

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Head Start Program" (RIN0970-AB31) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1950. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gray Market Imports and Other Trademarked Goods" (RIN1515-AB49) received on February 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Office of the United States Trade Representative for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1952. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Proce in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 99-11) received on February 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1953. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 99-11) received on February 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Bidding Systems, Sale 172" received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1955. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alaska Regulatory Program" (Docket AK-007-FOR) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1956. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (SPATS No. UT-032-FOR) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1957. A communication from the Executive Director of the American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The World War II Memorial Fund Raising Enabling Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1958. A communication from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Hoover Dam Miscellaneous Sales Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1959. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1960. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to the Committee's Procurement List dated February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm

Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report under the Government In the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1962. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's performance plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1963. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 10, "Accounting for Internal Use Software" received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1964. A communication from the Vice President for Governmental Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak's 1998 Annual Report, and Amtrak's fiscal year 2000 Legislative Report and Grant Request; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1965. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulations Governing Restrictive Foreign Shipping Practices, and New Regulations Governing Controlled Carriers" (Docket 98-25) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Amendments to Rules of Practice and Procedure" (Docket 98-21) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1967. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Trip Limit Reduction" (I.D. 020999F) received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library.

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

T. J. Gauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

James M. Simon, Jr., of Alabama, to be Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration. (New Position)

(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. JEFFORDS:

S. 466. A bill to provide that "Know Your Customer" regulations proposed by the Federal banking agencies may not take effect unless such regulations are specifically authorized by a subsequent Act of Congress, to require a comprehensive study and report to the Congress on various economic and privacy issues raised by the proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 467. A bill to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 468. A bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 469. A bill to encourage the timely development of a more cost effective United States commercial space transportation industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. GORTON):

S. 470. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-exempt private activity bonds to be issued for highway infrastructure construction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 471. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit on student loan interest deductions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 472. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain medicare beneficiaries with an exemption to the financial limitations imposed on physical, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 473. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a full tax deduction for higher education expenses and interest on student loans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction for contributions to education individual retirement accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 475. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the amount of loan forgiveness for teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 476. A bill to enhance and protect retirement savings; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 477. A bill to enhance competition among airlines and reduce airfares, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the purchase of a principle residence within an empowerment zone or enterprise community by a first-time homebuyer; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 479. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and other laws to assure the rights of enrollees under managed care plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 480. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to protect consumers from certain unreasonable practices of creditors which result in higher fees or rates of interest for credit card holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. 481. A bill to increase penalties and strengthen enforcement of environmental crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. MACK):

S. 482. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on the social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 483. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to limit consideration of nonemergency matters in emergency legislation and permit matter that is extraneous to emergencies to be stricken as provided in the Byrd rule; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4 1977, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 484. A bill to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 485. A bill to provide for the disposition of unoccupied and substandard multifamily

housing projects owned by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 486. A bill to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 487. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional retirement savings opportunities for small employers, including self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the taxation of social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 489. A bill to provide an automatic tax rebate when the Federal tax burden grows faster than the personal income of working Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the conducting of certain games of chance shall not be treated as an unrelated trade or business; 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. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROTH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. REED, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SAR-BANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. Res. 50. A resolution designating March 25, 1999, as "Greek Independence Day: A Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 51. An original resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

S. Res. 52. An original resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr.

COVERDELL, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BROWNE, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBAKES, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. REED, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERREY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 53. A resolution to designate March 24, 1999, as "National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 54. A resolution condemning the escalating violence, the gross violation of human rights and attacks against civilians, and the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 466. A bill to provide that "Know Your Customer" regulations proposed by the Federal banking agencies may not take effect unless such regulations are specifically authorized by a subsequent Act of Congress, to require a comprehensive study and report to the Congress on various economic and privacy issues raised by the proposed regulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS PRIVACY ACT OF 1999

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "American Financial Institutions Privacy Act of 1999." This legislation will delay the implementation of the "Know Your Customer" regulations proposed by the federal banking agencies. Additionally, this legislation would require these agencies to perform a comprehensive study, to be submitted to Congress in 180 days, on the privacy, freedom of association and economic issues implicated by these regulations. Only with Congressional authorization will these regulations be allowed to take effect.

These regulations mandate that banks identify each customer, find out the normal source and use of his or her funds and then watch transactions in the account to see if they deviate from "normal" and "expected" patterns. If the unexpected transactions seem "suspicious" banks are required under current law to report them to the Suspicious Activity Reporting System, a federal database that can be searched by the Internal Revenue Service, bank regulators, the FBI and other federal agencies.

Mr. President, I have heard from my constituents expressing great concern over the privacy implications of these regulations, and I think a resolution recently adopted by the Vermont House best expresses the concerns of Vermonters. The resolution states,