

Belvoir be given favorable consideration as the site of the United States Army Museum; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Army, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

POM-459. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, this year marks the 26th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas, the international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

Whereas, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic and social well-being of all Cypriots and contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, adopted on December 22, 1998 with United States support; and

Whereas, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218, adopted on December 22, 1998, calls for a reduction of tensions in the island through a staged process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus; and

Whereas, President Clinton wholeheartedly supported resolution 1218 and committed himself to taking all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby endorse President Clinton's commitment to undertake significant efforts in order to promote substantial progress towards a solution of the Cyprus problem in 2000; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-460. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Cape May, New Jersey relative to the dumping of contaminated dredge materials in the Atlantic Ocean; to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

POM-461. A resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Haysi, Virginia relative to the proposed construction of a dam and reservoir in the area; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 13, 2000, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 20, 2000:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3707: A bill to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 271: A resolution regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1608: A bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-275).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2455. A bill to enhance Department of Education efforts to facilitate the involvement of small business owners in State and local initiatives to improve education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit to provide assistance to adoptive parents of special needs children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2457. A bill to amend section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, to permit receipt of in-kind consideration anywhere on an installation for the lease of property on the installation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 2458. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin, as the "Les Aspin Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS,

Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. MACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GORTON, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2459. A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2460. A bill to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 2461. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain ceramic knives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2462. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating the month of October 2000 as "Children's Internet Safety Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 295. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the carrying of firearms into places of worship or educational and scholastic settings should be prohibited; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as "National Child's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2455. A bill to enhance Department of Education efforts to facilitate the involvement of small business owners in State and local initiatives to improve education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2000

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation, the Small Business Employment and Education Act of 2000, which is designed to enhance federal efforts to facilitate the involvement of small business owners and entrepreneurs in state and local initiatives to improve the quality of education programs for our young people.

Mr. President, last year, the Small Business Committee, of which I am a member, held a hearing on the challenges facing the small business community as a result of the failure of many of our educational institutions to teach students the basic skills that are necessary to succeed in today's work environment. The committee heard testimony from a number of small businesses and organizations about this growing problem.

And just how big is the problem? A 1999 American Management Association survey on workplace testing found that approximately 36 percent of employees tested for basic skills were found to be deficient in these skills, and small businesses reported deficiency rates well above the national average. Sixty percent of AMA-member companies reported that the availability of skilled manpower was scarce, and 67 percent believe that the shortages will continue.

A 1999 NFIB report found that 18 percent of NFIB members report that finding qualified labor is the single most important problem facing their business today.

Likewise, a 1999 poll of U.S. Chambers of Commerce found that 83 percent reported the ability—or lack thereof—to find qualified workers was among their biggest concerns, and 53 percent said education is the single most pressing public policy issue to them.

This information clearly illustrates that the business community, and small businesses in particular, have an important stake in the education of our youth. One of the most fundamental needs that any growing business faces is the need for employees with basic skills, and concerns have been expressed by the small business community that many students are not graduating with the basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and science—skills that need to succeed in today's workplace or become the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

The fact of the matter is, Mr. President, the growth of high-skilled jobs is outpacing growth in all other fields. We must not allow basic skills to slip away if we are to remain competitive

in an increasingly aggressive and technology-based global market.

Small business is the driving force behind our economy, and as we authorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, we must take into account the needs of businesses, and small businesses in particular. To that end, locally-driven initiatives are crucial. In order to create jobs, we must encourage small business expansion and foster small business entrepreneurship, and I believe that education initiatives are key to this.

Under the Small Business Employment and Education Enhancement Act, the Department of Education would disseminate information and facilitate the sharing of information designed to assist small businesses in working with school systems to improve our education institutions. For example, the agency would publish guidance materials, best practices, checklists and other materials on the World Wide Web, in Department of Education publications and articles, letters, links to related World Wide Web sites, public service announcements, and through other means at the Department's disposal.

The Department of Education would establish a centralized database of materials and act as a clearinghouse for information on initiatives that have proven successful.

The Secretary of the Department of Education would also establish an Office of Small Business Education to promote efforts to address the needs of small businesses through education programs. This division would work to remove any existing impediments to partnerships between school systems and small businesses, and propose solutions to education-related problems facing small businesses.

The goal of the bill I am introducing today is to facilitate partnerships between communities and businesses. I believe it should be easy for communities that are interested in designing business/school partnerships to get the information they need on how to do so. With access to kinds of sources envisioned in this legislation, communities would be able to model a program after a proven approach.

In addition, my bill authorizes technical assistance to be administered by the Office of Small Business Education to be used to provide guidance to small businesses, small business organizations, schools systems, and communities working cooperatively to enhance the teaching of basic skills.

The bill would also establish tax credits to encourage companies to provide work study, internship, or fellowship opportunities for students and teachers.

Finally, the bill includes a provision directing the Department of Education to conduct a study and report to Congress on the challenges facing small businesses in obtaining workers with adequate skills; an assessment of the impact on small businesses of the skills

shortage; the costs to small businesses associated with this shortage; and the recommendations for the Secretary on how to address these challenges.

Mr. President, I hope this legislation will provide a foundation for cooperative initiatives between small businesses and school systems, and I look forward to working with the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and others as we prepare to reauthorize the elementary and secondary education act.

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

S. 2458. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin, as the "Les Aspin Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

LEGISLATION NAMING THE JANESVILLE POST
OFFICE IN MEMORY OF LES ASPIN

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to rename the United States Post Office in my home town of Janesville, Wisconsin in honor of Les Aspin. I am joined by my colleague from Wisconsin, Senator KOHL. This bill is a companion to legislation introduced in the House by Congressman PAUL RYAN, who represents the First District of Wisconsin, which includes Janesville.

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of Les' first campaign for the First Congressional District seat in Wisconsin. I was a junior at Janesville Craig High School at the time, and I signed up as a volunteer on Les' campaign. He won that election after a tough recount in the primary, defeating the incumbent Congressman.

Following the campaign, I interned in his district office in Janesville during the summers of 1971 and in 1972. I am proud to say that during the next 25 years, Les and I had a continuing friendship, as he carved out a distinguished career in the United States House of Representatives, eventually rising to become the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, while I prepared for and began my own career.

Les Aspin served his country ably in many capacities. As an Army captain, he worked as an analyst in the Pentagon; he served on the staff of President John F. Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors; he represented Wisconsin for 22 years in Congress; he enthusiastically took on the giant task of steering the Defense Department into the uncharted waters of the post-Cold War era. Mr. Aspin served as Secretary of Defense under President Clinton and, at the time of his death in 1995, he was the chair of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, working on needed reforms in our intelligence communities.

Mr. President, Les Aspin was a man I deeply respected and admired, and I felt a profound sense of loss at his passing. Renaming the Janesville post office in his honor is a fitting way to remember a man who spent his life serving the people of Wisconsin and of the