

substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under risk management plan program.

S. 900. An act to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2465) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. HOBSON, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ADERHOLT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. OBEY, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2490) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WOLF, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. OBEY, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 361. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

S. 449. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the president pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1995. An act to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act, and for other pur-

poses, to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Resources.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 22, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 361. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

S. 449. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. Res. 159: An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2000" (Rept. No. 106-118).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1386) to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the authorization for trade adjustment assistance (Rept. No. 106-119).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, for the Committee on Armed Services:

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Arthur L. Money, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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

Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2004. (Reappointment)

Earl E. Devaney, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

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.

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

Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Marsha J. Pechman, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

(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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the reporting requirements regarding higher education tuition and related expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1413. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction from the estate tax for family-owned business interest; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK:

S. 1414. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore access to home health services covered under the Medicare program, and to protect the Medicare program from financial loss while preserving the due process rights of home health agencies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1416. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Agreement of 1937 to allow a modified bloc voting by cooperative associations of milk producers in connection with the scheduled August referendum on Federal Milk Marketing Order reform; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1417. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the authority of State Medicaid fraud control units to investigate and prosecute fraud in connection with Federal health care programs and abuse of residents of board and care facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1418. A bill to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1419. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May as "National Military Appreciation Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. INOUYE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1420. A bill to establish a fund for the restoration and protection of ocean and coastal resources, to amend and reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1421. A bill to impose restrictions on the sale of cigars; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1422. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve the quality of education and raise student achievement by strengthening accountability, raising standards for teachers, rewarding success, and providing better information to parents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 1423. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income \$40,000 of the salary of certain teachers who teach high-poverty schools; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1424. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same tax treatment for special pay as for combat pay; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 10 percent biotechnology investment tax credit and to reauthorize the Research and Development tax credit for ten years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to promote the conservation of soil and related resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. 1427. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to appoint a special counsel to investigate or prosecute a person for a possible violation of criminal law when the Attorney General determines that the appointment of a special counsel is in the public interest; read the first time.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BOND, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. HELMS, Mr. REID, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act relating to the manufacture, traffic, import, and export of amphetamine and methamphetamine, and for other purposes; 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. LUGAR:

S. Res. 159. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 160. A resolution to restore enforcement of Rule 16.

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

S. Res. 161. A resolution to authorize the printing of "Memorial Tributes to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr.; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the re-

porting requirements regarding higher education tuition and related expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTING RELIEF ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce The Higher Education Reporting Relief Act of 1999, which will reduce the burdensome reporting requirements placed on educational institutions by the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits. I am pleased to be joined by my principal cosponsor, Senator DEWINE, who has been a leader on this and many other education issues, and by one colleague Senator GORDON SMITH, who shares our concern for the reporting burden we are placing on our institutions of higher education.

When Congress created the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Tax Credits, it unfortunately imposed a burdensome and costly reporting requirement on our universities, colleges and proprietary schools. If implemented, the regulations will require schools to provide the IRS with information on their students that is difficult to obtain, including the taxpayer identification number of the individual who will actually claim the tax credit generated by the student. In many cases, this individual will not be the student but rather his or her parent or parents.

In the words of the President of the University of Maine at Farmington:

At a time when we are working to increase access and to contain college costs, new government reporting requirements are working against us. We will need to add personnel, not in support of our educational functions but to comply with new IRS regulations. This is not sensible and it is definitely not in the interests of the people we are here to serve.

I think that her words say it very well.

Already, the University of Maine System has been forced to spend \$112,000 to meet the Hope Scholarship reporting requirement, and the most burdensome requirements have not yet become mandatory. In total, these reporting requirements are estimated to cost America's postsecondary educational institutions as much as \$125 million. This burden does not make sense.

Last year, by passing the Collins-DeWine amendment to the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act, the Senate eliminated one of the most difficult reporting requirements. Our amendment freed schools from the requirement to report financial aid received by a student from a third party and held them responsible for only informing the IRS about financial aid that a school actually administered. In addition, the conference report on the act recognized the problem faced by schools and deferred the implementation of full reporting requirements until the IRS had issued final guidelines. Since the final reporting requirements have not been issued, this

deferral remains in effect for tax year 1999.

The conference report further urged the IRS to modernize its computer systems to include the capacity to match a dependent student's taxpayer identification number with the return of the person claiming the student as a dependent. This is the true answer to this problem. Unfortunately, this has not yet been done. If this step is not taken, institutions of higher education will be required to provide this burdensome & costly information to the IRS—a very difficult process.

The legislation we introduce today will defer the implementation of the reporting requirements for three years—through tax year 2001. Further, it will require the IRS to upgrade its data processing systems along the lines recommended by the conference report. Today, as I mention, the IRS has not done this. The IRS will be required to make this change in time for processing tax returns for the year 2002. We have included this delay to give the IRS 2 years after it has been completed dealing with any data processing problems caused by the year 2000 problem.

The rationale for the Hope and the Lifetime Learning credits is to make postsecondary education more affordable and therefore more accessible. What Congress has given with one hand it has taken away in part with its regulatory hand. The cost of conforming to the regulatory requirements will inevitably result in increases in tuition, chipping away at the benefit of the tax credits. We need to correct this problem. The \$112,000 that the University of Maine has already been forced to spend to comply with the law clearly is going to be passed on to the students in increased tuitions.

Last year, Senator DEWINE and I introduced the Higher Education Reporting Relief Act that would have completely repealed the reporting requirements imposed on educational institutions. Because of the cost of that approach, we have reworked last year's bill in a way that will accomplish its most important objectives while substantially reducing its potential costs to the Treasury. Our legislation would still leave a reporting burden on the schools but a much more modest and reasonable one that takes into account who is best equipped to report the information that the IRS needs to administer the law.

I hope our colleagues will join us in supporting the Higher Education Reporting Relief Act of 1999.

I yield the remainder of my time to Senator DEWINE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from Ohio is recognized.

Mr. DEWINE. I am delighted to again join with my distinguished colleague from the State of Maine to try to give some relief to colleges and universities. As she has pointed out, this burden placed by Congress was unintended. I