

Determination of Endangered Status for *Catesbaea melanocarpa*” (RIN1018-AE48) received on March 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 243: A bill to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-18).

S. 291: A bill to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District (Rept. No. 106-19).

S. 292: A bill to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance (Rept. No. 106-20).

S. 356: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-21).

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

S. 366: A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 106-22).

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

S. 382: A bill to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-23).

H.R. 171: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-24).

H.R. 193: A bill to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 106-25).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 92: A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the “Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

H.R. 158: A bill to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the “James F. Battin Federal Courthouse.”

H.R. 233: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the “Richard C. White Federal Building.”

H.R. 396: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the “Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building.”

S. 67: A bill to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the “Robert C. Weaver Federal Building.”

S. 272: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the “Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building.”

S. 392: A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse lo-

cated at West 920 Riverside Avenue, in Spokane, Washington, as the “Thomas S. Foley Federal Building and United States Courthouse,” and the plaza at the south entrance of that building and courthouse as the “Walter F. Horan Plaza.”

S. 437: A bill to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 338 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse.”

S. 453: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the “Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building.”

S. 460: A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse.”

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. BINGAMAN:

S. 638. A bill to provide for the establishment of a School Security Technology Center and to authorize grants for local school security programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 639. A bill to prevent truancy and reduce juvenile crime; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 640. A bill to establish a pilot program to promote the replication of recent successful juvenile crime reduction strategies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 641. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for enhanced information regarding credit card balance payment terms and conditions, and to provide for enhanced reporting of credit card solicitations to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 642. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Farm and Ranch Risk Management Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 643. A bill to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, and for other purposes; read twice.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 644. A bill for the relief of Sergeant Philip Anthony Gibbs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 645. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to waive the oxygen content requirement for reformulated gasoline that results in no greater emissions of air pollutants than reformulated gasoline meeting the oxygen content requirement; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide increased retirement savings opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 647. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal district judges in the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 648. A bill to provide for the protection of employees providing air safety information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 649. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide increased retirement savings opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 650. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for coverage under that Act of employees of the Federal Government; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 651. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to modify the provisions relating to citations and penalties; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 652. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to protect employees against reprisals from employers based on certain employee conduct concerning safe and healthy working conditions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 653. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further protect the safety and health of employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 654. A bill to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 655. A bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KYL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WARNER):

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERREY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. THURMOND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BAYH, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 64. A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the first anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 65. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *Dirk S. Dixon, et al. v. Bruce Pearson, et al.*; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 66. A resolution to authorize testimony, documentary production, and representation of employees of the Senate in *United States v. Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie*; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 67. A resolution to authorize representation of Secretary of the Senate in the case of *Bob Schafer, et al. v. William Jefferson Clinton, et al.*; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 68. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the current Federal income tax deduction for interest paid on debt secured by a first or second home should not be further restricted; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. REID, Mr. BURNS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Con. Res. 19. A concurrent resolution concerning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Duma of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 638. A bill to provide for the establishment of a School Security Technology Center and to authorize grants for local school security programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SAFE SCHOOL SECURITY ACT

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 639. A bill to prevent truancy and reduce juvenile crime; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

TRUANCY PREVENTION AND JUVENILE CRIME REDUCTION ACT

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 640. A bill to establish a pilot program to promote the replication of recent successful juvenile crime reduction strategies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP ACT

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce three measures that are linked together by a common theme—the desire to create a safer environment for young people to grow up in.

Two of these bills are designed to help communities better combat juvenile crime and the related problem of truancy. The third proposal will help better protect students from violence in the school building through the use of technology.

It's clear that in order to create a safer environment for young people, we must not only reduce the number of children who commit crimes, but also the number of children who are victims of crime.

Before I outline these specific bills, I'd like to put them in a larger context. Mr. President, I'd like to spend just a minute discussing the broader question of what children need—in addition to safe surroundings—in order to grow into healthy, productive adults.

Let me start by describing my own childhood. I grew up in a small mining town in southwestern New Mexico called Silver City. Both my parents were teachers, so naturally a top concern was that I got a solid education. Fortunately, the local schools were good, and when I graduated with my classmates from what is now Silver High, we felt we could compete with just about any other student in the country.

Silver City was also relatively safe. People tended to know their neighbors and while no town is completely crime-free, we felt secure in our homes, around town, and in school.

Finally, Silver City was by no means a wealthy town. But I'm sure I'm not the only one who grew up optimistic that a person could work hard, achieve a decent standard of living, and support their family without fear that one turn of bad luck would put them out on the streets.

In short, Mr. President, Silver City was a pretty good place to grow up. In fact, we used to feel sorry for people in neighboring states where the quality of life was not so good.

Even today, New Mexico is blessed with rich cultural diversity, tremendous natural beauty, strong families and a sense of tradition. All of these things make New Mexico a wonderful place to live. Each time I go home I'm astonished at the number of new people who are moving there, no doubt for some of these very reasons.

And yet, Mr. President, some things seem to have changed since I was a kid in New Mexico. I seem to hear more and more frequently from parents who tell me how hard it is to raise a child in a state where crime and unemployment rates are high, yet family income and school graduation rates are low. Where alcohol and drug abuse are widespread, but health insurance and treatment options are scarce.

Those of us from New Mexico know that a Washington-based study ranking our state as the worst place to raise children can not be taken at face value. And yet, there is a troubling reality we must face. In many ways, our state is failing to provide what is needed to ensure all of our young people have the necessary foundation to grow into healthy, productive adults. In several key respects, New Mexico has fallen behind the other states we used to feel sorry for.

So, Mr. President, as we stand on the brink of a new century, I rise today to urge that we recommit ourselves—as elected officials, as community leaders, as parents, and as citizens—to better meeting the needs of people growing up in our state and to setting higher goals for New Mexico's future.

I began by saying that a child needs to grow up safe from harm. That means safe from family violence, safe from gang warfare, and safe in school. But a child has other needs that must be met as well. I'd like to mention three other areas that I believe are cornerstones to strong foundation for any child.

The first of these is economic security. If a child is living in poverty, or on the edge of poverty, it is very difficult for anything else to fall into place.

A child should grow up in a family whose economic circumstances are stable. This stability comes first and foremost from parents with decent job opportunities. It also comes from a family's ability to successfully juggle numerous economic demands—and to adapt to change, the only certainty in today's global economy. Our efforts in this area should center on creating more high-wage jobs and on giving families the tools to manage the unpredictable forces that can throw them into financial turmoil.

The second cornerstone is education. In America, a quality public education has long been the great leveler between the haves and the have-nots. Children need access to a quality education that will give them the skills to achieve a good standard of living.

A quality education system is one characterized by accountability and flexibility. Accountability means that clear goals are set for things like student achievement and teacher quality, information is readily available on student progress toward these goals, and schools are held accountable for this progress. Flexibility means that schools have the resources and the ability to adapt to meet the needs of students—particularly students at risk of dropping out.