

only through legislation. For that reason, I introduced the Royalty Fairness Act of 1995.

The main objective of this legislation is to establish a clear statute of limitations and identify the time when the statute of limitations begins to run on royalty payments. This bill establishes a 7-year statute of limitations and in most cases, the statute will begin to run when the obligation to pay the royalty begins.

In addition, this bill permits the Secretary of the Interior to delegate royalty collections and related activities to the States, it provides for adjustments or refund requests to correct underpayments or overpayments of obligations, it authorizes the payment of interest to lessees who make overpayments, and it provides alternatives for marginal properties including prepayment of royalties or regulatory relief.

In conclusion, the Congressional Budget Office estimates this bill would increase revenues to the U.S. Treasury by \$36 million over 6 years, and cumulatively to the States by \$9 million during the same interval. I am confident that passage of this bill is much needed to create a climate of certainty in the oil and gas industry as well as being very much in the national economic interest.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1975) was deemed read the third time and passed.

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1975

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 70 submitted earlier today by Senator MURKOWSKI; further, that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 70) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 70

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 1975) to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) On page 5, line 23, strike the word "provision" and insert in lieu thereof the word "provisions".

(2) On page 29, line 23, insert the word "so" before the word "demonstrate".

(3) On page 36, line 2, insert the word "not" after the word "shall".

(4) On page 36, line 19, insert the word "rate" and insert in lieu thereof the word "date".

(5) On page 36, line 24, insert the word "owned" and insert in lieu thereof the word "owed".

(6) On page 39, line 8, insert the word "dues" and insert in lieu thereof the word "due".

(7) On page 44, line 24, insert the word "it" and insert in lieu thereof the word "its".

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, and the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 2 p.m. with the first 90 minutes under the control of Senator DASCHLE or his designee, and that the second 90 minutes be under the control of Senator COVERDELL or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that following morning business on Tuesday, September 3, the Senate proceed to the consideration of House bill H.R. 3666, the VA-HUD appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes on September 3.

The Senate may also be asked to turn to consideration of any other executive or legislative items cleared for action. There are a number of available appropriations conference reports, such as the D.C. appropriations, military construction appropriations, legislative appropriations, as well as the defense authorization conference report. On Wednesday the Senate will resume consideration of the VA-HUD appropriations bill or any of the above mentioned reports with rollcall votes expected. On Thursday the Senate will consider the Defense of Marriage Act under a previous unanimous-consent agreement.

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 104-132, appoints Robert M. Stewart, of South Carolina, as a member of the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the minority leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-132, appoints Donald C. Dahlin, of South Dakota, as a member of the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment in accordance with House concurrent resolution 203.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:16 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 3, 1996, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate August 2, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

ROBERT W. PRATT, OF IOWA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA VICE HAROLD D. VIETOR, RETIRED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate August 2, 1996:

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

BROOKSLEY ELIZABETH BORN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 1999.

BROOKSLEY ELIZABETH BORN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.

DAVID D. SPEARS, OF KANSAS, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2000.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

ANN D. MONTGOMERY, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CHARLES A. HUNNICUTT, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION

CHARLES WILLIAM BURTON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 24, 2001.

CHRISTOPHER M. COBURN, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 24, 2000.

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

ALBERTO ALEMAN ZUBIETA, A CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION.

UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

EVERETT ALVAREZ, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 1, 1999.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

THOMAS HILL MOORE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF 7 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 26, 1996.