

106-550), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the James Madison Commemoration Commission: Mr. GOODLATTE of Virginia and Mr. CANTOR of Virginia.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-975. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Proliferation of Missiles and Essential Components of Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Weapons for Calendar Year 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-976. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rules for Nondiscrimination in Health Coverage in the Group Market" (RIN1210-AA77) received on March 9, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-977. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report related to audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-978. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning commercial inventory submissions for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-979. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to assist and support congressional oversight providing budgetary implications of certain problems; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-980. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Electric Generating Facilities; and Major Stationary Sources of Nitrogen Oxides from the Dallas/Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL6952-9) received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-981. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Request for Grant Proposals Making Growth Work: Community Innovations and Responses to Barriers" received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-982. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STAR 100 Revision" (RIN3150-AG67) received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-983. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazethapyr; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6774-9) received on March 9, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6766-6) received on March 9, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-985. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pymetrozine; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6766-9) received on March 9, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-986. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations: (Including Five Regulations)" ((RIN2115-AE46)(2001-0003)) received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-987. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: Include Two Regulations" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0023)) received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-988. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 164 Regulations)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2001-0004)) received on March 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 350: A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 107-2).

#### 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. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 513. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment of the Eightmile River in Connecticut for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 514. A bill to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide for reciprocity in regard to the manner in which non-residents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in that State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 515. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a permanent tax incentive for research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 516. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax for higher education loan interest payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 517. A bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; 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. McCONNELL:

S.Res. 58. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S. 92

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 92, a bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr.

FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to ensure that employees of traveling sales crews are protected under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and under other provisions of law.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to permanently reenact chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, relating to family farmers.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 208

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 208, a bill to reduce health care costs and promote improved health care by providing supplemental grants for additional preventive health services for women.

S. 237

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 251, a bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to establish restrictions regarding the qualifications of physicians to prescribe the abortion drug commonly known as RU-486.

S. 262

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 262, a bill to provide for teaching excellence in America's classrooms and homerooms.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide up-to-date school library media resources and well-trained, profes-

sionally certified school library media specialists for elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 336

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 336, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of cash accounting method for certain small businesses.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes.

S. 361

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 361, a bill to establish age limitations for airmen.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to develop voluntary consensus standards to ensure accuracy and validation of the voting process, to direct the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study voter participation and emerging voting technology, to provide grants to States to improve voting methods, and for other purposes.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provides appropriate guidance to physicians, providers of services, and ambulance providers that are attempting to properly submit claims under the medicare program to ensure that the Secretary does not target inadvertent billing errors.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for long-term care givers.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 484

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 501, a bill to amend titles IV and XX of the Social Security Act to restore funding for the Social Services Block Grant, to restore the ability of States to transfer up to 10 percent of TANF funds to carry out activities under such block grant, and to require an annual report on such activities by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

S. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 16, a resolution designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day."

S. RES. 23

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 23, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should award the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays in honor of his distinguished career as an educator, civil and human rights leader, and public theologian.

S. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 25, a resolution designating the week beginning March 18, 2001 as "National Safe Place Week."

S. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

INOUYE), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 43, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as "National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week."

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 16 proposed to S. 420, an original bill to amend title II, United States Code, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 29

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 29 proposed to S. 420, an original bill to amend title II, United States Code, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 513. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment of the Eightmile River in Connecticut for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to introduce the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001, along with my colleague Senator LIEBERMAN. Representative SIMMONS of Connecticut introduced similar legislation in the House. The Eightmile River system is an important water resource within the Lower Connecticut River watershed.

For more than 30 years, the Wild and Scenic River program has been a successful public-private partnership to preserve certain select rivers in a free-flowing state. Designation as a Wild and Scenic River would ensure that the river and surrounding watershed are protected from development projects under the locally controlled Conservation Management Plan, which works to preserve a river's natural and significant resources.

But before a river receives Designation status as Wild and Scenic, a comprehensive study must be undertaken to determine whether a river possesses recreational, ecological, and scenic significance. Further, it must be demonstrated that there is a strong local and long-term commitment to preserving a river.

I am confident of the Eightmile River's significance and community support. Five years ago, the Connecticut towns of Salem, East Haddam and Lyme joined with educational and environmental groups to form the

Eightmile River Watershed Committee and signed a Conservation Compact to preserve the river. Another local group, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, has been working with local, state, and federal agencies to restore migratory fish to the Eightmile River. The building of fish ladders means that the area can now serve as a restored spawning area for Blue-backed Herring and Atlantic Salmon. Finally, property owners support designation for the Eightmile River in order to preserve the natural resource that flows by and near their property. Clearly, there is a grassroots commitment to retain the integrity of this river.

The State of Connecticut has recognized the Eightmile River as a "River of Importance." Eighty-five percent of the Eightmile River Watershed is forested and more than 180 species of birds, fish, plants and reptiles live there. It is truly one of the most diverse and thriving ecosystems in the lower Connecticut River Valley.

Connecticut is a small state, less than 5,000 square miles, and is densely populated. While the State is actively working to preserve open space, the state consistently ranks near the bottom in the amount of Federal land. Our citizens are committed to balancing conservation and growth. That is why this designation is so important. While the state and local groups have done exceptional work so far, this designation would bring in federal technical assistance and foster coordination among the many concerned groups. It is time to get the formal process started.

For all of these reasons, I am pleased to introduce the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 515. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a permanent tax incentive for research and development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I am joining my co-sponsors, Senators BINGAMAN, FRIST, LIEBERMAN, SNOWE, KENNEDY and BAYH in introducing the "Private Sector Research and Development Investment Act of 2001" This bill makes the Research Tax Credit permanent and significantly improves the structure of the Credit.

I am very pleased that President Bush has already endorsed a permanent Credit in his Agenda for Tax Relief. In the discussion of his tax package, President Bush notes that:

The credit encourages the technological developments that are an important component of economic growth. . . . This should help spur the sustained, long-term investment in R&D that America needs to develop the next generation of critical technologies.

I wholeheartedly agree.

I am also pleased to join with Senator HATCH and many cosponsors in his

bill to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

Today I want to suggest that we go a little further than both of these proposals in revising the Research Tax Credit. We should use the enthusiasm toward making the credit permanent to also improve it. In the process, we can significantly help the innovation process in our nation at the same time that we strengthen our universities and small businesses.

Advanced technologies drive a significant part of our nation's economic strength. Our economy and our standard of living depend on a constant influx of new technologies, processes, and products from our industries. Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan has frequently reinforced the critical dependence between advanced technology and our economic strength.

Many countries provide labor at lower costs than the United States. Thus, as any new product matures, competitors using overseas labor frequently find ways to undercut our production costs. We maintain our economic strength only by constantly improving our products through innovation. Maintaining and improving our national ability to innovate is critically important to the nation.

Today, we are introducing legislation to improve the Research Tax Credit. The single most important change in our bill is to make the Credit permanent, as the President proposes. But other parts of the Credit would benefit from improvements.

For example, the current Credit references a company's research in 1984-88. That leads to situations where two companies doing the same research today receive different credits, depending on what they did in 1984.

As another example, now there is a "Basic Research Credit" allowed, but rarely used because of the way it is written. We could be using this section to encourage university research, as I have done in this bill. We also provide incentives for research to be done with research consortia.

In summary, this bill incorporates the improvements suggested by the President and in other current bills, and it goes further to strengthen the Credit.

With this new bill, we will significantly strengthen incentives for private companies to undertake research that leads to new processes, new services, and new products. The result will be stronger companies that are better positioned for global competition. Those stronger companies will hire more people at higher salaries with real benefits to our national economy and workforce.

Madam President, I will speak on the subject of the credit that American businesses get for research which is part of the Tax Code. I hope the distinguished chairman of the Finance Committee is aware this year the research tax credit has different