

with autism and those who care for them; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution supporting a National Charter Schools Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers of Veronica "Roni" Bowers and Charity Bowers; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-1701. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, a report relative to updating the President's Budget Request; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1702. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Oxygenated Gasoline Program" (FRL6973-7) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1703. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL6968-6) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1704. 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 State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: South Carolina" (FRL6973-9) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1705. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plan; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Reasonably Available Control Technology Requirement for Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides" (FRL6973-4) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1706. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2001 Youth and the Environment Training and Employment Program Funds" received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1707. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of the Redesignation of Shelby County; Tennessee, to Attainment" (FRL6947-6) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1708. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environ-

mental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Approval of Revisions to Volatile Organic Compounds Regulations and Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL6973-3) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1709. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Eligibility of Indoor Plumbing Under Alaska Sanitation Infrastructure Grant Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1710. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "EPA Review of 2000 Section 303(d) Lists"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1711. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Interim Data Quality Amendment to the EPCRA Section 313 Enforcement Response Policy (ERP)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-34. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1008

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the entire Arkansas delegation to Congress; and

Whereas, more than eighty United States Senators, including both Arkansas' Senator Tim Hutchinson and Senator Blanche Lincoln, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and

Whereas, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 10,000 in Arkansas; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

Whereas, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter lines; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to support and enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act in the 107th Congress. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-35. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State

of Arkansas relative to the availability of funds to prevent catastrophic damage from wildfires; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1035

Whereas, the ice storms of December 13 and 25, 2000, ravaged thousands of acres of private and public forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; and

Whereas, President Clinton declared sixty-seven (67) Arkansas counties as federal disaster areas for the purposes of providing early financial assistance to cities and counties to help with their most urgent ice storm-caused health and safety problems; and

Whereas, these early funds do not provide for the critical treatment and restoration work needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires on the private and public forestlands of Arkansas; and

Whereas, if these lands go untreated, the ten-fold increase in fuel loadings may result in major conflagrations that destroy private and public property and threaten the health and safety of countless Arkansans; and

Whereas, supplemental appropriation requests detailing the need by program area and the work that would be accomplished were sent by agency field officers to their agency headquarters in Washington, D.C.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the Arkansas General Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take all reasonable action necessary to provide adequate and timely funding to the federal agencies responsible for the treatment and restoration work on these lands. Be it further

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.

POM-36. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas relative to prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1027

Whereas, the price of prescription drugs in the United States has increased significantly in each of the past several years; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the people who cannot afford to buy drugs needed to maintain a reasonable quality of life are children and the elderly who have no means to improve their financial situation; and

Whereas, many people in this country must make a choice of buying food or buying the drugs they need; and

Whereas, the states have very limited ability to take the necessary action to assure that prescription drugs are available and affordable to those who need them and only the U.S. Congress has the authority to accomplish this goal, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein:

That the Arkansas General Assembly hereby urges the United States Congress to take all reasonable action to assure that prescription drugs are available and affordable to all citizens. Be it further

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy hereof to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the U.S. Senate and the

U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-37.A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the State of Arkansas relative to Special Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1044

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assemble of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein:

That the United States Congress is urged to review, with the goal of reducing, the paperwork created by federal laws and regulations related to special education.

Be it further Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, with the Senate concurring therein, the Chief Clerk of the Arkansas House of Representatives shall transmit copies to the presiding officer of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.

POM-38. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts relative to benefits for all retired career military personnel; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Whereas, American servicemen and women have dedicated their lives and careers to protect the rights we all enjoy; and

Whereas, in serving our country, career military personnel endured hardships, deprivation and threats of death, disability and long separations from their families; and

Whereas, integral to the success of our military forces are those military personnel who have made careers of defending our great Nation during times of both war and peace from the revolutionary war to present day; and

Whereas, there exists a gross inequity in the Federal Statutes that denies equal rights to disabled career military who seek to receive Veterans Administration disability compensation concurrent with the receipt of earned military pay; and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to remedy this inequity applicable to career military personnel dating back to the nineteenth century; and

Whereas, the injustice concerns those who are retired, are denied concurrent receipt of hard earned military retirement pay and Veterans Administration awards for service-connected disabilities; and

Whereas, career military earn retirement benefits based on longevity for honorable and faithful service and rank at the time of retirement; and

Whereas, Veterans Administration compensations serve a different purpose from longevity retired pay and are intended to compensate for pain, suffering, disfigurement, chemicals, wound injuries and loss of earning ability, with a minimum requirement of 90 days active duty; and

Whereas, the prevailing idea that military retirement pay is free is false as there is a contribution to retirement pay which is calculated to reduce military base pay and retirement pay by 7 per cent when pay and allowances are computed and approved by Congress; and

Whereas, traditionally, a career military person receives a lower pay and retirement than his or her civilian counterpart and has invested a life of hardships and long hours without the benefit of overtime pay and with a lack of freedom of expression through the unions; and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration awards to disabled veterans with a 30 percent

disability or more an allowance for each dependent and the allowance is increased with the amount of disability; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense deducts the entire amount of a dependent's allowance, essentially leaving a disabled military retiree without a dependent's allowance, thereby extending the discrimination to families of military longevity retirees; and

Whereas, it is unfair to require disabled military retirees to fund their own Veterans Administration compensation by deductions on a dollar-for-dollar basis to the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, no such deduction applies to similarly situated federal civil service or congressional retirement benefits to receive Veterans Administration compensation; and

Whereas, a statutory change is necessary to correct this injustice and discrimination in order to insure that America's commitment to national and international goals will be matched by the same allegiance to those who sacrificed on behalf of those goals; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide parity of benefits to all retired career military personnel; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairmen of the Armed Forces Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee, the House and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from the commonwealth.

POM-39. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to Federal funds for upgrades in education, water, and hospital; to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, Guam's tourism-based economy has been suffering over the last few years due to the Asian economic crisis, resulting in government budget shortfalls, an increased government deficit, layoffs of many private and public sector employees, and an unemployment rate that may be as high as twenty percent (20%); and

Whereas, such economic reversal and a high unemployment rate would be considered an economic disaster in most parts of the United States; and

Whereas, Guam's water and sewer infrastructure has deteriorated over the years to the point where it is no longer sufficient to support the Island's growing population; and where it is badly corroded and in disrepair in some areas, resulting in a costly waste of water, costly spot repairs, and low or no water pressure in some areas of the Island; and

Whereas, Guam's population has grown beyond the capacity of its school facilities, resulting in the overcrowding and deterioration of existing school facilities, a condition that is a detriment to the education of the Island's youth, and ultimately is detrimental to all aspects of the local community; and

Whereas, the Guam Memorial hospital, Guam's only hospital and emergency care facility, is also badly in need of upgrade and expansion, to the point where many patients must be sent to off-Guam facilities for emergency or specialized care at great expense to the government and local families, an expense that many families cannot afford; and

Whereas, Guam's tourism industry, which faces an uphill struggle to recovery after a prolonged slump, is in need of an economic boost and an upgrade in infrastructure and facilities; and

Whereas, the United States economy has seen a tremendous boom in the last decade, whilst the Federal Government has seen budget surpluses unprecedented in recent times, with the budget surplus for Fiscal Year 2000 expected to be One Hundred Seventy Billion Dollars (\$170,000,000,000) and the surplus through 2010 predicted by President Clinton to be Seven Hundred Forty-six Billion Dollars (\$746,000,000,000); and

Whereas, Guam has made its contribution to the political security and stability of the United States that has helped to nurture this vibrant economic growth by giving up a large portion of its small land mass to the U.S. Department of Defense for military installations, which were critical to American security for decades, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request that the United States Congress appropriate One Hundred Ninety-three Million Dollars (\$193,000,000) to the government of Guam for the following purposes:

(1) Forty-eight Million Dollars (\$48,000,000) to build eight (8) new elementary schools in the Villages of Dededo, Yigo, Tamuning, Mangilao, Barrigada, Yona, Sinajana, Agat and Mongmong-Toto-Maite;

(2) Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) to build one (1) new middle school in Dededo, which is by far the most populated village on Guam;

(3) Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) to build one (1) new high school in Northern Guam, which has deteriorating and dangerously crowded schools in Tamuning and Yigo that suffer from teen violence and other problems as a result of the lack of attention that comes from overcrowded schools;

(4) Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000) for the Guam Waterworks Authority to improve a badly corroded and leaking sewer and water infrastructure that results in low water pressure in many areas, wasting water resources daily and incurring large numbers of manpower hours fixing spot leaks that surface;

(5) Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) for upgrading and expanding facilities at the Guam Memorial Hospital, which is insufficient, as Guam's only hospital and emergency care facility, to provide for vital health care services to people on Guam, who must seek prohibitively expensive care off-Guam, as well as providing health care to the people of Micronesia who have been granted access to Guam's medical infrastructure due to the compacts of free association entered into by the United States of America and these Pacific Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress and the President of the United States delegate the Officer In Charge of Construction ("OICC") of the U.S. Naval command on Guam, otherwise known as Commander Naval Forces Marianas, to oversee all aspects of infrastructure construction detailed herein, inclusive of contract management, procurement, etc.; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress is requested to stipulate as a condition of this funding, in legislation, a detailed deficit reduction plan for Guam which the government of Guam shall adhere to for the purpose of eliminating the deficit in the General Fund of the government of Guam within seven (7) years; and be it further.

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to

the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Magalahaen Guåhan.

POM-40. A resolution adopted by the Legislative of Guam relative to reparations for Guam victims of World War II; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 (LS)

Whereas, the people of Guam who endured World War II, and their families, attempted in vain for years to obtain just war reparations for the wartime grievances suffered by the Chamorros, who are the native inhabitants of Guam; and

Whereas, while many other peoples received war reparations from Japan, such as the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the Republic of the Philippines, the people of Guam have yet to receive proper atonement and justice for the personal suffering, the widespread destruction of personal property, the obliteration of homes, businesses and farms, the loss of family members and loved ones, and the humiliation of occupation by an enemy military power; and

Whereas, the government of the United States of America has totally exonerated the government of Japan from making any war reparations to the people of Guam through a post-war agreement with Japan; and

Whereas, after years of suffering followed by years of waiting for just atonement, war reparations to the people of Guam are long overdue; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I MináBente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request that Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress reintroduce previous legislation to obtain proper war reparations for Guam victims of World War II; and be it further

Resolved, That I MináBente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request that the Chairman of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Judiciary hold a hearing on the aforementioned war reparations legislation at the earliest possible date; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same by thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Chairman of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Judiciary; to the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Magalahaen Guåhan.

POM-41. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to amending the 1950 Organic Act of Guam; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 (LS)

Whereas, some of the most vital services provided by the government of Guam are the public health services, including the services of Guam's public hospital, the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, without an efficient and well-run hospital and public health service, the health and well-being of the people of Guam are in severe danger, and the lives of the people of Guam are in jeopardy; and

Whereas, without an efficient and well-run hospital and public health service, many people on Guam are faced with the grim prospect of looking to off-Guam health facilities to provide life-saving treatment; and

Whereas, the cost of travel to facilities that provide such life-saving treatment can be prohibitive, especially for many of our people without the means; and in addition, the health of people in severe cases may not withstand the travel; and

Whereas, the current language of the Organic Act of Guam in regards to the administration of the public health services is restrictive, preventing creative and sensible solutions to the management problems of the Guam Memorial Hospital and other public health services; and

Whereas, amending the Organic Act of Guam to allow the laws of Guam to govern the public health and hospital services, as the United States Congress did with the public education system on Guam, would be a more accountable and less restrictive solution; and

Whereas, such a solution has the potential to revitalize and streamline Guam's public health and hospital, and therefore has the potential to improve public health on Guam and save the lives of people who depend on such vital services; and

Whereas, the importance of such a life-saving and health-improving solution cannot be overstated, and action should not be delayed any further; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I MináBente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request the Congress of the United States of America amend Paragraph (a) of §1421g of Title 48 of the United States Code (1950 Organic Act of Guam) to read as follows:

“(a) Public Health Services. Subject to the laws of Guam, the Government of Guam shall establish, maintain, operate or contract public health services on Guam, including hospitals, dispensaries and quarantine stations, at such places on Guam as may be necessary, and shall promulgate quarantine and sanitary regulations for the protection of Guam against the importation and spread of disease.”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Member of the U.S. House of Representative; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Magalahaen Guåhan.

POM-42. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to the change of the 1950 Organic Act of Guam to require a balanced budget; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 (LS)

Whereas, the government of Guam is in dire financial straits, due in part, to an economy which has suffered tremendously as a result of the Asian economic slump and the reduction of the U.S. military presence on Guam; and

Whereas, Guam's expenditures have, on most occasions, exceeded the availability of revenues; and

Whereas, as result, the government of Guam has built a large deficit in its General Fund; and

Whereas, such deficit is detrimental to the ability of the government of Guam to provide consistent and required service to the people of Guam, as well as make an adequate investment in developing infrastructure; and

Whereas, although we look forward to an increase in economic activity on Guam, resulting in higher revenues, the only true so-

lution to Guam's perennial financial problems is to exercise restraint in spending; and

Whereas, although a requirement for a balanced budget exists in local legislation, no such requirement exists in the 1950 Organic Act of Guam; and

Whereas, until such time as the people of Guam adopt their own constitution, the 1950 Organic Act of Guam serves in its stead; and

Whereas, an amendment to the 1950 Organic Act of Guam requiring a balanced budget for the government of Guam will assist Guam in making changes essential to the long term financial health of our government, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I MináBente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request that the United States Congress amend the 1950 Organic Act of Guam to require a balanced budget for the government of Guam in each fiscal year; and be it further

Resolved, That exception to this requirement should be permissible only in the event of an official declaration by the President of the United States of Guam as a disaster area; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources; to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Magalahaen Guåhan.

POM-43. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to a human rights issue; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 (LS)

Whereas, the most important principles and precepts in the founding and formation of our great American Nation and democracy are guarantees of protection of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for every man, woman and child, regardless of race, color, national origin or religious preference; and

Whereas, the fundamental right to freedom of religious belief and worship is severely restricted in the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas, Mr. Zhang Hongbao, fearful for his personal well-being because of his spiritual beliefs, fled China, seeking personal safety and asylum on Guam; and

Whereas, because Mr. Zhang Hongbao's arrival on Guam is classified as an “unauthorized entry,” requiring the intervention of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (“INS”), he has been detained for over one (1) year; and

Whereas, Mr. Zhang Hongbao's confinement on Guam is inconsistent with the traditional Chamorro belief that freedom is fundamental to life itself, representing an embarrassment to the People of Guam since the injustice continues on our Island, the westernmost stanchion of American democracy and religious tolerance, which serves as the Pacific gateway for the great message of Lady Liberty: “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . . I hold my lamp beside the golden door”; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I MináBente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, in keeping with the precepts and principles which make America's belief in fundamental human rights,

calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Zhang Hongbao from detention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State; to the Honorable John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Maga'lahañ Guahan.

POM-44. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Indiana relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSES CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 is designed to improve significantly both the financing and benefits of railroad retirement and to increase industry responsibility for the part of the program that is similar to a private pension plan;

Whereas, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including nine of the ten members of the Indian congressional delegation;

Whereas, More than 80 United States Senators, including Indiana Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, signed letters of support for the legislation in 2000;

Whereas, The bill, now before the 107th Congress, modernizes the railroad retirement system for 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 15,000 in Indiana;

Whereas, Railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation;

Whereas, This legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines;

Whereas, This legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers who under current law suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies;

Whereas, No outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, All changes will be from within the railroad industry including a full share by active employees; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring;

Section 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the United States Congress to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act in the 107th Congress.

Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all members of the Indiana congressional delegation.

POM-45. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Indiana relative to honoring former Congressman Lee Hamilton; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas, Lee H. Hamilton was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 20, 1931;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was raised in Evansville, Indiana, but considers Nashville, Indiana, his hometown;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1952 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Indiana University in 1956;

Whereas, While attending college, Congressman Hamilton excelled not only in the classroom but also on the basketball court;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was first elected to Congress in 1964 from Indiana's 9th District;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton served in the House of Representatives from 1965 until 1999;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton faithfully represented the citizens of Indiana's 9th District for 34 years—17 Congressional terms;

Whereas, Once in office he walked a moderate line on social and economic issues, but was a strong advocate of U.S. international involvement;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton also earned a reputation as one of the Democratic Party's most thoughtful leaders in the realm of foreign policy;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, the House chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee from 1987 to 1988, and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee from 1993 to 1996;

Whereas, When the Republicans became the majority in the House, Hamilton became the ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee;

Whereas, While serving in Congress, he received numerous public service awards, including the Paul H. Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs, the Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service, the Indiana Humanities Council Lifetime Achievement Award, and the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Statesmanship Award;

Whereas, Although Congressman Hamilton has left Congress, he has not gone very far;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was named the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., which is the federally supported institution on international affairs that "mixes the world of ideas with the world of policy";

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton will also serve as the director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University; and

Whereas, Accomplishments such as Congressman Hamilton's deserve special recognition: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges Congress to rename the Federal Building in New Albany, Indiana, in honor of former Congressman Lee Hamilton.

Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to former Congressman Hamilton, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Indiana congressional delegation.

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. CORZINE):

S. 814. A bill to establish the Child Care Provider Retention and Development Grant Program and the Child Care Provider Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 815. A bill to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984: to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain coins to be acquired by individual retirement accounts and other individually directed pension plan accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 817. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 818. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a long-term capital gains exclusion for individuals, and to reduce the holding period for long-term capital gain treatment to 6 months, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 80. A resolution honoring the "Whidbey 24" for their professionalism, bravery, and courage; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SPECTER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 127

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH, of Oregon) were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to give American companies, American workers, and American ports the opportunity to compete in the United States cruise market.

S. 131

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38,