

Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2355. A communication from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2357. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer/President of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the System of Internal Controls and the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2359. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2360. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2361. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2362. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2363. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2365. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2366. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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-94. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale, Florida relative to beach erosion control projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida relative to beach erosion control projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-96. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Unifies Voting Rights Act"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

POM-97. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Rapid Response"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-98. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Education 3000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

POM-99. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "Health America"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-100. A petition of proposed legislation presented by the Council on Administrative Rights entitled "American Equality"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-101. A resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Minnesota relative to special education costs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, in 1975 the Congress passed Public Law Number 94-142, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and provided a national framework for providing free, appropriate public education to all students regardless of the level or severity of disability; and

Whereas, Congress in its initial passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act declared its intent to fund 40 percent of special education costs; and

Whereas, the federal government's share of funding for special education costs in Minnesota has never exceeded 15 percent of total special education costs; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the states have been primarily responsible for providing funding for special education services; and

Whereas, special education services are being provided to all eligible children in the state of Minnesota; and

Whereas, many states, including Minnesota, must provide substantial state funding to fill the gaps left by Congress's unfunded promise; and

Whereas, the recent increases in federal funds for schools, including the increases in special education funding, have come with substantial mandates and limitations on the use of funds; and

Whereas, Congress is now currently debating the most effective ways to improve education among the states; and

Whereas, the federal government is now estimating a surplus of \$5,600,000,000 over the next ten years; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That Congress should speedily adhere to the goal set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and appropriate to the states significant, genuine assistance to meet the needs of students with disabilities and to relieve schools from the necessity of cross-subsidizing special education revenue with general education revenue. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

POM-102. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota relative to funding for the improvement and rehabilitation of waterways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, waterway transportation is the most efficient means of transporting bulk commodities, transports more tons per gallon of fuel than either rail or truck while causing fewer accidents, less noise pollution, and fewer fatalities and traffic delays, provides a positive quality of life to the citizens of Minnesota, and is the most environmentally sound mode of transportation available; and

Whereas, because of its geographic location, Minnesota is disadvantaged by the distance commodities must travel when transported between Minnesota and domestic and international markets; and

Whereas, farm products, petroleum, coal, aggregates, fertilizer, salt, iron ore, metal products, and other bulk commodities needed by agriculture, industry, and the public sector are essential components of commerce and vital to the continued health of our national, local, and state economies; and

Whereas, the inland waterway lock and dam system provides recreational and ecotourism opportunities to Minnesota, a reliable water source of 25 billion gallons per year for residential and industrial use in the Twin Cities area, and a cooling source for power plants which provide over 4,800 Minnesota jobs; and

Whereas, our transportation infrastructure enables agricultural products and other exported commodities to compete successfully in international markets and leads toward a favorable balance of trade for our national economy; and

Whereas, our waterway transportation infrastructure shares the public waters with the natural environment; and

Whereas, the natural environment provides public benefits such as recreation, tourism, domestic and industrial water supply, and scientific and educational opportunities which are also important elements to Minnesota's economy; and

Whereas, the Upper Mississippi River is a natural resource of statewide, regional, national, and international importance due to its status as one of the largest floodplain areas in the world, its importance as a migratory corridor for 40 percent of all North American Waterfowl and the sanctuary it provides to more than 200 species of threatened, endangered, or rare plants and animals; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Seaway serves Minnesota by moving its bulk products to domestic and foreign destinations, amounting to over 65 million tons annually, including 43 million tons of Minnesota iron ore to steel mills in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, although dredging and maintenance of the seaway system is financed by the users, financing of the new Sault Ste. Marie Lock (owned and operated by United States Army Corps of Engineers) will be shared by the federal government and the eight seaway states on a prorated tonnage basis, requiring an estimated \$18 million from the state to be paid over a 50-year period; and

Whereas, the inland waterway system moves 17 million tons of bulk commodities annually between Minnesota and the eastern seaboard and Gulf states, including approximately 10 million tons of agricultural products exported through gulf ports; and

Whereas, dredging and maintenance costs of the inland waterway are paid out of federal funds, and financing of capital improvements to the inland waterway system is 50 percent from federal funds and 50 percent from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, funded by a 20 cent per gallon fuel tax paid by waterway shippers; and

Whereas, the river industry has been taxed on fuel since 1980, and since the Inland Waterways Trust Fund was instituted in 1986, the Upper Mississippi River basin has contributed 40 percent of the funds and received only 15 percent return for capital improvements, making the Upper Midwest a tax donor region to the Ohio River valley and others; and

Whereas, the Port Development Assistance Program is the vehicle to rehabilitate Minnesota's public ports on the Mississippi River and Lake Superior; and

Whereas, this program updates and improves the operation and efficiency of the ports to keep them viable and competitive; and

Whereas, the 1996, 1998, and 2000 Minnesota legislatures appropriated funds for this program, and the 2001 legislature will be requested to appropriate an additional \$3 million to this program; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Minnesota Legislature, Supports Minnesota's pro rata participation in financing new construction at the Sault Ste. Marie Lock, Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature formally recognizes the Upper Mississippi River as a river of statewide significance for natural, navigational, and recreational benefits. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the critical habitat restoration and rehabilitation needs on the Upper Mississippi River. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the importance or inland waterway transportation to Minnesota agriculture and to the economy of the state, the region, and the nation and urges Congress to authorize funding to improve transportation efficiency and restore the ecological values of the Upper Mississippi River System. Be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature supports the continued funding of the Port Development Assistance Program in recognition of the essential and fundamental contribution the Great Lakes and inland waterway transportation systems make to Minnesota's economy and to sustainable environmental programs. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepared copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

POM-103. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota relative to the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, numerous railroad employees have served their country honorably and well in various branches of the armed forces for periods in excess of 20 years; and

Whereas, these military veterans receive military retirement pay as partial compensation for their long military service; and

Whereas, if these veterans work for non-military employers they can become eligible for state unemployment benefits in case of layoff and for workers' compensation in case of injury; and

Whereas, the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (United States Code, title 45, section 354(a-1)(ii)) prohibits payment of railroad unemployment benefits or railroad sickness benefits to otherwise eligible railroad employees who are receiving military retirement pay for 20 years or more of military service; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That it petitions the United States Congress to promptly amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to allow railroad employees collecting military retirement pay to also be eligible for railroad unemployment and sickness benefits if they otherwise meet the qualifications of these benefit programs. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

POM-104. A assembly resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey relative to enacting the "Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Legislation entitled the "Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001" has been introduced, respectfully, in the United States Senate as S. 386 and in the United States House of Representatives as H.R. 146; and

Whereas, The "Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001," if enacted into law, would authorize the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in the City of Paterson, in Passaic County, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; and

Whereas, Congressional findings proposed in the Senate legislation (S. 386) note that the Great Falls Historic District is an area of historical significance as an early site of planned industrial development, and it has remained largely intact through architecturally significant structures; that the district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a National Historic Landmark; that the district is situated within a one-half hour's drive from New York City and a two hour's drive from Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, and Wilmington; that the district was developed by the Society of Useful Manufacturers, an organization whose leaders included a number of historically renowned individuals, including Alexander Hamilton; and that the district has been the subject of a number of studies that have shown that it possesses a combination of historic significance and natural beauty worthy of a uniquely situated for preservation and redevelopment; and

Whereas, The Great Falls Historic District was established as a historic district under federal law pursuant to section 510 of the "Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996" (Pub. L. 104-333; 16 U.S.C. s. 461 note); and

Whereas, The citizens of New Jersey have long demonstrated a keen interest in and strong commitment to supporting the efforts of federal, State, local, and private entities to preserve and interpret the history and culture of the people that form this great Nation, especially as manifested in this great State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to enact into law as soon as possible the "Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001" (S. 386/H.R. 146).

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate, the majority and minority leaders of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the New Jersey Department of State, and the Chairman and the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust.

STATEMENT

This resolution would respectfully memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact into law as soon as possible the "Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001" (S. 386/H.R. 146).

The federal legislation, if enacted into law, would authorize the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in the City of Paterson, in Passaic County, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

As noted in the federal legislation (S. 386), the Great Falls Historic District is an area of historical significance as an early site of planned industrial development, and it has remained largely intact through architecturally significant structures. The district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a National Historic Landmark, and is situated within a one-half hour's drive from New York City and a two hour's drive from Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven, and Wilmington. The district was developed by the Society of Useful Manufacturers, an organization whose leaders included a number of historically renowned individuals, including Alexander Hamilton. The Great Falls Historic District has been the subject of a number of studies that have shown that it possesses a combination of historic significance and natural beauty worthy of and uniquely situated for preservation and redevelopment.

The Great Falls Historic District was established as a historic district under federal law pursuant to the "Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996."

POM-105. A assembly resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey relative to the repeal of the federal death tax; to the Committee on Finance.

RESOLUTION

An Assembly Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the repeal of the federal death tax.

Whereas, Women and minorities are very often owners of small and medium-sized businesses, and the federal estate tax, or the death tax, prevents their children from reaping the rewards of a lifetime of trying to make a better life; and

Whereas, Farmers often face losing their farms because the federal government heavily taxes the estates of people who invested

most of their earnings back into their farms and had only a small amount of liquid savings; and

Whereas, Employees suffer when they lose their jobs because many small and medium-sized businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes and because many high capital costs depress the number of new businesses that could offer them a job; and

Whereas, If the estate tax had been repealed in 1996, over the next nine years the United States economy would have averaged as much as \$11 billion per year in extra output, and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have been created; and

Whereas, Having during 2000 passed the United States House of Representatives by a vote of 279-36, and having passed the United States Senate by a vote of 59-39, elimination of the death tax has wide bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey

1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation, currently pending in Congress, which eliminates the federal estate tax into law.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

STATEMENT

This resolution memorializes Congress to enact the repeal of the federal estate tax or "death tax."

POM-106. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri relative to the St. Joseph community; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Agramarke Quality Grains, Inc., a Missouri cooperative association, will provide economic development for the St. Joseph area; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture emphasizes the importance of guiding agriculture toward value-added opportunities; and

Whereas, agricultural producers will own 100% of the facility, provide over 110 jobs in the area, and realize between three and five millions dollars per year in profits and premiums; and

Whereas, the facility purchase price is far below the price of new construction and will provide a new purpose for the Quaker Oats facility which has been in existence since 1926; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture provides many beneficial programs which will be crucial to the success of the projects; and

Whereas, without the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture programs, this young company may never develop; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a community population requirement of 50,000 for use of rural development economic incentive programs; and

Whereas, the city of St. Joseph remains not far above the threshold with a population of approximately 75,000; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Agriculture to grant a waiver for Agramarke Quality Grains, Inc., for development in St. Joseph, Missouri, to allow Agramarke to qualify for rural development economic incentive programs; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Secretary Ann M. Veneman of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Missouri 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. BIDEN:

S. 1013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance privacy protections for individuals, to prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1015. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to address safety concerns and to minimize delays for motorists at railroad grade crossings; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORZINE, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1016. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve the health benefits coverage of infants and children under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1017. A bill to provide the people of Cuba with access to food and medicines from the United States, to ease restrictions on travel to Cuba, to provide scholarships for certain Cuban nationals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1018. A bill to provide market loss assistance for apple producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1019. A bill to provide for monitoring of aircraft air quality, to require air carriers to produce certain mechanical and maintenance records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY,

Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1020. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REED, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1021. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1022. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1023. A bill to modify the land conveyance authority with respect to the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Cutler, Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CLELAND):

S. Res. 109. A resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December as "National Children's Memorial Day" and the last Friday in the month of April as "Children's Memorial Flag Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security