

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the civil society of the United States and the world and to the cause of nonviolent social and political change to the advance social justice and equality for all races and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the thirtieth anniversary of his death.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrent of the Senate:

H.R. 1151. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purposes of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight of insured credit unions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2400. An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1151. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purposes of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight to insured credit unions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives, for the concurrence of the Senate, was read twice and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3310. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

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ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, April 2, 1998, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND):

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capa-

bilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 2, 1998 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4500. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Bureau of Reclamation project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

E-4501. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Voting Assistance Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1609. A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 to 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress in its activities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-173).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 201. A resolution to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1723. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Arthur Levitt, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2003. (Reappointment)

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Ivan L. R. Lemelle, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Arthur J. Tarnow, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

George Caram Steeh, III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

A. Howard Matz, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard H. Deane, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Stephen C. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Daniel C. Byrne, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

(The above nominations 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1905. A bill to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1906. A bill to require the Senate to remain in session to act on judicial nominations in certain circumstances; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1907. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit for wetland restoration and conservation expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 1908. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to carve out form payments to Medicare+Choice organizations amounts attributable to disproportionate share hospital payments and pay such amounts directly to those disproportionate share hospitals in which their enrollees receive care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1909. A bill to repeal the telephone excise tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAU:

S. 1910. A bill to clarify the applicability of authority to release restrictions and encumbrances on certain property located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1911. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a \$500 non-refundable credit to individuals for the payment of

real estate taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FORD (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1912. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exclude additional reserve component general and flag officers from the limitation on the number of general or flag officers who may serve on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1913. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to sell leaseholds at the Canyon Ferry Reservoir in the State of Montana and to establish a trust fund for the conservation of fish and wildlife and enhancement of public hunting and fishing opportunities in the State; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1914. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for business bankruptcy reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1915. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish requirements concerning the operation of fossil fuel-fired electric utility steam generating units, commercial and industrial boiler units, solid waste incineration units, medical waste incinerators, hazardous waste combustors, chlor-alkali plants, and Portland cement plants to reduce emissions of mercury to the environment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1916. A bill for the relief of Marin Turcinovic, and his fiancée, Corina Turchalup; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. REED, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1917. A bill to prevent children from injuring themselves and others with firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1918. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make available to producers of the 1998 and subsequent crops of wheat and feed grains nonrecourse loans that provide a fair return to the producers in relation to the cost of production; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1919. A bill to provide for the energy security of the Nation through encouraging the production of domestic oil and gas resources from stripper wells on federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1920. A bill to improve the administration of oil and gas leases on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1921. A bill to ensure confidentiality with respect to medical records and health care-related information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1922. A bill to amend chapter 61 of title 5, United States Code, to make election day a legal public holiday, with such holiday to be known as "Freedom and Democracy Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1923. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure compliance by Federal facilities with pollution control requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. D'AMATO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOND, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. COATS, Mr. DODD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1924. A bill to restore the standards used for determining whether technical workers are not employees as in effect before the Tax Reform Act of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1925. A bill to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1926. A bill for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN:

S. 1927. A bill to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant funding for 20 additional Empowerment Zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1928. A bill to protect consumers from overcollections for the use of pay telephones, to provide consumers with information to make informed decisions about the use of pay telephones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1929. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage production of oil and gas within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1930. A bill to provide certainty for, reduce administrative and compliance burdens associated with, and streamline and improve the collection of royalties from Federal and outer continental shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 206. A resolution to recognize 50 years of efforts with respect to the creation of the Crazy Horse Memorial, honoring the great Oglala Sioux leader, Tasunke Witko, popularly known as "Crazy Horse", and to express the Sense of the Senate with respect to the Crazy Horse Memorial; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 207. A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 208. A resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the year 2000 technology problem; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. Res. 209. A resolution providing section 302 allocations to the Committee on Appropriations; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Con. Res. 88. A concurrent resolution calling on Japan to establish and maintain an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1905. A bill to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE EQUITABLE COMPENSATION ACT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to compensate the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe for losses the tribe suffered when the Oahe dam was constructed in central South Dakota and over 100,000 acres of tribal land was flooded. Its passage will help the tribe rebuild their infrastructure and their economy, which was seriously crippled by the Oahe project during the 1950s. It is extraordinary that it has taken four decades to reach this point. The importance of passing this long-overdue legislation as soon as possible cannot be stated too strongly.

This legislation was developed with the assistance of Chairman Gregg Bourland and Council Member Louis Dubray of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Both men have worked tirelessly to bring us to this point and I am grateful for their assistance. This legislation represents one element of their progressive vision for providing the members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe with greater opportunities for economic development and to fulfill the debts owed to the tribe by the federal government.

The Cheyenne River Sioux Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act is the companion bill to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act, which passed by unanimous consent in November of 1997, and the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act of 1996, which passed the Congress unanimously in 1996.

The bill is based on an extensive analysis of the impact of the Pick-Sloan Dam Projects on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, which was performed by the Robert McLaughlin Company. The McLaughlin report was reviewed by the General Accounting Office, which found that the losses suffered by the tribe justify the establishment of a \$290 million trust fund,