

Rules" (RIN3235-AH71) received on September 7, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10651. A communication from the Manager, Supplier and Diverse Business Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Program or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN3316-AA20) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10652. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Vermont" (FRL #6854-8) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10653. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6865-9) and "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District" (FRL #6851-8) received on September 7, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10654. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of four items received on September 7, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10655. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Bullhead City, Dolan Springs, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Mohave Valley, AZ, Ludlow, CA, Boulder City, NV)" (MM Docket No. 99-271, RM-9696, RM-9800) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10656. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Fitness Procedures" (RIN2126-AA42) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10657. A communication from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules—Competitive Bidding Procedures" (WT Doc. 97-82, FCC 00-274) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10658. A communication from the Associate Chief, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Installment Payment Financing for Personal Communications Services (PCS) Licensees" (WT Doc. 97-82, FCC 00-313) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10659. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, De-

partment of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Quality Requirements for the Beurre D'Anjou Variety of Pears, Correction" (Docket Number: FV00-927-1 FRC) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10660. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining of the Emergency Farm Loan Program Loan Regulations" (RIN0560-AF72) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10661. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Quarantined Areas, Regulated Articles, Treatments" (Docket #97-056-18) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10662. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle Regulations; Addition to Regulated Area" (Docket #00-077-1) received on September 7, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10663. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, several documents related to regulatory programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10664. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "GREAT and NOTES" (RIN1545 AW25, TD 8899, REG-108287-98) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10665. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Rules Regarding Optional Forms of Benefit Under Qualified Retirement Plans" (RIN-1545-AW27) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10666. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fourth Quarter Quarterly Interest Rates 10/1/2000" (Revenue Ruling 2000-42) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10667. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislative Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of Air Force Research Laboratory Support Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10668. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pollution Control and Clean Air and Water" (DFARS Case 2000-D004) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10669. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico Regulatory Program" (RINNM-039-FOR) received on September 6, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10670. A communication from the Director of the Civil Rights Center, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN1190-AA28) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10671. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program; Modification to CDC Areas of Operations" (RIN3245-AE39) received on August 17, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-620. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to immigrant workers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted on September 7, 2000:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1536: A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-399).

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

S. 1925: A bill to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin (Rept. No. 106-400).

S. 2048: A bill to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, and for other purposes: (Rept. No. 106-401).

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

S. 2069: A bill to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming (Rept. No. 106-402).

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

S. 2239: A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins (Rept. No. 106-403).

The following reports of committees were submitted today:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Report to accompany H.R. 4690, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-404).

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 Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3022. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 350. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Republic of India's closed market to United States soda ash exports; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3022. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

NAMPA MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT TRANSFER ACT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I am today introducing, along with my colleague, Senator CRAPO a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer the Bureau of Reclamation's interests in portions of the Ridenbaugh Canal system of the Boise River to the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District. The public comment period for the National Environmental Policy Act process has not been completed, and it is my intent to request a Committee hearing to discuss any issues concerning this transfer. Thus, any parties interested in this matter will have ample opportunity to express their concerns related to title transfer.

The transfer of title is not a new idea. Authority to transfer title to the All American Canal is contained in section 7 of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928. General authority is contained in the 1955 Distribution Systems Loan Act. Recently, Congress passed legislation dealing with a transfer to the Minidoka Irrigation Project and the Burley Irrigation District.

The Nampa Meridian Irrigation District diverts water from the Boise River into a system of canals and laterals known as the Ridenbaugh Canal system for delivery to lands in the district and provides drainage for district lands. Since 1878 when the Ridenbaugh Canal was first constructed, Nampa Meridian Irrigation District has been responsible for operating and maintaining the delivery and drainage system, and all project costs have been paid to the federal government.

Reclamation's interests consist of only five percent (5%) of the canals, laterals and drains and associated fee title and easements in their delivery

and drainage systems. These segments were constructed for the delivery and drainage of irrigation water. The purposes and uses of Reclamation's interests in these segments are to access, operate, maintain, and repair Nampa Meridian Irrigation District's irrigation and drainage systems. Reclamation has never operated or maintained any portion of the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District's delivery or drainage systems.

This project is a perfect example of the federal government maintaining only a bare title, and that title should now be transferred to the project recipients who have paid for the facilities and interests of the Nampa Meridian Irrigation District.

I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 3022

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 "Nampa and Meridian Conveyance Act".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DISTRICT.—The term "District" means the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, Idaho.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) CONVEYANCE OF FACILITIES.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the District, in accordance with the memorandum of agreement between the Secretary and the District, dated July 7, 1999 (contract No. 1425-99MA102500), and all applicable law, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any portion of the canals, laterals, drains, and any other portion of the water distribution and drainage system that is operated or maintained by the District for delivery of water to and drainage of water from land within the boundaries of the District.

(c) LIABILITY.—Effective on the date of the conveyance of facilities under this Act, the United States shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence based on prior ownership or operation of the conveyed facilities by the United States.

(d) EXISTING RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.—

(1) NO EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—No water rights shall be transferred, modified, or otherwise affected by the conveyance of facilities to the District under this Act.

(2) NO EFFECT ON CONTRACTUAL OR STATE LAW.—The conveyance of facilities and interests to the District under this Act shall not affect or abrogate any provision of a contract executed by the United States, or any State law, regarding any right of an irrigation district to use water developed in the facilities conveyed.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to provide grants and contracts to local edu-

cational agencies to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs for all kindergarten through 12th grade students.

S. 1399

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1399, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that pay adjustments for nurses and certain other health-care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be made in the manner applicable to Federal employees generally and to revise the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make further locality pay adjustments for those professionals.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 1783

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1783, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a prospective payment system for inpatient longstay hospital services under the medicare program.

S. 1974

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1974, 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 a tax credit for student education loans.

S. 2084

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2084, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the charitable deduction allowable for contributions of food inventory, and for other purposes.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to encourage broadband deployment to rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 2308

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island