

entitled "Official Seals" received on December 4, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-244. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report to Congress of the Inspector General and the Postal Service management response to the report for the period ending September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-245. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Unvouchered Expenditures Report" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-246. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) for the Fiscal Year 2002, received on December 4, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-247. A communication from the Administrator, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Inspector General's Semiannual Report to the Congress (SARC) for the period ending September 30, 2002" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-248. A communication from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The National Labor Relations Board Office of Inspector General has prepared its inventory of inherently governmental and commercial activities" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-249. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Maritime Commission's Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 2002-September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-250. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 2002, through September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-251. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5 C for Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, through June 30, 2002" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-252. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Making Continuing Appropriations" received on November 25, 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-253. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the appropriations report containing OMB cost estimates for P.L. 107-248, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003; P.L. 107-249, the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2003; and detail on estimating differences with CBO; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-254. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Stand-

ards; Adoption of Size Standards by 2002 North American Industry Classifications System for Size Standards" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-255. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-256. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Loans" received on November 25, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-257. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Comprehensive Status of Exxon and Stripper Well Oil Overcharge Funds, Forty-Sixth Report Covering January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-258. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" received on December 2, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-259. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi Regulatory Program" received on December 2, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-260. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iowa Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" received on December 2, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-261. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System Snowmobile use at Yellowstone and Grand Teton N.D." received on November 19, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-262. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to test programs regarding the transportation of household goods for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-263. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to activities of the Medical Informatics Advisory Committee and the coordination of development and maintenance of health care informatics systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-264. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Military Sales Customer Involvement" received on December 12, 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-265. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower and Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the conversion of certain functions performed by Department of Defense civilian employees to the private sector; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-266. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to implementing the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits Program (TPBP); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-267. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-268. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-269. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States and the Government of Tajikistan's claimed costs for such military support; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-270. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-1. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, State of New York, relative to the Younger Americans Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

RESOLUTION No. 650

Whereas, the United States Congress has introduced the Younger Americans Act (H.R. 17 and S. 1005); and

Whereas, the proposed legislation will provide assistance to mobilize and support communities throughout the nation in carrying out community-based youth development programs that ensure that all youth have access to various programs and services that build the competencies and character development needed to fully prepare them to become adults and effective citizens; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation works to ensure that all communities are able to provide programs that fulfill five core needs that all young people between the ages of ten and nineteen have, namely, ongoing relationships with caring adults, safe places with structured activities, access to services that promote healthy life styles, opportunities to acquire marketable skills and competencies, and opportunities for community service and civic participation; and

Whereas, the Younger Americans Act creates a comprehensive national youth policy, provides 5.75 billion dollars over the course of five years to support existing and future youth development programs, and gives our nation's youth a voice in decision-making; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation establishes in the Executive Office of the President of the United States the Office of National Youth Policy, a Director of that office, and the Council on National Youth Policy within the office; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation does not specify specific programs to be funded, rather, it allows communities to make these decisions and to make various programs and services available to all youth, including,

community youth centers, workforce preparation programs, youth-led programs, community service programs, mentoring programs, cultural programs and sports programs; and

Whereas, while the Younger Americans Act focuses on all young people, it includes a special focus on youth who have greater needs and who reside in rural communities, high areas of poverty or out-of-home facilities, as well as youth who are subjected to abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, it is the local communities, not the federal government, who are in control of the funds designated pursuant to this act; and

Whereas, the Rockland County Legislature firmly believes that passage of the Younger Americans Act (H.R. 17 and S. 1005) is necessary in order to assist America's youth and to help guide them down the road to adulthood; and

Whereas, the Multi-Services Committee has met, considered and by a unanimous vote approved this resolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby requests the United States Congress to enact the Younger Americans Act (H.R. 17 and S. 1005); and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Hon. George W. Bush, President of the United States; Hon. Charles Schumer and Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Senators; Hon. Benjamin Gilman, Hon. Eliot Engel, Hon. Nita Lowey and Hon. Sue Kelly; Members of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem 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 House of Representatives; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

POM-2. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, State of New York, relative to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 651

Whereas, on November 20, 1989, the governments represented at the United Nations General Assembly agreed to adopt the Convention on the Rights of the Child into international law; and

Whereas, the Convention on the Rights of the Child is an international treaty that recognizes the human rights of children and establishes in international law that nations throughout the world must take steps to ensure that all children have access to services such as education and health care and can grow up in a caring, loving and nurturing environment; and

Whereas, the Convention on the Rights of the Child sets forth the rights to which every child is entitled, irrespective of gender, religion or social origin; and

Whereas, the Convention on the Rights of the Child highlights the critical role that the family plays in the development and growth of our youth; and

Whereas, the Convention on the Rights of the Child attempts to reinforce the idea that children have a right to express their views and to have their opinions given the importance that they deserve; and

Whereas, the Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely accepted and rapidly accepted human rights treaty in history; and

Whereas, to date, one-hundred and ninety-one nations have ratified the Convention on

the Rights of the Child, while only two nations, the United States and Somalia, have not yet ratified the Convention; and

Whereas, the Rockland County Legislature is a strong advocate for the rights of all children and commends the nations throughout the world that have decided to abide by the principles set forth in this important treaty; and

Whereas, the Multi-Services Committee has met, considered and by a vote of three ayes to one nay approved this resolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Rockland County Legislature hereby requests the United States Congress to support ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk to the Legislature be and is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hon. George W. Bush, President of the United States; Hon. Charles Schumer and Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States Senators; Hon. Benjamin Gilman, Hon. Eliot Engel, Hon. Nita Lowey and Hon. Sue Kelly, Members of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem 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 House of Representatives; Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

POM-3. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Senate relative to allocation of additional resources to address resident Canada goose population in New Jersey; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, Canada geese are migratory game birds afforded protection by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Agriculture currently provides assistance to the State's agricultural community and municipalities in identifying non-lethal, or harassment, techniques available to manage the Canada goose population; and

Whereas, The Canada goose population residing year-round in New Jersey has grown significantly over the past two decades; and

Whereas, This large Canada goose population causes a significant amount of damage to agricultural crops every year, contributes to nonpoint pollution, and generally causes significant lawn maintenance, sanitation, and nuisance problems for public parks, playgrounds, golf courses, schoolyards, and corporate parks; and

Whereas, Given the economic damage, pollution, health and aesthetic concerns and problems attributable to the resident Canada goose population, the federal government should direct more resources to this State to assist in controlling this population: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges the United States Department of Agriculture to allocate additional resources to address problems associated with the resident Canada goose population in New Jersey. The House urges the United States Department of Agriculture to dedicate an additional wildlife biologist to the department's New Jersey office to assist the State's agricultural community and municipalities in identifying non-lethal harassment techniques and to facilitate applications to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for additional management options

when the harassment techniques are unsuccessful.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate attested by the Secretary 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, each member of Congress elected from this State, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Secretary of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

POM-4. A communication from the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania relative to Human Rights violations in Nigeria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 297

Whereas, In March 2002, a Sharia court in the state of Katsina in northern Nigeria sentenced 30-year-old Amina Lawal to death for having engaged in sexual intercourse outside marriage; and

Whereas, The government used Amina Lawal's pregnancy as evidence of her having committed adultery; and

Whereas, On August 19, 2002, the judgment of the lower court that sentenced Amina Lawal to death by stoning was upheld on appeal; and

Whereas, Over the past year, some northern Nigerian states have increasingly applied Sharia law to criminal cases, principal among them sexual intercourse outside marriage by women; and

Whereas, As a consequence, Nigerian Sharia courts have ordered public flogging, long-term imprisonment and death by stoning for cases involving sexual intercourse outside marriage; and

Whereas, The Nigerian constitution guarantees the right to life and to freedom from torture and cruel and inhuman and degrading punishments and the right to fair trial; and

Whereas, Nigeria is also a state party to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); and

Whereas, The ICCPR protects the right to life, and, in countries which have not abolished the death penalty, assures that sentences of death may be imposed only for the most serious crimes; and

POM-5. A joint resolution adopted by the Alaska State Legislature Relative to federal land grants; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

Whereas vast tracts of lands managed by federal agencies of the United States have been withdrawn from public entry; and

Whereas, in many instances, the original purpose for the withdrawal has been accomplished or lapsed; and

Whereas, in the State of Alaska, many of these withdrawn lands have been selected by the state under the Alaska Statehood Act for transfer to become state-owned lands; and

Whereas the withdrawn lands in the state have been selected because of their value for recreation, mineral resources, and access corridors; and

Whereas the withdrawn lands cannot be transferred to the State of Alaska until and unless the federal withdrawals are removed; and

Whereas the land managing agencies of the United States are neither empowered nor

motivated to terminate these so-called "temporary" withdrawals; and

POM-6. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Senate relative to construction of a memorial at Gateway National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

Whereas, On September 11, 2001, terrorists injured or killed thousands of innocent victims in the United States by hijacking and crashing four commercial airliners; and

Whereas, Two of the commercial airliners were crashed into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, one commercial airliner was crashed into the Pentagon while another crashed in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, A significant percentage of the victims in these attacks were residents of the State of New Jersey, and the toll on the State of New Jersey and its residents has been severe; and

Whereas, Legislation currently pending in the United States House of Representatives as House Resolution Number 4726 would allow a permanent memorial to the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States to be constructed on Sandy Hook in the Gateway National Recreation Area; and

Whereas, The Sandy Hook peninsula is included in the Gateway National Recreation Area administered by the National Park Service within the United States Department of the Interior; and

Whereas, The State of New Jersey recognizes the need to remember and honor the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges the Congress of the United States to support legislation currently pending in the United States House of Representatives as House Resolution Number 4726, which would allow a permanent memorial to the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States to be constructed on Sandy Hook in the Gateway National Recreation Area.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice-President of the United States, 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, each member of the United States Congress elected from this State, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and the Director of the National Park Service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Special Report entitled "Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 107th Congress." (Rept. No. 108-1).

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 Ms. COLLINS:

S. 106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and modify the

exclusion relating to qualified small business stock, to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain restaurant buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 107. A bill to prohibit the exportation of natural gas from the United States to Mexico for use in electric energy generation units near the United States border that do not comply with air quality control requirements that provide air quality protection that is at least equivalent to the protection provided by requirements applicable in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 108. A bill to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 109. A bill to convert the temporary judgeship for the district of Nebraska to a permanent judgeship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina:

S. 110. A bill to increase the amount of student loan forgiveness and loan cancellation available to qualified teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 111. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 112. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a value added tax and to use the receipts from the tax to fund America's war effort; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 113. A bill to exclude United States persons from the definition of "foreign power" under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 114. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the 20 percent inpatient limitation under the medicare program on the proportion of hospice care that certain rural hospice programs may provide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 115. A bill for the relief of Richi James Lesley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 116. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 117. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 118. A bill to develop and coordinate a national emergency warning system; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 119. A bill to provide special minimum funding requirements for certain pension plans maintained pursuant to collective bargaining agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 120. A bill to eliminate the marriage tax penalty permanently in 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 121. A bill to enhance the operation of the AMBER Alert communications network in order to facilitate the recovery of abducted children, to provide for enhanced notification on highways of alerts and information on such children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BOND, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MILLER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 122. A bill to extend the national flood insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 123. A bill to exclude United States persons from the definition of "foreign power" under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 124. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to suspend the requirement that rental payments under the conservation reserve program be reduced by reason of harvesting or grazing conducted in response to a drought or other emergency; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 125. A bill to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 126. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend future reductions of the highest income tax rate if there exists a Federal on-budget deficit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 127. A bill to allow a custodial parent a bad debt deduction for unpaid child support payments, and to require a parent who is chronically delinquent in child support to include the amount of the unpaid obligation in gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 128. A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.