

of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate.

POM-87. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to special education and children with disabilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 97

Whereas, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) passed by the United States Congress, finds that disability is a natural part of the human experience and does not take away or minimize the right of those individuals to participate in, or contribute to, society; and

Whereas, Congress further found that improving educational results for disabled children is an essential part of our national policy of ensuring equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for disabled individuals; and

Whereas, currently there are special education students in every school in this State and with the rising cost of special education, it is a heavy burden on Hawaii's already financially challenged public education system; and

Whereas, the Department of Education's January 2001 Quarterly Report on the Status of the State's Progress in meeting the Requirements of the Felix v. Cayetano Consent Decree (hereinafter DOE Quarterly Report) reported a total of 22,962 students identified for special education services, 13,146 children registered for services with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD), and 1,962 children identified for zero-to-three related mental health services; and

Whereas, the DOE Quarterly Report further reported that of the \$154,035,838 appropriated to the Department of Education for the 2000-2001 school year, \$75,838,006 already was expended by December 31, 2000 and of the \$102,227,071 appropriated to the Department of Health's CAMHD, \$76,111,621 was already expended by December 31, 2000; and

Whereas, according to the Court Monitor's Felix Consent Decree Quarterly Status Report, August 2000 to November 2000, over the six-year period from 1994 to 2000, the number of children served by the Department of Education increased from 12,000 to over 22,000 while the number provided mental health services by CAMHD increased from 1,800 to 11,000; and

Whereas, these dramatic increases have resulted in an increase in the combined mental health and special education costs by over \$150 million, prompting the Court Monitor to note that "[n]o other state or school district in the United States of America has undergone such expansion and dramatic redesign in six years"; and

Whereas, despite earnest efforts to control the Felix program costs, and the over \$250 million combined appropriations to the Department of Education and Department of Health for the current fiscal year, the Governor has requested the 2001 Legislature to appropriate \$107 million in emergency funds to address Felix program costs overruns; and

Whereas, Congress in Title 20, section 1411(a) of the United States Code committed to providing up to forty percent of the cost states would incur in providing special education; and

Whereas, in fiscal year 1999-2000 federal funding of the Department of Education special education program amounted to a meager 10% of cost and has never exceeded 14% in any given year. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Hawaii Congressional dele-

gation is urged to coordinate efforts in the United States Congress to obtain funding for forty percent of the cost of special education and related services for children with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Vice President of the United States, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

POM-88. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the State Louisiana relative to Louisiana farmers; to the committee on appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64

Whereas, many farmers in Louisiana are suffering the consequences of low prices for their commodities, illustrated by a market in which the price of soybeans is at a twenty-seven year low, the price of cotton is at a twenty-five year low, the price of wheat and corn is selling at a fourteen year low, and the price of rice is at an eight year low; and

Whereas, Louisiana farmers are trying to overcome the onslaughts of nature, characterized by a devastating drought in 2000 which followed a disappointing crop year in which many farmers were left in financial trouble; and

Whereas, the existing federal farm bill has not adequately addressed the current circumstances and needs of farmers in Louisiana as well as farmers across the United States; and

Whereas, hopes for a widespread opening of foreign markets and the implementation of measures to stimulate commodity exports have not materialized; and

Whereas, it is estimated that \$9 billion above the projected budget baseline is needed in federal farm payments this year to assist farmers if they are to survive; and

Whereas, an increase in farm payments is critical to the agriculture industry given agriculture's vital importance to the sustenance of all people and to the economy of our state; and

Whereas, many farmers have no other choice but to rely on assistance payments to stay in business. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the congress of the United States to increase federal aid to Louisiana farmers. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the Congress of the United States.

POM-89. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to a national energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

Whereas, the Louisiana ammonia industry accounts for forty percent of the domestic production of ammonia; and

Whereas, natural gas makes up ninety percent of the costs of producing ammonia; and

Whereas, in the last year alone the prices of natural gas have almost tripled and the cost of producing ammonia has risen substantially; and

Whereas, high natural gas prices led the members of the Louisiana Ammonia Producers to temporarily shut down all or part of their ammonia production units; and

Whereas, two Louisiana companies have gotten out of the ammonia business completely, while others have had to resort to layoffs; and

Whereas, the majority of the ammonia produced in Louisiana is used to make fertilizer; and

Whereas, there are numerous untapped natural gas reserves in the United States. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to use the powers at its disposal to commission the United States Department of Energy to establish a national energy policy, which should pursue a long-term remedy to these problems by providing incentives for immediate domestic natural gas exploration and production, including opening untapped natural gas reserves. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the secretaries of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-90. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam relative to the Tax Relief Proposal; ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLUTION 66

Whereas, Federal taxes are the highest they have ever been during peacetime; and

Whereas, all taxpayers should be allowed to keep more of their own money; and

Whereas, the best way to encourage economic growth is to cut marginal tax rates across all tax brackets; and

Whereas, under current tax law, low income workers often pay the highest marginal tax rates; and

Whereas, the American people have not received any real tax relief in a generation; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush's Tax Relief Plan will contribute to raising the standard of living for all Americans, including the people of Guam; and

Whereas, President Bush's Tax Relief Plan will increase access to the middle class for hard-working families, treat all middle class families more fairly, encourage entrepreneurship and growth, and promote charitable giving and education; and

Whereas, under President Bush's Tax Relief Plan, the largest percentage reductions will go to the lowest income earners; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That I Mina'Bente Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, urge our elected representatives in the United States Congress, including Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress, to support and pass the Tax Relief Plan introduced by President George W. Bush, which includes an across-the-board reduction in marginal rates, eliminates the "death tax" and reduces the marriage penalty; 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 of America; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, President, United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker, United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Maga'lahaen Guåhan (Governor of Guam).

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. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 994. A bill to amend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 to extend authorities under that Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 995. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 996. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 997. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research, monitoring, management, treatment, and outreach activities relating to sudden oak death syndrome and to establish a Sudden Oak Death Syndrome Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 998. A bill to expand the availability of oral health services by strengthening the dental workforce in designated underserved areas; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 999. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1000. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide incentive grants to improve the quality of child care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1001. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a floor on area wage adjustment factors used under the medicare prospective payment system for inpatient and outpatient hospital services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1003. A bill to ensure the safety of children placed in child care centers in Federal facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1004. A bill to provide for the construction and renovation of child care facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1005. A bill to provide assistance to mobilize and support United States communities in carrying out community-based youth development programs that assure that all youth have access to programs and services that build the competencies and character development needed to fully prepare the youth to become adults and effective citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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. STEVENS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. Con. Res. 47. A concurrent resolution recognizing the International Olympic Committee for its work to bring about understanding of individuals and different cultures, for its focus on protecting the civil rights of its participants, for its rules of intolerance against discriminatory acts, and for its goal of promoting world peace through sports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 121

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to establish an Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice to coordinate and implement Government actions involving unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor 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 Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) 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. 256

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers.

S. 258

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

S. 271

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of