

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 14, 2001, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 78. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled joint resolution was signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on December 14, 2001.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to qualified organ procurement organizations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1631: A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a study to determine the resources that are needed for development of an effective nationwide communications system for emergency response personnel. (Rept. No. 107-127).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 1009

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to require the provision of information to parents and adults concerning bacterial meningitis and the availability of a vaccination with respect to such diseases.

S. 1220

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1220, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for the rehabilitation, preservation, or improvement of railroad track.

S. 1663

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1663, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1750

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1750, a bill to make technical corrections to the HAZMAT provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to authorize the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of any former Reservist who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and would have been eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery but for age at time of death.

S. 1819

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1819, a bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services in the Republic of Korea shall be entitled to tax benefits in same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should allocate significantly more resources to combat global poverty.

S. CON. RES. 88

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 88, a concurrent resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in the fight against terrorism.

AMENDMENT NO. 2376

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2376 proposed to H.R. 3338, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2611. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2612. Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. LIEBERMAN for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes.

SA 2613. Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2611. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 941, line 4, strike the period at the end and insert the following:

Subtitle C—Income Loss Assistance

SEC. 1021. INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this subtitle as the “Secretary”) shall use \$1,800,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred qualifying income losses for the 2001 crop.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall make assistance available under this section in the same manner as provided under section 815 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-55), including using the same loss thresholds for the quantity and economic losses as were used in administering that section.

(c) USE OF FUNDS FOR CASH PAYMENTS.—The Secretary may use funds made available

under this section to make, in a manner consistent with this section, cash payments not for crop disasters, but for income loss to carry out the purposes of this section.

SEC. 1022. LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use \$500,000,000 of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make and administer payments for livestock losses to producers for 2001 losses in a county that has received an emergency designation by the President or the Secretary after January 1, 2001, of which \$12,000,000 shall be made available for the American Indian livestock program under section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-51).

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall make assistance available under this section in the same manner as provided under section 806 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 105-277; 114 Stat. 1549A-51).

SEC. 1023. COMMODITY PURCHASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use \$220,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase agricultural commodities, especially agricultural commodities that have experienced low prices during the 2001 crop year, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Secretary is encouraged to purchase agricultural commodities under this section in a manner that reflects the geographic diversity of agricultural production in the United States, particularly agricultural production in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

(c) OTHER PURCHASES.—The Secretary shall ensure that purchases of agricultural commodities under this section are in addition to purchases by the Secretary under any other law.

(d) TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS.—The Secretary may use not more than \$20,000,000 of the funds made available under subsection (a) to provide assistance to States to cover costs incurred by the States in transporting and distributing agricultural commodities purchased under this section.

(e) PURCHASES FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall use not less than \$55,000,000 of the funds made available under subsection (a) to purchase agricultural commodities of the type distributed under section 6(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(a)) for distribution to schools and service institutions in accordance with section 6(a) of that Act.

SEC. 1024. COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.

The Secretary shall use the funds, facilities, and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out this subtitle.

SEC. 1025. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to funds otherwise available, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture in carrying out this subtitle \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(b) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and shall use to carry out this section the funds transferred under subsection (a), without further appropriation.

SEC. 1026. REGULATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this subtitle.

(b) PROCEDURE.—The promulgation of the regulations and administration of this subtitle shall be made without regard to—

(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(3) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

(c) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKING.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 1027. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

The entire amount made available by each of sections 1021 through 1023—

(1) shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for the amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.); and

(2) is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

SA 2612. Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 13, line 23, strike “and”.

On page 14, line 3, strike the period and insert “; and”.

On page 14, insert between lines 3 and 4 the following:

“(5) examine the feasibility of measures to strengthen the dissemination of information.”

SA 2613. Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1271, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 11, line 9, strike “Director” and insert “head of each applicable department or agency (and in the case of paragraph (12) by the Director)”.

On page 14, line 7, insert “, including any minority views of the task force,” after “(c)”.

On page 14, line 8, strike “and”.

On page 14, line 12, insert “and Entrepreneurship” after “Business”.

On page 14, line 16, strike the period and insert “; and”.

On page 14, insert between lines 16 and 17 the following:

“(3) the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman designated under section 30(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657(b)).”

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Patrick Rooney, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TO AMEND CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, RELATING TO FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2559, Calendar No. 235.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2559) to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the immediate consideration of the bill.

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask consent the bill be read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, all with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2559) was read the third time and passed.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK ACT OF 2001

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 234, S. 1271.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1271) to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2001”.

SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS.

(a) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF OMB.—Section 3504(c) of title 44, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) publish in the Federal Register and make available on the Internet (in consultation with