER TERESA FEE WAIVER ACT OF 1997

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President. I am proud today to introduce—along with my colleagues Senators KENNEDY, ABRAHAM, LEAHY, and DEWINE—the Mother Teresa fee waiver bill of 1997.

While daily newscasts focus our attention on the scourge of senseless crime and deadly drugs in our country and around the world, Mother Teresa's death last week focused the world's attention on the simple good works that are all too often overlooked.

As the flag of India was draped over Mother Teresa, an observer commented "She now belongs to the State." I think it is more accurate to say that Mother Teresa has and will always belong to the world. In an era where the phrase "global economy" has become commonplace, Mother Teresa rep-

resented a "global morality." Her good works, and those of so many other religious organizations around the world are not, and should not be, confined by national borders and boundaries.

Shortly before her death, Mother Teresa personally sought a waiver of the fees charged to her missionaries seeking to enter this country on a temporary basis to help the poorest of the poor and the sickest of the sick in our own cities. Of course, she was absolutely right. We should give thanks to these kind and giving persons who travel to foreign lands for no other purpose than to give of themselves to help the neediest in those lands. Instead, we've been charging them. It is an absurd situation that needs to be remedied.

I am, therefore, pleased today to stand with my colleagues in introducing a simple and straightforward bill that would waive the fees for persons coming here temporarily for the purpose of engaging in charitable activities to help the needy. This bill is but one small but fitting and timely tribute to Mother Teresa who stood under 5 feet but whose goodness and righteousness made her tower among us.

I look forward to the Senate's swift action on this measure.

Mr. KENNEDY. I am pleased to join with Senator HATCH in sponsoring legislation requested by Mother Teresa to waive visa application fees for religious workers coming to the United States to perform charitable work for temporary periods.

During her visits to the United States, Mother Teresa asked President Clinton to take this step to waive visa fees for her missionaries coming to work in this country. Her Missionaries of Charity come to America to help the poor in our communities and to minister to the sick and the elderly. Each time they travel here, they are required to pay a \$120 visa fee to the U.S. Government.

It makes no sense to require these religious workers to pay a fee to the Federal Government in order to come here to help our communities. The legislation we introduce today would waive the fee in these instances.

This past weekend, while attending Mother Teresa's funeral in India, the First Lady met with Sister Nirmala, Mother Teresa's successor at the Missionaries of Charity Order in Calcutta. Sister Nirmala asked once again for a waiver of the visa fee and was delighted to learn that the U.S. Senate would be considering legislation this week to accomplish this goal as Mother Teresa had requested.

This is an important step that Congress can take to honor the memory of Mother Teresa and the compassionate work that her order brings to America. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President. I am pleased to be a cosponsor of legislation