

(FRL 7292-8)" received on February 24, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1445. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flopet; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL 7296-2)" received on February 24, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-57. A resolution developed by the New England Coalition of State Councils on Aging relative to health care costs affecting senior citizens; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

POM-58. A resolution developed by the New England Coalition of State Councils on Aging relative to health care facilities available to senior citizens; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

POM-59. A resolution adopted by the Washington Parish School Board, Franklinton, State of Louisiana relative to Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-60. A resolution adopted by the Town Council of Mansfield, State of Connecticut relative to civil liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii relative to disarming the rogue states of Iraq and North Korea through the United Nations and with support of Allies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, the people of Hawaii have always been taught and attempted to live the spirit of Aloha showing kindness, love, and generosity towards their fellow man, but have always risen to the occasion of defending their country when it has been threatened by outside forces; and

Whereas, the rogue states of North Korea led by Kim Jong Il and Iraq led by Saddam Hussein, and terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda and Islamic Jihad have made the world a very dangerous place to live; and

Whereas, in 1991, the United States provided the leadership and the means to maintain peace, security, and stability for the world by stopping and ousting the Iraqi invasion of the sovereign state of Kuwait; and

Whereas, the Hawaii Legislature strongly supported Operation Desert Storm that ousted the Iraqi invaders from Kuwait in House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, dated January 18, 1991, and the Hawaii House of Representatives reaffirmed its support of the United States' policy for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East in House Resolution No. 106, dated March 12, 1991; and

Whereas, in 1994, the United States defused the North Korean threat of nuclear development in an agreement brought about by the mediation of former President Jimmy Carter; and

Whereas, the city of New York stood tall in withstanding the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the people of the United States rallied behind President George W. Bush's fight against Al Qaeda, which led to the destruction of its network in Afghanistan and its liberation from religious fanaticism; and

Whereas, the defeat of the Iraqi aggression in 1991 and the Al Qaeda network in 2001-2002 owes much of its success to the leadership of the United States in marshalling the support

of many nations, including Russia and China, and worldwide public opinion, especially the people of Afghanistan who welcomed their delivery from the Taliban; and

Whereas, the United States is also approaching the current North Korean crisis with the same positive, multilateral approach with the support of neighboring countries and allies, South Korea and Japan, and the cooperation of China and Russia; and

Whereas, the United States has secured the approval of the United Nations in the current intensive arms inspection operation in Iraq and is seeking the support of NATO allies and major powers in disarming and neutralizing Iraq; and

Whereas, neither the nations of the world nor public opinion is supporting the United States in seeking a unilateral military solution in Iraq because they do not perceive the provocation or threat that existed in 1991 when Iraq invaded and occupied Kuwait; and

Whereas, a unilateral military solution, specifically, a preemptive strike against Iraq, is fraught with many dangers such as a possible igniting of a clash between Muslim and Christian nations; a disruption of oil supply and prices, which have unknown consequences to the world economy, including the economy of the United States; and intensification of the Arab-Israeli conflict; a possible incitement to other nations to settle scores unilaterally; and a rekindling of the national divisiveness prevalent during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Hawaii suffered economically in the aftermath of Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and the downturn in tourism following the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and will likely suffer similar economic consequences in a new Iraqi War or a conflict on the Korean Peninsula: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2003, that this body expresses its strong support for U.S. policy in containing and disarming the rogue states of Iraq and North Korea through the United Nations and with the support of allies and friends; and be it further

Resolved, That this body:

(1) Reaffirms House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, dated January 18, 1991, and House Resolution No. 106, dated March 12, 1991, supporting the men and women in our armed forces fighting in Operation Desert Storm and praising its success in ousting the Iraqi invaders from Kuwait;

(2) Restates unequivocally its strong commitment to collective security through the United Nations, as so nobly expressed by the men and women in Operation Desert Storm from the United States and twenty-seven coalition partners;

(3) Strongly supports the President's positive policy in seeking a dialogue, in concert with our allies, South Korea and Japan, and with neighboring China and Russia, to have North Korea give up its nuclear program and to institute appropriate international safeguards, including on-site United Nations inspection and a United States pledge of "no first strike";

(4) Strongly supports the President's policy of containing and disarming Iraq as a threat to world peace and security, particularly the current United Nations arms inspection to find and destroy Iraqi arms of mass destruction;

(5) Expresses its strong concerns and reservations for a unilateral United States military solution, such as a preemptive strike on Iraq with only the support of Israel and the United Kingdom in the face of opposition and reservations from world public opinion, including that of the American people; and

(6) Strongly supports President George W. Bush in continuing the current policy of

working with and through the United Nations, seeking the support and assistance of both allies and interested powers, such as China and Russia, and explaining to and seeking the understanding and support of the American people; and be it further

Resolved, That Governor Linda Lingle is asked to convey to President George W. Bush the strong support of the House of Representatives:

(1) For the men and women of our armed forces and their families;

(2) For his efforts in fighting terrorism and rogue states;

(3) For using approaches other than a unilateral military solution; and

(4) For using a multi-national approach to find a solution to this problem through the United Nations; and be it further

Resolved, That Hawaii's Congressional delegation is also requested to convey to the officers and members of the United States Congress the views presented in this Resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Congress, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, and Governor Linda Lingle.

POM-62. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to Army National Guard of Wyoming; to the Committee on Armed Services.

A RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Wyoming National Guard has deployed nine times in defense of the United States of America starting with the Spanish American War.

Whereas, the soldiers from the Fourth Infantry Division Rear Operations Center will mobilize and deploy to Fort Hood, Texas and prepare for eventual deployment to the Gulf Region of Southwest Asia, leaving Wyoming on January 27th, 2003 and they will display highway signs on roads entering into their station stating "Entering Wyoming" as a matter of their pride and honor.

Whereas, this long term deployment will affect and severely test the families of these citizen-soldiers.

Whereas, the civilian employers of these soldiers will also be affected by this deployment.

Whereas, the support of these soldiers by the citizens of Wyoming is vital to their morale and esprit de corps. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That all members of the Wyoming Legislature, and the Governor of the State of Wyoming, deeply convey their thanks and best wishes to the citizen-soldiers of the Fourth Infantry Division Rear Operations Center at the Wyoming Army National Guard and their families, for their service to the Nation and Wyoming.

Section 2. That these citizen-soldiers, and their families, not be forgotten during their service to our state and nation. All Wyoming citizens are urged to contact the Wyoming Army National Guard and volunteer to send letters and items from Wyoming to these Guard members during this mobilization for OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and otherwise help their families get through this time of the force separation.

Section 3. That these brave citizen-soldiers from Wyoming stay out of harm's way and return to their homes in Wyoming in good health and spirits as soon as their tour of duty is completed.

Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United

States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

POM-63. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to the Wyoming Army National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

A RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Wyoming National Guard has deployed nine times in defense of the United States of America starting with the Spanish American War.

Whereas, the soldiers from the 1041st Engineer Company (Assault Float Bridge) will mobilize and deploy the Fort Polk, Louisiana with follow-on training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and prepare for eventual deployment to the Gulf Region of Southwest Asia, leaving Wyoming on January 28th, 2003 and they will display highway signs on roads entering into their station stating "Entering Wyoming" as a matter of their pride and honor.

Whereas, this long term deployment will affect and severely test the families of these citizen-soldiers.

Whereas, the civilian employers of these soldiers will also be affected by this deployment.

Whereas, the support of these soldiers by the citizens of Wyoming is vital to their morale and esprit de corps. Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming.

Section 1. That all members of the Wyoming Legislature, and the Governor of the State of Wyoming, deeply convey their thanks and best wishes to the citizen-soldiers of the 1041st Engineer Company (Assault Float Bridge) of the Wyoming Army National Guard and their families, for their service to the nation and Wyoming.

Section 2. That these citizen-soldiers, and their families, not be forgotten during their service to our state and nation. All Wyoming citizens are urged to contact the Wyoming Army National Guard and volunteer to send letters and items from Wyoming to these Guard members during this mobilization for Operation Enduring Freedom and otherwise help their families get through this time of the forced separation.

Section 3. That these brave citizen-soldiers from Wyoming stay out of harm's way and return to their homes in Wyoming in good health and spirit as soon as their tour of duty is completed.

Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 253. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Eugene James Corcoran, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern

District of New York for the term of four years.

Humberto S. Garcia, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

William H. Steele, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Thomas A. Varlan, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

J. Daniel Breen, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Linton F. Brooks, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy.

*Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John D.W. Corley.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 545. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 546. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 547. A bill to encourage energy conservation through bicycling; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 548. A bill to improve mental health programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 549. A bill to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note; Public Law 107-42) to provide compensation for victims killed in the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 550. A bill to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted

land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 551. A bill to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 552. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the excise tax exemptions for aerial applicators of fertilizers or other substances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 553. A bill to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institutions at Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 554. A bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 555. A bill to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 556. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 557. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 558. A bill to elevate the position Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 559. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit an individual to operate a commercial motor vehicle solely within the borders of a State if the individual meets certain minimum standards prescribed by the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOND, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 560. A bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates; to the Committee on Finance.