

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 100. An act to establish and expand programs relating to science, mathematics, engineering, and technology education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1858. An act to make improvements in mathematics and science education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2456. An act to provide that Federal employees may retain for personal use promotional items received as a result of travel taken in the course of employment; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2540. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvements to veterans benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2603. An act to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2620. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

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-3206. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty" (RIN2900-AK06) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3207. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Nonimmigrant Classes; Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program" (22 CFR Part 41) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3208. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on Retail Fees and Service of Depository Institutions for 1999;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3209. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1504(d)—Subsidiary Formed to Comply with Foreign Law" (Rev. Rul. 2001-39) received on July 27, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3210. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosures of Return Information to Officers and Employees of the Department of Agriculture for Certain Statistical Purposes and Related Activities" (RIN1545-AX69) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3211. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3212. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Certification Review of the Sufficiency of the Washington Convention Center Authority's Projected Revenues to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3213. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Oregon" (FRL7017-9A) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3214. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Corrections" (RIN2125-AE87) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3215. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers; GAGAS Amendments" (RIN0572-AB62) received on July 27, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3216. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers; Management Letter" (RIN0572-AB66) received on July 27, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3217. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isoxadifen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction" (FRL6794-3) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3218. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tepaloxymid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6781-7) received on July 30, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3219. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes; Modified by Supplemental Certificate SA1727GL" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0347)) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3220. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 736-600, -700, -700C, and -800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0345)) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3221. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-200, -200C, -300, and -400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0344)) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3222. A communication from the Trial Attorney for Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Train and Equipment; End-of-Train Devices" (RIN2130-AB49) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3223. A communication from the Senior Transportation Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel" (RIN2105-AC81) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3224. A communication from the Senior Transportation Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities (Over the Road Buses)" ((RIN2105-AC00)(2001-0001)) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3225. A communication from the Attorney of the Office of the General Counsel, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maintenance of and Access to Information About Individuals" (RIN2105-AC99) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3226. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes Pelagic Shelf Rockfish Fishery in the West Yakutat District, Gulf of Alaska" received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Restrictions and Seasonal Area Closure, and Sea Turtle and Sea Bird Mitigation Measures; Emergency Interim Rule" (RIN0648-AP24) received on July 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. A communication from the Assistant Chief, Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Implementation of Sections 255 and 251(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Enacted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Access to Telecommunications Service, Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment by Persons with Disabilities" (Doc. No. 96-198) received on July 27, 2001; 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-165. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to jurors' compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 104

Whereas, While jury service is a civic duty for many Americans, extended jury service can create significant financial hardship on jurors, and for many citizens the honor and privilege of serving on a jury becomes instead a burden that not only tends to limit participation in jury service but ultimately reduces the representativeness of juries in an increasingly diverse society; and

Whereas, Under current Texas law, jurors are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in an amount not less than \$6 nor more than \$50 for each day of jury service, with the actual amount being determined by the county commissioners court; the law also allows a presiding judge, under certain circumstances, to increase the daily reimbursement above the amount set by the commissioners court provided that reimbursement does not exceed the maximum allowable amount of \$50 per day, with the additional costs in these cases being shared equally by the parties involved; and

Whereas, Because jurors' compensation often falls at the lower end of this reimbursement schedule, jury duty participation may cause undue financial hardships on citizens who incur substantial traveling and other daily expenses when responding to a jury summons; and

Whereas, Furthermore, because Texas law does not require employers to pay employees for the time they take off work to perform jury service, the financial hardship falls most heavily on hourly wage earners who cannot afford the difference between the \$6 per day compensation and the amount of wages lost; and

Whereas, Consequently, minorities, young adults, and other lower-income individuals are significantly underrepresented on many Texas juries, which may potentially violate a constitutional requirement that juries represent a cross-section of the community; and

Whereas, While county commissioners courts may provide for juror compensation above the state minimum, courts in poorer communities may be hard pressed to do so, and even in those communities that do pay above the minimum, the higher compensation still does not offset the amount of wages a juror may forgo during an extended jury trial; additional incentives are needed to lessen or remove jurors' financial burdens and thus ensure greater public participation in jury service and safeguard constitutional guarantees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to pass legislation amending the Internal Revenue Code to give each person who serves on a jury under certain circumstances or in certain localities a \$40 tax credit per day of service and to give each person who is sum-

moned and appears, but does not serve, a one-time \$40 tax credit for that day; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-166. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to Canadian lumber, to the Committee on Finance.

House Concurrent Resolution 98

Whereas, Lumber is an important natural resource and a vital industry for both the United States and Texas; the U.S. and Texas timber industries' ability to compete in a global economy, however, is hampered by the continuing influx of Canadian lumber, which is heavily subsidized by the provincial governments; and

Whereas, Canadian softwood lumber producers obtain most of their timber supply from government-owned forests, and the provinces subsidize lumber production by selling timber to Canadian lumber companies at noncompetitive prices for a fraction of the timber's market value; and

Whereas, Artificially low provincial timber prices, minimum harvesting restrictions, and other practices that encourage overharvesting and overproduction have helped Canadian imports gain a 36 percent share of the U.S. softwood lumber market; and

Whereas, Highly subsidized Canadian lumber imports unfairly compete with U.S. lumber companies, jeopardizing thousands of jobs and driving down the market value of U.S. forestlands; and

Whereas, U.S. industry and labor groups, U.S. and Canadian environmental organizations, and Native American groups have called for an end to these subsidies in order to establish fair trade practices; and

Whereas, The United States must fully enforce trade laws to offset the subsidies and mitigate injury to the U.S. softwood lumber industry if the Canadian subsidies are not discontinued; and

Whereas, The only protection for U.S. timber growers against these unfair market conditions is the current United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement, which is scheduled to expire on the last day of March 2001; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to:

(1) make the problem of subsidized Canadian lumber imports a top trade priority to be addressed immediately;

(2) take every possible action to end Canadian lumber subsidy practices through open and competitive sales of timber and logs in Canada for fair market value or, if Canada will not agree to end the subsidies immediately, provide that the subsidies be offset in the United States;

(3) encourage open and competitive timber sales at fair market prices; and

(4) if Canada does not agree to end subsidies for lumber:

(A) enforce vigorously, promptly, and fully the trade laws with regard to subsidized and dumped imports;

(B) explore all options to stop unfairly traded imports; and

(C) limit injury to the U.S. lumber industry; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to

the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-167. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to enacting the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 210

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 20 members from the Texas delegation to the congress; and

Whereas, Even though more than 80 United States senators signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000, the bill never came up for a vote in the full senate; and

Whereas, An identical bill addressing railroad retirement reform is now before the 107th Congress to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including more than 38,000 in Texas; and

Whereas, The act provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; it also provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

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

Whereas, No outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation as all costs relating to the reforms will come from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-168. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to the development of an agreement or treaty with Mexico to address health issues; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

Whereas, Border health conditions not only pose an immediate risk to those who live along either side of the United States-Mexico border, but also are a health concern for all of the United States, and unaddressed health concerns in this region will only continue to worsen as the border population and its mobility increase, thereby escalating the risks to other areas of exposure and transmission of disease; and

Whereas, While the State of Texas has attempted to address many of the health issues facing the border population in Texas, binational cooperation at the federal level is essential to addressing these health concerns; and