

Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of July 29, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 6, 2003, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1018. An act to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building".

H.R. 1412. An act to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency.

H.R. 1761. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building".

H.R. 2195. An act to provide for additional space and resources for national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2465. An act to extend for six months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

H.R. 2738. An act to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2739. An act to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 2854. An act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2859. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

S. 1015. An act to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1435. An act to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 2799. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and the State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2861. 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, 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 1434. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1490. A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco-dependent communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1504. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 7, 2003, she has presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1015. An act to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

The Secretary of the Senate also reported that on September 2, 2003, she has presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1435. An act to provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.

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-255. A resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Southampton of the State of New York relative to the Nuclear Security Act of 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

RESOLUTION 869

Whereas, the Town of Southampton is approximately 24 miles from the Millstone II nuclear power facility in Connecticut; and

Whereas, an accident or terrorist act upon the Millstone nuclear facility resulting in the release of radioactive materials into the air could have grave consequences on our Town; and

Whereas, federal legislation has been proposed in the Senate entitled the Nuclear Security Act of 2001—Federal Protection of Nuclear Reactors (S. 1746), introduced by Senator Harry Reid and co-sponsored by Senator Hillary Clinton to address situations like the one we are now facing; and

Whereas, a companion bill H.R. 3382 has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Ed Markey; and

Whereas, both these bills contain provisions that include: the federalization of nuclear power plant security forces; the revision of design criteria for nuclear reactors to include threats equivalent to the events of September 11, 2001, or the use of explosive devices or other modern weaponry; the development of a security plan to prevent disruption of operations or radioactive releases to protect spent fuel pools, to place spent fuel in dry cask storage, and to require background security checks; bi-annual force-on-force exercises to assure that the plant can protect itself from an assault or infiltration from terrorists; distribution of potassium iodide stockpiles in a 50 mile radius of a nuclear power plant with plans for distribution in the event of an accident; emergency planning exercises within a 50 mile zone around a nuclear power plant once every three years and public reporting on the results of the planning exercises; a surcharge on nuclear power generation of up to 1 mil per kilowatt hour plus federal appropriations to fund the security forces and security plans; authorization to deploy the National Guard, Coast Guard, and to restrict air space around reactors in the event of war or national emergency, to be funded through federal appropriations; and now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Town Board of the Town of Southampton supports the passage of the Nuclear Security Act of 2001 and House Bill H.R. 3382; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: Hon. Richard Cheney, Vice President, and President of the Senate, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C. 20500; and Hon. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, 2369 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515.

POM-256. A resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of New York relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

Whereas, the Convention establishes a worldwide commitment to combat discrimination and violence against women and girls around the world; and

Whereas, as of May of 2001, 168 nations, including all members of the United Nations in the industrialized world except the United States, have ratified or acceded to the Convention provisions, leaving the United States among a small minority of countries, including Afghanistan, North Korea, Iran and Sudan, which have not; and

Whereas, the spirit of the Convention is rooted in the basic principles of the United States, to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women; and

Whereas, because more than ever, in recent months, the United States has taken a leading role in the promotion of democracy and freedom around the world, it is essential to set such an example here at home; and

Whereas, the Convention is critical to the restoration of human rights for women in Afghanistan, as it has been for protecting rights of women in countries as diverse as Uganda, Colombia, Brazil and South Africa, including citizenship rights for women in Botswana and Japan, inheritance rights in Tanzania, and property rights in Costa Rica; and

Whereas, the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for eliminating the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex against half the world's population; and

Whereas, although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal, educational and other fields in this century, there is much yet to be accomplished, and through its support, leadership and prestige, the United States can help create a world where women are no longer discriminated against and may achieve one of the most fundamental human rights, equality; and

Whereas, the United States has long been a world leader in the promotion of women's rights, and its ratification of the Convention will confirm to its citizens and to citizens of the world that this country unequivocally supports the participation of women in politics, economics and society, at home and throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to strongly urge President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Colin L. Powell to place this treaty, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, in the highest category of priority, in order to accelerate the treaty's passage through the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the full United States Senate, with the goal of the United States Ratification; and be it further

Resolved, That this Legislative Body exhort the United States Foreign Relations Committee to pass this treaty favorably out of Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That this Legislative Body strongly urges the Senate of the United States to ratify the United Nations Convention's continuing goals; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, President of the Senate Richard B. Cheney, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and all members of the New York State Congressional Delegation.

POM-257. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to Homeland Security costs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001 resulted in a horrific loss of thousands of lives as hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon, into a field in the countryside of Pennsylvania and into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, resulting in their total collapse; and

Whereas, these planned assaults on our nation were perpetrated by terrorists who sought to harm us, our freedoms and our way of life, but ironically the events of September 11, 2001 have resulted in a national unity not seen since World War II; and

Whereas, funded by deep pockets overseas, the terrorists were able to take advantage of us by infiltrating and accessing our airports, towns and cities to plan their attacks and have shown us clearly that there are enemies of our way of life both at home and abroad; and

Whereas, to protect our citizenry, our infrastructure, our cities and our highways and to keep our free society, we need to change certain security measures in many parts of our nation on a day-to-day basis; and

Whereas, new guidelines of security all across the country are being planned, such as increased security personnel and equipment, increased public safety response,

heightened surveillance and intelligence gathering, improved medical preparedness, shelter improvements and improved emergency medical staff; and

Whereas, the costs for hour homeland security have already begun to take their toll on states' budgets across the nation with added marine security costs, higher expenses in human services and bureaus of health and increased transportation and public utility costs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge that the Federal Government be responsible for these increased costs that the states are bearing; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the President of the United States Senate and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of July 29, 2003, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 26, 2003:

By Ms. SNOWE, from the committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 1375. A bill to provide for the reauthorization of programs administered by the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-124).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 247. A bill to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-125).

S. 1152. A bill to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-126).

S. 1234. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-127).

S. 1261. A bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-128).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 1389. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Surface Transportation Board for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-129).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1250. A bill to improve, enhance, and promote the Nation's homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 services, to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving E-911 calls, and to support the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system and other purposes (Rept. No. 108-130).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 391. A bill to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-131).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 434. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes (Rept. No. 108-132).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 435. A bill to provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-133).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 452. A bill to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-134).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 714. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-135).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1003. A bill to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River (Rept. No. 108-136).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

H.R. 622. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-137).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1012. A bill to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-138).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 107th Congress By the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 108-139).

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. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. REED):

S. 1571. A bill to increase the Federal Housing Administration mortgage commitment level to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the National Housing Act; considered and passed.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. GRAHAM of Florida):

S. 1572. A bill to authorize the expansion of the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living for veterans to include three additional health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 1573. A bill to redesignate the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge in the State