

engaged in investigations of complaints of unfair and anti-competitive activity, drawing on existing training materials and programs available at the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission, to the extent practicable.

### SEC. 3. REPORT.

Title IV of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 is amended by—

(1) redesignating section 415 (7 U.S.C. 229) as section 416; and

(2) inserting after section 414 the following:

“SEC. 415. Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress and make publicly available a report that—

“(1) assesses the general economic state of the cattle and hog industries; and

“(2) identifies business practices or market operations or activities in those industries that represent possible violations of this Act or are inconsistent with the goals of this Act.”.

### SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall report to Congress on October 1, 2001, on the actions taken to comply with section 2.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3093. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to roll back the wholesale price of electric energy sold in the Western System Coordinating Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### THE HALT ELECTRICITY PRICE-GOUGING IN SAN DIEGO ACT

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I am introducing a very important bill, the Halt Electricity Price-gouging in San Diego Act. This bill, a companion to the bill introduced in the House on September 7, 2000 by Congressman FILNER, sends a loud and clear signal to electric companies in California that the federal government will not tolerate price gouging of our people.

California is currently experiencing an energy crisis, particularly in San Diego. Energy supplies are barely adequate on any given day to meet demand. Wholesale electricity prices have soared, causing San Diego Gas and Electric to pass along increased costs to consumers and resulting in bills that have increased as much as 300 percent in the San Diego area.

Small business owners and people on small or fixed incomes, especially the elderly, are particularly suffering. Other utilities in the state have similar supply and cost problems, causing losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

This bill would direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to impose price caps on wholesale electricity prices. The bill would also require power suppliers to refund fees charged above the FERC-imposed price cap since June 1, 2000. The precise total of refunds due would be determined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

I urge FERC to act swiftly and bring relief to those who have been hit by this terrible situation.

The fight for fair utility rates is going to be difficult and may require a number of other solutions. I will continue to work with Congressman FILNER and others to ensure that we end

the crisis and prevent similar incidents in California and elsewhere in the United States.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate disincentives to fair trade conditions.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes.

S. 1805

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1805, a bill to restore food stamp benefits for aliens, to provide States with flexibility in administering the food stamp vehicle allowance, to index the excess shelter expense deduction to inflation, to authorize additional appropriations to purchase and make available additional commodities under the emergency food assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to provide for the payment of compensation to the families of the Federal employees who were killed in the crash of a United States Air Force CT-43A aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia,

carrying Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and 34 others.

S. 2123

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

S. 2264

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2264, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Veterans Health Administration the position of Advisor on Physician Assistants, and for other purposes.

S. 2345

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2345, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York, and for other purposes.

S. 2601

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the gross income of an employee any employer provided home computer and Internet access.

S. 2698

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2698, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 2717

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2717, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to gradually increase the estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests.

S. 2841

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2841, a bill to ensure that the business of the Federal Government is conducted in the public interest and in a manner that provides for public accountability,

efficient delivery of services, reasonable cost savings, and prevention of unwarranted Government expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2953

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2953, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve outreach programs carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for more fully informing veterans of benefits available to them under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to revise its regulations authorizing the operation of new, low-power FM radio stations.

S. 3040

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3040, a bill to establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3040, supra.

S. 3071

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3071, a bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

S. 3077

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3077, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to make corrections and refinements in the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP health insurance programs, as revised by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999, and for other purposes.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 138—  
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF  
CONGRESS THAT A DAY OF  
PEACE AND SHARING SHOULD  
BE ESTABLISHED AT THE BEGIN-  
NING OF EACH YEAR**

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REID, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 138

Whereas human progress in the 21st century will depend upon global understanding and cooperation in finding positive solutions to hunger and violence;

Whereas the turn of the millennium offers unparalleled opportunity for humanity to examine its past, set goals for the future, and establish new patterns of behavior;

Whereas the people of the United States and the world observed the day designated by the United Nations General Assembly as "One Day in Peace, January 1, 2000" (General Assembly Resolution 54/29);

Whereas the example set on that day ought to be recognized globally and repeated each year;

Whereas the people of the United States seek to establish better relations with one another and with the people of all countries; and

Whereas celebration by the breaking of bread together traditionally has been the means by which individuals, societies, and nations join together in peace: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

(1) each year should begin with a day of peace and sharing during which—

(A) people around the world should gather with family, friends, neighbors, their faith community, or people of another culture to pledge nonviolence in the new year and to share in a celebratory new year meal; and

(B) Americans who are able should match or multiply the cost of their new year meal with a timely gift to the hungry at home or abroad in a tangible demonstration of a desire for increased friendship and sharing among people around the world; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation each year calling on the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe such a day with appropriate programs and activities.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I introduce today on behalf of myself and Senators LIEBERMAN, KENNEDY, REID, MOYNIHAN, LEVIN, and LANDRIEU, a resolution to designate January 1, 2001, and every following January 1st, as a day of peace and reconciliation among all peoples of the world. The purpose of this resolution is to create a day of peaceful celebration across the world and in our backyards, as well as a day for sharing food with others whose lives we normally do not touch in a personal way.

"One Day in Peace," a pledge of no violence in our homes, neighborhoods, and battlefields, on January 1, 2000, was supported by over 100 nations, 25 U.S. governors, hundreds of mayors worldwide and over 1,000 organizations in nearly 140 countries, as well as the UN General Assembly. It worked and the new millennium was ushered in with a day of peace worldwide.

At the same time, another event, The Millennium Meal Project, an international effort to use the tradition of breaking bread to promote peace and end hunger, was officially endorsed by the White House, members of both the House and Senate, the World Peace/Inner Peace Conference and the Jubileum World Conference on Religion and Peace featuring 19 diverse faiths and went exceedingly well this past January 1, 2000.

Now these two initiatives have joined together in order to encourage people all over the world, through sharing of a special meal, to reach out to one an-

other for "One Day" by creating an environment of peace and mutualism. Since the beginning of recorded history, breaking bread together has been seen as a tradition when people from opposing sides can sit down and learn about one another in a peaceful manner.

Particularly we as Senators need to put aside our differences, on both sides of the aisle, to discover and celebrate our commonalities in order to prepare ourselves for working more harmoniously during the 107th Congress to solve the critical problems of both violence and hunger in our nation and in our world. We know, all too well, that children around the world and at home are going to bed hungry, and that our children are often afraid to go to school.

Let us make "One Day" a special time of reflection, to eliminate hunger and violence for children and families throughout the world, by sharing our prosperity and friendship with people from all backgrounds, beliefs and cultures. This day should be held high in importance to celebrate our diversities and differences, rather than emphasizing them as barriers between us.

I hope this resolution will be adopted unanimously.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 359—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 16, 2000, TO OCTOBER 20, 2000, AS "NATIONAL TEACH FOR AMERICA WEEK"**

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 359

Whereas while the United States will need to hire over 2,000,000 new teachers over the next decade, Teach For America has proven itself an effective alternative means of recruiting gifted college graduates into the field of education;

Whereas in its decade of existence, Teach For America's 6,000 corps members have aided 1,000,000 low-income students at urban and rural sites across the United States;

Whereas Teach For America's popularity continues to skyrocket, with a record-breaking number of men and women applying to become corps members for the 2000-2001 school year;

Whereas over half of all Teach For America alumni continue to work within the field of education after their two years of service are complete;

Whereas Teach For America corps members leave their service committed to lifelong advocacy for low-income, underserved children;

Whereas over 100,000 schoolchildren are being taught by Teach For America corps members in 2000; and

Whereas October 16th through 20th will be Teach For America's fourth annual "Teach For America" week, during which government members, artists, historians, athletes, and other prominent community leaders will visit underserved classrooms served by Teach For America corps members: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That the Senate—*

(1) commends the Teach For America program, and its past and present participants, for its contribution to our Nation's public school system;