

REPORT RELATIVE TO WAIVING THE SUSPENSIONS UNDER SECTION 920(A) OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATIONS ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1990 AND 1991, WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR QSR 11 SENSORS—PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the authority vested in me by section 902(b)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-246) (the "Act"), and as President of the United States, I hereby report to the Congress that it is in the national interest of the United States to waive the suspensions under section 902(a) of the Act with respect to the issuance of licenses for QSR-11 sensors that serve as components of an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) used in commercial aircraft and spare IMU for such aircraft. License requirements remain in place for these exports.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 20, 2003.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4307. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxysulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7325-1) received on September 9, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4308. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a vacancy for the position of Treasurer of the United States, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4309. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant General Counsel/Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4310. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4311. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary (Management), received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4312. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4313. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs, Department of the Treasury, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4314. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements" (RIN1545-BA44) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4315. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the pending accession to the World Trade Organization of the Kingdom of Nepal; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4316. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improving and Eliminating Regulations, Phase 5, Miscellaneous Technology Improvements (Methane Testing)" (RIN1219-AA98) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4317. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the interim report on Human Papillomavirus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4318. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4319. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2002 Activities Under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4320. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over-the-Counter Medications" (RIN1120-AA81) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4321. A communication from the Program Manager, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Safe Explosives Act, Title XI, Subtitle C of Public Law 107-296—Delivery of Explosive Materials by Common or Contract Carrier" (RIN1140-AA20) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4322. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of the Alexander Valley and Dry Creek Valley Viticultural Areas" (RIN1512-AA07) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4323. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organic Claims in Labeling and Advertising of Alcohol Beverages" (RIN1512-AC87) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4324. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the Report of the Attorney General on the Administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the six months ending December 31, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4325. A communication from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that the Commission voted to recharter the Connecticut State Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4326. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to care for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4327. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Dates of Benefits for Disability Caused By Herbicide Exposure: Disposition of Unpaid Benefits After Death of Beneficiary" (RIN2900-AL37) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 281. A bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-150).

S. 618. A bill to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, 326-K, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-151).

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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1638. A bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase teacher familiarity with the educational needs of gifted and talented students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1639. A bill to amend the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act to extend certain protections to franchised refiners or distributors of lubricating oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1640. A bill to provide an extension of highway programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Con. Res. 70. A concurrent resolution supporting National Funeral Service Education Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 973, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain restaurant buildings.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress honoring Wilma G. Ru-

dolph, in recognition of her enduring contributions to humanity and women's athletics in the United States and the world.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt certain members of the Armed Forces from the requirement to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized.

S. 1637

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 222

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 222, a resolution designating October 17, 2003 as "National Mammography Day."

AMENDMENT NO. 1544

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1544 proposed to H.R. 2660, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1731

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1731 proposed to H.R. 2691, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1737

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1737 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2691, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1638. A bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase teacher familiarity with the educational needs of gifted and talented students, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to help prepare new teachers to recognize and meet the needs of gifted and talented students. As many of my colleagues are aware, I have been working for some time to advance a comprehensive approach aimed at improving access to gifted and talented educational services in every State. My proposal has been introduced in this Congress as S. 501. While I will continue to work to enact this needed legislation, the bill I am introducing today addresses the different but related need to raise awareness among all teachers about the unique educational needs of gifted and talented students.

Unfortunately, many misconceptions persist about the needs of gifted children in both the educational community and in public policy circles. There is often a tendency to think of gifted kids as those kids who will succeed with or without help. This is simply not the case and reflects a misunderstanding of giftedness. What makes a child gifted and talented is not how well the child does in school, but how he or she learns. A student may get straight A's and not be a gifted learner, while a gifted and talented student might do poorly on his or her schoolwork. Gifted and talented children actually have a different way of looking at the world. They tend to have distinct approaches to learning and interacting socially, and they frequently learn at a different pace, and to different depths, than others their age. The bottom line is that gifted and talented children have unique learning needs that need to be met in order for them to succeed in school.

Earlier this year, when I re-introduced my bill to expand the availability of gifted education services, I told the Senate about a third grade student from Iowa City names Jose. I would like to remind the Senate about Jose's experience because I think it illustrates some important points about gifted students and their needs. Jose wasn't completing his assignments and his grades were suffering. He had trouble paying attention and would act up in class. He got along with his classmates, but didn't have much social interaction with others. Jose's teacher tried to get him to pay attention and do his work like the other kids, but was left frustrated. Still, Jose's parents recognized in him a real hunger for learning and had his IQ tested over the summer. It turns out that, while Jose's teacher saw him as a problem student, the problems she noticed were really symptoms of a gifted student who was bored because he was not being properly challenged. Jose now leaves his regular classroom a couple of times a week for what Iowa City schools call the "extended learning program." As a result of the added stimulation he now receives, Jose enjoys school more, has made friends