

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Charleston Harbor, Cooper River, South Carolina (COTP Charleston 02-003)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0043)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5692. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Marker 507.3 to 506.3, Left Descending Bank, Cordova, Illinois (COTP St. Louis 02-003)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0042)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5693. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County, MD" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0041)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5694. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: San Diego, CA (COTP San Diego 01-020)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0032)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5695. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA and Oakland, CA (COTP San Francisco Bay 01-011)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0033)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5696. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Port of San Diego, CA (COTP San Diego 01-022)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0035)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5697. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Port of Port Everglades, For Lauderdale, FL: Port of Miami, Miami, Florida (COTP Miami 01-116)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0034)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5698. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Port of Tampa, Tampa, Florida (COTP Tampa 01-117)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0040)) received on March 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. LUGAR:

S. 2005. A bill to authorize the negotiation of free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; 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. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the week of March 10 through March 16, 2002, as "National Girl Scout Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 121

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors 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. 500

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to require the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill the sufficient universal service support requirements for high cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 946

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 992

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision taxing policy holder dividends of mutual life insurance companies and to repeal the policyholders surplus account provisions.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1644

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1818

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1818, a bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 218

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a co-sponsor of S. Res. 218, a resolution designating the week beginning March 17, 2002, as "National Safe Place Week".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2005. A bill to authorize the negotiation of free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Philippine Free Trade Act of 2002.

My bill provides President Bush with the authority to engage the Republic of the Philippines in negotiations on a free-trade agreement, and if an accord is forthcoming, to have it considered by Congress under "fast-track" conditions.

The political and economic histories of the United States and the Philippines have long been intertwined. Immediately following the end of World War II, with the help and protection of the United States, the Philippine economy soared. In the mid-1980's when the circumstances surrounding the Marcos regime threatened to destabilize the country and subvert democracy in his election campaign against Corazon Aquino, the United States once again provided strong support. I was a member of a delegation of American election observers who voiced strong concerns over the conduct of the election and provided support for the rightful winner, Mrs. Aquino. Ultimately she was awarded the presidency and her administration brought greater civil liberties and freedom to the Philippine people and an even stronger relationship with the United States.

A free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines would hold special economic significance for the United States. United States exports to the Philippines totaled more than \$22.7 billion in the year 2000. The Philippines ranks as the 19th largest export market for American goods. The United States is the largest foreign investor in the Philippines with some \$3 billion in investments and 24 percent of the foreign direct investment stock as of the end of the year 2000. Both nations would benefit greatly from the elimination of tariffs and increased economic transparency that would come with a free-trade agreement.

The Philippine economy has enjoyed a mixed history of growth and development since the end of World War II. Growth immediately after the war was rapid, but slowed over time. The Philippines went from being one of the wealthiest nations in Asia to one of the poorest. Broad economic reforms designed to spur business growth and foreign investment met with success through most of the early and mid-1990s. Under the leadership of President Ramos the Philippines secured ratifica-

tion of the Uruguay Round agreement and membership in the World Trade Organization.

The Philippines was not as severely affected by the Asian financial crisis as most of its neighbors but it continues to face economic challenges. Exports continue to grow but at slower rates. Despite continued slow growth, long-term prospects remain promising. The pace of economic reform is expected to accelerate under President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's leadership. Specifically, it is hoped that progress in electronic commerce, banking reform, and securities regulation will improve the investment and business climate.

President Arroyo was the first foreign head of state to pledge her country's strong support for the United States in the aftermath of September 11. The Philippines, she said, is prepared to "go every step of the way" with the United States. The U.S. was provided with the use of Filipino ports and airfields to support military operations in Afghanistan. President Arroyo defined Philippine national interests by linking the struggle against international terrorism with the struggle against the Abu Sayyaf within the Philippines.

The Philippines has proven to be a strong and steadfast ally in the war on terrorism. I am pleased that American and Filipino troops are working side by side to eliminate the threat posed by terrorists linked to al Qaeda.

I believe a free-trade agreement with the Philippines would make significant contributions to the economies of both countries and strengthen our diplomatic and security relationships. It will ensure the continuance of open dialogue, peace of mind, and security between our two nations.

It is my hope that the United States and the Philippines will soon begin the process of constructing a free-trade agreement. There is much work to do and success will not come easily or quickly. But I believe increased free trade is the next step in this close and vitally important relationship.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 225—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 10 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2002, AS "NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT WEEK"

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 225

Whereas March 12, 2002, is the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Whereas on March 16, 1950, the Girl Scouts became the first national organization for girls to be granted a Federal charter by Congress;

Whereas through annual reports required to be submitted to Congress by its charter, the Girl Scouts regularly informs Congress of its progress and program initiatives;

Whereas the Girl Scouts is dedicated to inspiring girls and young women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and service to others so that they may become model citizens in their communities;

Whereas the Girl Scouts offers girls aged 5 through 17 years a variety of opportunities to develop strong values and life skills and provides a wide range of activities to meet girls' interests and needs;

Whereas the Girl Scouts has a membership of nearly 3,000,000 girls and over 900,000 adult volunteers, and is one of the preeminent organizations in the United States committed to assisting girls to grow strong in mind, body, and spirit; and

Whereas by fostering in girls and young women the qualities on which the strength of the United States depends, the Girl Scouts, for 90 years, has significantly contributed to the advancement of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of March 10 through March 16, 2002, as "National Girl Scout Week"; and

(2) requests that the President—

(A) issue a proclamation designating the week of March 10 through March 16, 2002, as "National Girl Scout Week"; and

(B) calls on the people of the United States to observe the 90th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2993. Mr. DORGAN proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

SA 2994. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2993. Mr. DORGAN proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 1501(a)(1), strike "nuclear power industry" and insert "the electric power generation industry (including the nuclear power industry)".

At the end of title XV, add the following new section:

"SEC. 1506. NATIONAL POWER PLANT OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION CENTER.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center (the "Center"), to address the need for training and