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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SAIL SAN FRANCISCO

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I want to express my support for Sail San Francisco, a nonprofit organization that provides a range of services to visiting international tall ships and training ships.

These services, which include docking, technical assistance and hospitality, were formerly provided by the U.S. Navy in the Bay Area. In the wake of the base closure process, this assistance is no longer available. Over the past several months, Sail San Francisco has coordinated with foreign consulates to facilitate the visit of several foreign navies, playing a valuable role that is filled by the U.S. Navy at other ports throughout the country.

It is my hope that when the fiscal year 2004 Defense Appropriations bill is considered in conference, it is possible to provide \$800,000 for Sail Francisco's naval/tall ships education programs.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, as a member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I would like to join my colleague and friend, Senator BOXER, in support of this request. It is important that we assist in these naval and diplomatic educational and training programs that have been continued through the work of Sail San Francisco.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of this secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 74. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

H.R. 272. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries.

H.R. 1950. An act to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for certain developing countries; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005; to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and for other purposes.

H.R. 2122. An act to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month.

H. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa.

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution supporting National Men's Health Week.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 272. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution supporting National Men's Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1950. An act to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for certain developing countries; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2122. An act to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security, and for other purposes.

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