

Whereas, United States Senators of Virginia and the United States House of Representatives from the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 11th Virginia Congressional Districts have introduced legislation to provide cost-share grant funding to allow Bay watershed sewage treatment plants to substantially reduce their nitrogen pollution by installing NRT: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to adopt legislation in support of funding for nitrogen reduction technology (NRT) in the 108th Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the Chemung County Legislature of the State of New York relative to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-98. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan relative to the Funding of Transportation Initiatives by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, for several decades, Michigan has sent much more federal highway tax money to Washington than it has received in return. This imbalance has helped our nation build the country's highway infrastructure. With the national infrastructure largely completed, the continuation of the imbalance has created a serious challenge for Michigan and other "donor states"; and

Whereas, Michigan, which typically loses between \$150 million and \$400 million each year by sending more to Washington than it receives, is severely hampered. The unfair practice of contributing hundreds of millions of dollars beyond the amount we receive to fund projects in other parts of the country makes it far more difficult for Michigan to maintain the quality of its highways. The loss of funding also represents a serious loss of economic activity; and

Whereas, the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in Congress have proposed a major change in how federal highway funds are distributed. They have called for a funding formula that would guarantee that all states receive a minimum of 95 percent of what they each contribute to the federal highway program; and

Whereas, the potential impact for Michigan of a guarantee of at least 95 percent of this funding would be very significant. Even as the economy calls for more careful public expenditures, this proposed policy change would help Michigan and bring greater fairness to the issue of transportation spending. Citizens, visitors, and businesses of this state would benefit enormously from this long overdue policy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide that all states receive a minimum of 95 percent of transportation funds sent to the federal government and to urge Congress to make the return of transportation money to the states a higher priority within existing federal revenues; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United

States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-99. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan relative to reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, the Interstate Traveler Project is an elevated maglev (magnetic levitation) rail mass transit system that is based upon a conduit cluster concept powered by hydrogen and solar power. The project promises to provide travelers with a clean, quiet, safe, reliable mode of transportation. The intent of the project is to create the world's first switchable maglev rail network that will provide inter-urban/inter-city pedestrian, automobile, and light freight transit services. The project will simultaneously produce, store, and distribute hydrogen, which will not only serve as an alternative energy resource, but also will give Michigan's automakers the incentive to produce hydrogen internal combustion engines, fuel cell cars, and the manufacturing opportunity to build maglev rail cars; and

Whereas, by fully integrating with the interstate highway system, existing transportation infrastructure, and mass transit systems, the Interstate Traveler Project seeks to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution while improving traffic safety and efficiency. The Interstate Traveler Project substations will utilize the existing interstate highway system's entrances and exits, providing a seamless link of private automobiles, pedestrian traffic, existing municipal bus routes, and tax services. These substations will also support the hydrogen distribution system, as well as fiber optics, water, electricity, and other utilities. Although the Interstate Traveler Project is ideally suited for the interstate highway system, it may also be integrated with existing and abandoned railroad right-of-ways or along other appropriate lands; and

Whereas, the Interstate Traveler Project is consistent with the 2003 State-of-the-Union address which called on Congress to appropriate \$1.2 billion for hydrogen fuel cell technology: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact legislation to support research, development, and construction of the Interstate Traveler Project through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21) and/or other related federal programs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-100. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to veterans with disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8008

Whereas, many American service members have sacrificed their lives for the United States; and

Whereas, many of these service members have retired from active duty and 28 percent of the retirees were found to be disabled; and

Whereas, those retired disabled service members are required by law to have their retirement income reduced dollar for dollar to pay their disability compensation; and

Whereas, retired veterans make up approximately ten percent of all veterans liv-

ing in this state and the retired disabled veterans make up approximately 36.6 percent of the retired veteran population of this state; and

Whereas, concurrent receipt of both the retired pay and the disability compensation pay would add financially to the welfare of this state as well as the veterans: Now, therefore,

Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the President, in acting upon the recommendations of the National Service Organizations, fund the enacted law for all disabled retired veterans. Your Memorialists further pray that Congress and the President affirm the debt owed these veterans and pass a budget to furnish the veterans their concurrent receipt: Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-101. A resolution adopted by the Department of Veteran's Affairs of the State of Alabama relative to recouping cost incurred from "Operation Iraqi Freedom" from the Country of Iraq; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment: S. 1025. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-44).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Consuelo Maria Callahan, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Leonardo M. Rapadas, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

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. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1024. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to carry out a program, known as the Northern Border Prosecution Initiative, to provide funds to northern border States to reimburse county and municipal governments for costs associated with certain criminal activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1025. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Armed Services pursuant to section 3(b) of S. Res. 400, 94th Congress, for a period of not to exceed 30 days of session.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1026. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the taxation of social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1027. A bill to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 1028. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 1029. A bill to enhance peace between the Israelis and Palestinians; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1030. A bill to expand the number of individuals and families with health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1031. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for long-term care givers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1032. A bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 1033. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the medical and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REED):

S. 1034. A bill to repeal the sunset date on the assault weapons ban, to ban the importa-

tion of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 134. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *Newdow v. Eagen, et al.*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. TALENT):

S. Res. 135. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should provide adequate funding to protect the integrity of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH)):

S. Res. 136. A resolution recognizing the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and congratulating members and officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the union's many achievements; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 137. A resolution honoring James A. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 73

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 73, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research.

S. 139

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 139, a bill to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances that could be used interchangeably with passenger vehicle fuel economy standard credits, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 146, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 319

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 319, a bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the Government contribution for Federal employee health insurance.

S. 465

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand Medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees under Federal student loan repayment programs.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 557

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 647

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for