

on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2206. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, National Sea Grant College Program" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2207. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2208. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Sections 309(j) and 337 of the Communication Act of 1934 as Amended and Promotion of Spectrum Efficient Technologies on Certain Part 90 Frequencies (WT Docket No. 99-87) (FCC 03-34)" received on May 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2209. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Transportation Secretary Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Threat Assessment for Individuals Applying for a Hazardous Material Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License (1652-AA17)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2210. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; Prohibiting fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), ending on August 25, 2003 (0679)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2211. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Opening and closing dates of the first and second directed fisheries for Atka mackerel within the harvest limit area (HLA) in Statistical Areas 542 and 543" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2212. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipment by Government Bills of Lading (48 CFR Parts 1847 and 1852)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2213. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Approvals and Reviews (14 CFR 1260 and 1274)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2214. A communication from the Directors, FinCEN, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Identification for Broker-Dealers (1506-AA32)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2215. A communication from the Directors, FinCEN, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Identification Programs for Banks, Savings Associations, Credit Unions and Certain Non-Federally Regulated Banks" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2216. A communication from the Directors, FinCEN, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Identification Programs for Mutual Funds (1506-AA33)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2217. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Identification Programs for Mutual Funds (1506-AA33)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2218. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program; Increased Rates for Flood Coverage 68 FR 15666 (1660-AA25)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2219. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions, Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Examinations Council's 2002 Annual Report to Congress" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2220. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Federal Reserve Board's 89th Annual Report" received on May 2, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2221. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility 68 FR 15967 (Doc. No. FEMA-7805)" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2222. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program: Annual Report to Congress FY 2001" received on April 30, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-81. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida relative to children's programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-82. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the funding of special education and ending unfunded mandates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has found that all children deserve a quality

education, including children with disabilities; and

Whereas, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1400, et seq., provides that the Federal Government and state and local governments are to share in the expense of education for children with disabilities and commits the Federal Government to provide funds to assist with the excess of expenses of education for children with disabilities; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has committed to contribute up to 40% of the average per-pupil expenditure of educating children with disabilities and the Federal Government has failed to meet this commitment to assist the states; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has never contributed more than 13% to 20% of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist with the excess expenses of educating children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

Whereas, this failure of the Federal Government to meet its commitment to assist with the excess expenses of educating a child with a disability contradicts the goal of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a quality education; and

Whereas, the imposition of unfunded mandates by the Federal Government on state governments interferes with the separation of powers between the 2 levels of government and the ability of each state to determine the issues and concerns of the State and what resources should be directed to address these issues and concerns; and

Whereas, the Federal Government recognized the inequalities of unfunded mandates on state governments 8 years ago when it passed the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, however, the Federal Government continues to impose unfunded mandates on state governments, including in areas such as special education requirements: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States either provide 40% of the national average per pupil expenditure to assist states and local education agencies with the excess costs of educating children with disabilities or amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to allow the states more flexibility in implementing its mandates; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States revisit and reconfirm the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995 and put the intent and purpose of the Act into practice by ending the imposition of unfunded federal mandates on state governments; and be it further

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

POM-83. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin relative to Community Services Block Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENGRROSSED RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, Wisconsin's 16 community action agencies have been working in our communities to improve the lives and well-being of all of our citizens for over 35 years; and

Whereas, our community action agencies have delivered a comprehensive array of opportunities to assist those citizens who reside at the lowest levels of the economic ladder to advance economically and socially; and

Whereas, our community action agencies have developed innovative and effective strategies to promote affordable housing and homeownership, microenterprise development, youth development, crime prevention, access to food and nutrition, Head Start expansion, community-based economic development, housing rehabilitation, and other initiatives to promote the development of our human potential; and

Whereas, in 2001 our community action agencies assisted over 380,000 of our citizens and provided volunteers who contributed more than 600,000 hours of service to our communities; and

Whereas, in 2001 our 16 community action agencies received \$7,000,000 of Community Service Block Grant funds and used these funds to leverage more than \$135,000,000 of additional funds, including \$25,000,000 of private funds with which to benefit Wisconsin's communities; and

Whereas, the federal Community Services Block Grant provides the core funding for our community action agencies and is scheduled for reauthorization in the upcoming session of Congress; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Wisconsin state urges President George W. Bush and the Wisconsin congressional delegation to support the reauthorization of the existing Community Services Block Grant and its funding to community action agencies; and, be it further

Resolved, That The Senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of the resolution to President George W. Bush, to the president and secretary of the U.S. Senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state, attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 2003 senate of the State of Wisconsin.

POM-84. A resolution from the Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles State of Louisiana relative to the Parish's support of the President of the United States and the U.S. Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-85. A resolution from the House of the legislature of the State of Kansas relative to funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6019

Whereas, as a result of having served in Operation Desert Storm in the Arabian Peninsula 11 years ago, 16% of the 700,000 troops who were stationed there have been awarded disability benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs—and these injuries resulted from hostilities that lasted only 100 hours; and

Whereas, the state of Kansas recently released the results of a health study of over 2,000 Kansas veterans who served during the first Gulf War. The study identified clear links between Gulf veterans' health problems and the time and places in which they served. Overall, 34% of Kansas veterans who served in Desert Shield or Desert Storm had symptoms of Gulf War illness; and

Whereas, subsequently, the Congress enacted Public Law 105-85 which requires the development and implementation of a medical tracking system for service members deployed overseas. Such requirements include an assessment of mental health and the drawing of blood to accurately record any changes in their medical condition during the course of their deployment; and

Whereas, as reported in an article by David Goldstein in the Kansas City Star on March 5, 2003, many of our troops currently in the Middle East have not received the testing required under Public Law 105-85; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is concerned with the possibility that Kansas military personnel involved with Operation Iraqi Freedom could return home with similar illnesses as those of Desert Storm: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the House urges the United States government to begin preparing now to address the health needs of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, including the administration of tests required under Public Law 105-85; and be it further

Resolved: That we believe it is the obligation of our national government to provide all necessary medical care and support for those injured or afflicted with illnesses in the defense of our nation and, anticipating additional costs associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom, urge the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs; and be it further

Resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, Kansas Disabled Veterans, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars and Kansas American Legion.

POM-86. A resolution from the House of the Representative of the State of Michigan relative to expressing support for U.S. Troops; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, as the United States military faces several difficult situations around the globe, Michigan is joining this effort to protect our liberties from a wide range of threats. Numerous National Guard units in Michigan have been called to active duty. Many of these personnel are going to replace other units that have been on duty throughout the country, and several are active in the work of providing homeland security; and

Whereas, while preserving our liberties in a troubled world always demands great vigilance and the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, the current situation is demonstrating the debt we owe to our fellow citizens in the military. Even though the threats facing us are in many ways different than those that have challenged previous generations, the role of courage and commitment in securing our freedoms remains as clear as ever; and

Whereas, success in dealing with the crisis in Iraq and the continuing demands of the war on terrorism in countless locales requires not only the commitment of our troops, but also great sacrifices by the families of these brave Americans. These men, women, and children face difficulties in many ways, and the uncertain duration of the separation for many of them makes the situation even worse. Support for our troops is incomplete without support for them as well; and

Whereas, in the weeks and months that lie before us, there is no telling what will be asked of our country. We can, however, promise that the people of Michigan stand ready to express our support for our troops with public policy decisions that will advance the Nation's efforts in the work before us: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That we express support for our troops and pledge our commitment to public policies that will advance the Nation's efforts against terrorism and threats to liberty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Office of the President of the United States, and appropriate local military service organizations throughout Michigan.

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles of the State of California relative to expressing support for the President of the United States and the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Michigan City of the State of Indiana relative to expressing support for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-89. A resolution adopted by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners of the State of Minnesota relative to expressing support for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-90. A resolution of the Senate of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey relative to noise reduction of air traffic patterns; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, residents of New Jersey suffer from extreme and unwarranted levels of intrusive aircraft noise; and

Whereas, aircraft noise deprives residents of the full use and benefit of their homes and living areas; and

Whereas, aircraft noise contributes to the substantial lowering of property values on residences owned by New Jersey residents; and

Whereas, the Federal Aviation Administration, hereafter the "FAA," is currently undertaking a major redesign of the aircraft traffic patterns over New Jersey; and

Whereas, the FAA's stated goals for the redesign include only reducing delays affecting airline schedules, and reducing pilot and air traffic controller workloads, while enhancing safety; and

Whereas, the FAA, despite repeated public promises to substantially reduce aircraft noise as part of the redesign, has refused to include such noise reduction as a primary goal of the redesign; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey, That the President and the Congress of the United States are respectfully memorialized to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to include the reduction of aircraft noise as a major goal in the redesign of aircraft traffic patterns over New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, That 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 the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first