

Mr. Mier joined the faculty of the University of Illinois in 1975, specializing in teaching and research on community economic development, social policy planning and methods of implementation. As founder of the University of Illinois' Center for Urban Economic Development, Mier prepared future generations in a "bottom up" approach to dealing with the problems facing our cities. The center continues today to provide technical assistance to community-based development organizations and policy research on local development.

More recently, Mr. Mier focused on writing and teaching, while still remaining active in developing urban economic programs in Chicago, as well as Los Angeles, Denver, and Belfast, Ireland.

Robert Mier's passing leaves a great void that will be felt not only by his family, friends, and colleagues, but by the world as well. His life is a sterling example of an activist leader of an important cause, whose insight and commitment will inspire generations to come.

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-31. A resolution adopted by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs relative to agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

"RESOLUTION NO. 1

"Whereas, the 50 States, including the State of Minnesota, have long been required by their state constitutions to balance their state operating budgets; and

"Whereas, the States have long done so by making difficult choices each budget session to insure that their expenditures do not exceed their revenues; and

"Whereas, without a federal balanced budget, the deficit may continue to grow within the next ten years from \$150 billion gross domestic product (GDP) per year to \$400 billion GDP per year, continuing the serious negative impact on interest rates, available credit for consumers, and taxpayer obligations; and

"Whereas, the Congress of the United States, in the last two years, has begun to reduce the annual federal deficit by making substantial reductions in federal spending; and

"Whereas, achieving a balanced budget by the year 2002 will require continued reductions in the annual deficit, averaging almost 15 percent per year over the next seven years; and

"Whereas, it now appears that the Congress is willing to impose on itself the same discipline that the States have long had to follow, by passing a balanced-budget amendment to the United States Constitution; and

"Whereas, the Congress, in working to balance the federal budget, may impose on the States unfunded mandates that shift to the States responsibility for carrying out programs that the Congress can no longer afford; and

"Whereas, the States will better be able to revise their own budgets if the Congress

gives them fair warning of the revisions Congress will be making in the federal budget; and

"Whereas, if the federal budget is to be brought into balance by the year 2002, major reductions in the annual deficit must continue without a break; and

"Whereas, these major reductions will be more acceptable to the people if they are shown to be part of a realistic, long-term plan to balance the budget; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, That it urges the Congress of the United States to continue its progress at reducing the annual federal deficit and, when the Congress proposes to the States a balanced-budget amendment, to accompany it with financial information on its impact on the budget of the State of Minnesota for budget planning purposes.

"Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State of Minnesota shall transmit copies of this memorial to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the presiding officers of both houses of the legislature of each of the other States in the Union, and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 244. A bill to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-78).

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 (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 399. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to provide more flexibility to producers, and more effective mitigation, in connection with the conversion of cropland to wetland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM):

S. 400. A bill to provide for appropriate remedies for prison conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the excise tax treatment of hard apple cider; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 402. A bill to provide for the appointment of 1 additional Federal district judge for the eastern district of Wisconsin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 403. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the organization and administration of the Readjustment Counseling Service, to improve eligibility for readjustment counseling and related coun-

seling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 404. A bill to consolidate the administration of defense economic conversion activities in the Executive Office of the President; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 405. A bill to amend the Defense Economic Adjustment, Diversification, Conversion, and Stabilization Act of 1990 to give priority in the provision of community economic adjustment assistance to those communities most seriously affected by reductions in defense spending, the completion, cancellation, or termination of defense contracts, or the closure or realignment of military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. 406. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies to the recipient's surviving spouse, subject to a reduction of 50 percent in the last monthly payment if the recipient dies during the first 15 days; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 407. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction from gross income for home care and adult day and respite care expenses of individual taxpayers with respect to a dependent of the taxpayer who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or related organic brain disorders; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives relating to the closure, realignment, or downsizing of military installations; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 409. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow defense contractors a credit against income tax for 20 percent of the defense conversion employee retraining expenses paid or incurred by the contractors; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the dependent care credit refundable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 411. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of long-term care insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. COHEN):

S. 412. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to modify the bottled drinking water standards provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. SIMON, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 413. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage rate under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. HATFIELD):

S. 414. A bill to amend the Export Administration Act of 1979 to extend indefinitely the current provisions governing the export of certain domestically produced crude oil; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 415. A bill to apply the antitrust laws to major league baseball in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):