

EC-6152. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order Granting the London Clearing House's Petition for an Exemption Pursuant to Section 4(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act", received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6153. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Options Transactions", received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6154. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imported Fire Ant; Quarantined Areas and Treatment Dosage" (Docket #98-078-1), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6155. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker Regulations" (Docket #99-080-1), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6156. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration: Cooperative Funding" (RIN0596-AB63), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6157. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining of Regulations for Real Estate and Chattel Appraisals" (RIN0560-AF69), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6158. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1999 Livestock Indemnity Program; 1998 Single-Year and Multi-Year Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AF82), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 216. A resolution designating the Month of November 1999 as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2003.

Antony M. Merck, of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

(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.)

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. CAMPBELL:

S. 1899. A bill to redesignate the Federal Emergency Management Agency as the "Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency", and to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency to make grants to local fire departments for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. TORRICElli, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1900. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. TORRICElli):

S. 1901. A bill to establish the Privacy Protection Study commission to evaluate the efficacy of the Freedom of Information Act and the Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996, to determine whether new laws are necessary, and to provide advice and recommendations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1902. A bill to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1903. A bill to amend the privacy provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1904. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an election for special tax treatment of certain S corporation conversions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICElli, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1905. A bill to establish a program to provide for a reduction in the incidence and prevalence of Lyme disease; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1906. A bill to amend Public Law 104-307 to extend the expiration date of the authority to sell certain aircraft for use in wildfire suppression, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) (by request):

S. 1907. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination against parents and those with parental responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1908. A bill to protect students from commercial exploitation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TORRICElli:

S. 1909. A bill to provide for the preparation of a Governmental report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1910. A bill to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SESSIONS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1911. A bill to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1912. A bill to facilitate the growth of electronic commerce and enable the electronic commerce market to continue its current growth rate and realize its full potential, to signal strong support of the electronic commerce market by promoting its use within Federal government agencies and small and medium-sized businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL)):

S. 1913. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1914. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the creation of disaster protection funds by property and casualty insurance companies for the payment of policyholders' claims arising from future catastrophic events; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. REID):

S. 1915. A bill to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. McCAIN):

S. 1916. A bill to extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1917. A bill to abolish the death penalty under Federal law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1918. A bill to waive the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to qualify for medicare benefits in the case of individuals suffering from terminal illness with not more than 2 years to live; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1919. A bill to permit travel to or from Cuba by United States citizens and lawful resident aliens of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1920. A bill to combat money laundering and protect the United States financial system by addressing the vulnerabilities of private banking to money laundering, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. Res. 231. A resolution referring S. 1456 entitled "A bill for the relief of Rocco A. Trecosta of Fort Lauderdale, Florida" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 232. A resolution making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. Con. Res. 72. A concurrent resolution expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to establish and enforce international standards designed to end this abuse of human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. Con. Res. 73. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Freedom Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1899. A bill to redesignate the Federal Emergency Management Agency as the "Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency," and to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency to make grants to local fire departments for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

THE FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation which would better equip our nation's firefighters to fight the ever-increasing threat of property destruction and potential loss of life.

The "Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act of 1999" would authorize the newly-named Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency to make available matching grants on a competitive basis to fire departments for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. This bill is a companion to H.R. 1168, which was introduced by my colleague in the House of Representatives, Congressman PASCRELL.

Mr. President, each year approximately 100 of our nation's firefighters pay the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the safety of our communities. Increased demands on firefighting personnel have made it difficult for local governments to prepare for necessary fire safety precautions. The fire loss in the United States is serious, and the fire death rate is one of the highest per capita in the industrialized world. Fire kills more than 4,000 people and injures more than 25,000 people each year. Today, 11 people will die due to fire. Two of these people are likely to be children under the age of 5. Another 68 people will be injured due to fire. Financially, the impact of America's estimated 2.2 million fires annually is over \$9 billion in direct property losses. Those numbers are staggering, and many of these losses could have been prevented.

The bill I introduce today would make grants available to train firefighter personnel in firefighting, emergency response, arson prevention and detection, and the handling of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants associated with the illegal manufacture of amphetamine or methamphetamine.

This bill also creates partnerships by allowing for the effective use of the capabilities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department of Commerce, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission for research and development aimed at advancing the health and safety of firefighters; information technologies for fire management; technologies for fire prevention and protection; firefighting technologies; and burn care and rehabilitation.

In addition, this legislation would ensure that grants would be made to a wide variety of fire departments, including applicants from paid, volunteer, and combination fire departments, large and small, which are situated in urban, suburban and rural communities.

Mr. President, despite the risks, 1.2 million men and women firefighters willingly put their lives on the line responding to over 17 million calls, annually. Our greatest challenge is to put limited resources to work where they will make the most difference in saving lives and reducing losses.

I am pleased that the bill I introduce today has been endorsed by the Colorado State Fire Chief's Association.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill. I ask

unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1899

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) increased demands on firefighting personnel have made it difficult for local governments to adequately fund necessary fire safety precautions;

(2) the Federal Government has an obligation to protect the health and safety of the firefighting personnel of the United States and to help ensure that the personnel have the financial resources to protect the public;

(3) the United States has serious fire losses, including a fire death rate that is one of the highest per capita in the industrialized world;

(4) in the United States, fire kills more than 4,000 people and injures more than 25,000 people each year;

(5) in any single day in the United States, on the average—

(A) 11 people will die because of fire;

(B) 2 of those people are likely to be children under the age of 5;

(C) 68 people will be injured because of fire; and

(D) over \$9,000,000,000 in property losses will occur from fire; and

(6) those statistics demonstrate a critical need for Federal investment in support of firefighting personnel.

SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Emergency Management Agency is redesignated as the "Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall be deemed to be a reference to the Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1974.—Sections 4(4), 17, and 31(a)(5)(B) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203(4), 2216, and 2227(a)(5)(B)) are amended by striking "Federal Emergency Management Agency" each place it appears and inserting "Federal Fire and Emergency Management Agency".

SEC. 4. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT.

The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

SEC. 33. FIREFIGHTER INVESTMENT AND RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT.

"(a) DEFINITION OF FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL.—In this section, the term 'firefighting personnel' means individuals, including volunteers, who are firefighters, officers of fire departments, or emergency medical service personnel of fire departments.

"(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

"(1) AUTHORITY.—In accordance with this section, the Director may make grants on a competitive basis to fire departments for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.