

Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fishes of the Northeastern United States; Final 2001 Specifications for the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Regulatory Amendment" (RIN0648-AM47) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1901. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of the service on the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-53. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to prayer in public schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

Whereas, The United States of America was founded by men and women with varied religious beliefs and ideals; and

Whereas, The First Amendment to the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . .," which means that the government is prohibited from establishing a state religion. However, no barriers shall be erected against the practice of any religion; and

Whereas, The establishment clause of the First Amendment was not drafted to protect Americans from religion. Rather, its purpose was clearly to protect Americans from governmental mandates with respect to religion; and

Whereas, The Michigan Senate strongly believes that reaffirming a right to voluntary, individual, unorganized, and nonmandated prayer in public schools is an important element of religious choice guaranteed by the Constitution, and will reaffirm those religious rights and beliefs upon which the nation was founded: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body memorialize the Congress of the United States to strongly support voluntary, individual, unorganized, and nonmandatory prayer in the public schools of this nation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 896: An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 (H. Con. Res. 83).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Bruce Marshall Carnes, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

David Garman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

Francis S. Blake, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Robert Gordon Card, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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. REID (for himself and Mr. McCain):

S. 893. A bill to establish the National Boxing Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Graham, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Allen, Mr. Craig, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Smith of Oregon, and Mr. Reid):

S. 894. A bill to authorize increased support to the democratic opposition and other oppressed people of Cuba to help them regain their freedom and prepare themselves for a democratic future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. Frist):

S. 895. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for research related to developing vaccines against widespread diseases and ensure that such vaccines are affordable and widely distributed; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 896. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 (H. Con. Res. 83); from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Allard, Mr. Leahy, and Mr. Levin):

S. 897. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide that the procedures relating to the closing or consolidation of a post office be extended to the relocation or construction of a post office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. Domenici, and Mr. Daschle):

S. 898. A bill to make technical amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note), provide compensation to certain claimants under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Allen):

S. 899. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to increase the amount paid to families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Boxer, and Ms. Stabenow):

S. 900. A bill to establish a Consumer Energy Commission to assess and provide recommendations regarding recent energy price spikes from the perspective of consumers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 901. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to cease mineral leasing activity on the outer Continental Shelf seaward of a coastal State that has declared a moratorium on mineral exploration, development, or production activity in State water; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Smith of New Hampshire):

S. 902. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 903. A bill to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical amendments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Warner, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Hatch):

S. 904. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow a credit against income tax to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Reid, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Levin):

S. 905. A bill to provide incentives for school construction, 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 Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Bond, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Carper, Mr. Cleland, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Craig, Mr. Crafo, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Kohl, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. McCain, Ms. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Reid, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Specter, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wellstone, and Mr. Wyden):

S. Res. 90. A resolution designating June 3, 2001, as "National Child's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, 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. 171

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to repeal certain travel provisions with respect to Cuba and certain trade sanctions with respect to Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 201, a bill to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws, and for other purposes.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to expand health care coverage for individuals.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 468

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building."

S. 580

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program.

S. 592

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from New Hamp-

shire (Mr. SMITH,) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 592, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries.

S. 706

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish programs to alleviate the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. 742, a bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 749, a bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by victims of the Nazi regime or their heirs or estates, and for other purposes.

S. 782

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 782, a bill to amend title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to require, as a precondition to commencing a civil action with respect to a place of public accommodation or a commercial facility, that an opportunity be provided to correct alleged violations, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 805, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and emery-dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to assure access under group health plans and health insurance coverage to covered emergency medical services.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 824, a bill to establish an informatics grant program for hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain energy-efficient property.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) 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. 866

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking in the United States.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to provide for consistent treatment of survivor benefits for public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 71, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need to preserve six day mail delivery.

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 9

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 9, a concurrent resolution condemning the violence in East Timor and urging the establishment of an international war crimes tribunal for prosecuting crimes against humanity that occurred during that conflict.

AMENDMENT NO. 425

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 425.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 425, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 425, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 425, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 524

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 524.

AMENDMENT NO. 563

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 563.

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 563, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 648

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 648.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. REID.)

S. 894. A bill to authorize increased support to the democratic opposition and other oppressed people of Cuba to help them regain their freedom and prepare themselves for a democratic future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, it is an honor to be joined today by Senator LIEBERMAN and eight other distinguished Senators in the sponsorship of the Cuban Solidarity Act which is intended to be a blueprint for a more vigorous U.S. policy to liberate the now enslaved island of Cuba.

This measure, S. 894, is the companion to House bill No. 1271 sponsored by Representative LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART and 95 other Members of the House of Representatives.

Whether one supports the current embargo on the Castro regime or not,

we should all agree that we can and must do more to help those struggling for freedom today in Cuba. That is the aim of the Cuban Solidarity Act, and that is why I ask Senators on both sides of the embargo issue to consider supporting this bill on its merits.

The embargo is not a policy, it is merely a policy tool, and the U.S. policy should be to put an end to Fidel Castro's stranglehold on the Cuban people and end his brutal dictatorship—and the sooner the better.

The Cuban Solidarity Act will authorize \$100 million in U.S. assistance to the Cuban people over 4 years. It also will mandate a proactive U.S. policy to support the internal opposition to Castro in Cuba. This strategy, by the way, is modeled after the decisive U.S. support for the Polish Solidarity movement back in the 1980s.

With the enactment of the legislation, the U.S. Government will move beyond merely isolating the Fidel Castro regime. Indeed, we can undermine Castro's isolation and oppression of the Cuban people by finding bold, proactive, and creative programs to help those who are working for change on the island of Cuba. This can be achieved by giving the President a mandate to increase all forms of U.S. support for prodemocracy and human rights activists in Cuba.

This support may include food, medicines, office supplies, books, educational materials, telephones, FAX machines, or other material or financial support. And recipients may include political prisoners or their families, persecuted dissidents, labor rights activists, economists, journalists, and others working for peaceful change.

Such support will encourage independent libraries, independent agricultural cooperatives, so-called microenterprises run by self-employed Cubans, or U.S.-based exchange and scholarship programs. In addition, this measure will support nongovernmental charitable programs, such as senior citizen centers, free clinics, or soup kitchens.

For Senators who are not fans of foreign aid—and I am among them—I am obliged nevertheless to acknowledge that the investment the United States made in the liberation of Eastern Europe has yielded immeasurable benefits. That is precisely what we propose to do with and to Cuba. Our businesses and our farmers stand to benefit once the Cuban people can begin to reconstruct their economy. This, of course, cannot happen until the Cuban people can shed themselves of the Marxist regime now in power in Cuba that is bankrupt in every sense of the word.

While the pending bill neither tightens nor loosens the embargo on the Cuban regime—that is to say, the Fidel Castro regime—it will allow President Bush to license private donations from Americans to independent Cuban groups and to independent self-employed Cubans. The President can license the importation into the United

States of goods made by independent, self-employed Cubans. These potential beneficiaries and activities have in common the intent and purpose to promote freedom and independence from the ruthless Fidel Castro regime that now uses hunger and fear to keep the people of Cuba under control.

Critics of this bill may contend that this high-profile support will give Castro an excuse to harass and jail dissidents for receiving foreign support. But the sad truth is that Fidel Castro is already tormenting his own people, systematically and relentlessly.

Furthermore, if courageous Cuban dissidents choose to stand up for their God-given rights and look to us for moral or material support, certainly we should not turn our backs on them. Let Castro do his worst. Let us do our best. Let others waste their energy trying to engage the wornout, cruel dictator, Fidel Castro. The United States will be engaging the other 11 million souls on the island of Cuba who have suffered persecution for too long already.

President Bush already has broad authority to initiate many of the programs prescribed by this bill, and I anticipate that he may do so. He should begin by instructing all relevant U.S. agencies to increase support to democratic opposition groups on the island of Cuba.

For example, the U.S. Agency for International Development has been providing support to U.S. groups promoting democracy and human rights in Cuba. Under the Clinton administration, this program amounted to little more than "window dressing." Hardly anything was done about it. Under President Bush, it must have more personnel, more money, and more room to maneuver around the Fidel Castro regime.

Now other steps are prescribed by this proposed legislation, and they are steps that President Bush can take this day, right now. For example, the proposed act also urges multilateral diplomacy calling on the Cuban Government to respect human rights, free political prisoners, legalize political parties, allow independent trade unions, and submit to internationally monitored free elections, none of which Fidel Castro has permitted since he took over the island of Cuba.

The pending legislation urges the "freedom broadcasting" stations, known as Radio and Television Marti and the Voice of America, to take steps to overcome Castro's jamming of the power of those stations so that their excellent programming will be available throughout the island.

The act also urges the President of the United States to instruct the Attorney General to bring to justice those Cubans involved in the February 1996 shoot-down of four innocent pilots on a humanitarian mission over international waters.

Pending indictments also tell us that Castro and his cronies are up to their