

1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7606. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Carolina; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL6166-5) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7607. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Tolerances and Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance for Canceled Pesticide Active Ingredients" (FRL6035-8) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7608. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Tolerances for Canceled Food Uses" (FRL6035-6) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7609. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Regulation of Fallglo Variety Tangerines" (Docket FV98-905-5 FR) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7610. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions" (RIN1840-AC52) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-7611. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Discrimination Toward Inmates" (RIN1120-AA73) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7612. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-52) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7613. A communication from the Director of Washington Headquarters Services, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) Regulation" (RIN0720-AA46) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of NULKA Electronic Payloads and related technical data to Australia (DTC 144-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7615. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-155 to 98-157); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7616. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's consolidated report

under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7617. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Kauai, HI; U.S. Virgin Islands" (RIN3206-AH07) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7618. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a list of additions and deletions to the Committee's Procurement List dated October 13, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7619. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel (In re Secretary of Agriculture Espy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's consolidated annual report on audit and investigative activities and management control systems for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7620. A communication from the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's report entitled "Status of Fisheries of the United States"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7621. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category" (I.D. 091198A) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7622. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; South Atlantic Quotas; Quota Adjustment Procedures" (I.D. 121597D) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7623. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Primary Season and Resumption of Trip Limits for the Shore-Based Whiting Sector" (I.D. 093098B) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7624. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod" (I.D. 082798B) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7625. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phase Acquisitions" received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-555. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-556. A petition from a citizen of the State of New York relative to the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-557. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

Whereas, in 1988, the EPA put into place regulations requiring all underground storage tank systems to meet stricter environmental protection standards. Tank systems installed before 1998 must be upgraded by December 22, 1998, or be removed; and

Whereas, Many tank owners and operators discovered leaks at their sites when they began upgrading their tank systems. Consequently, Michigan and other states have seen a dramatic increase in the number of known leaking storage tank sites; and

Whereas, While progress has been made in Michigan and elsewhere on the job of cleaning up affected areas, the task remaining is very large. It presents a serious challenge to most of the states, including Michigan. The primary obstacle to the completion of this endeavor is the high costs facing tank owners and operators to clean up their leaking underground storage tank sites; and

Whereas, A key element in the massive task of dealing with leaking underground storage tanks is the trust fund created through the Superfund Revenue Act of 1986. Funded by a .1 cent per gallon tax on motor fuel, the LUST Trust Fund has a current balance of approximately \$1.2 billion. While the .1 cent per gallon tax was discontinued for nearly two years, the tax was reinstated, beginning on October 1, 1997. The fund will take in approximately \$200 million annually; and

Whereas, In spite of the fund's size and in spite of the pressing need for money by the states in order to comply with the December 22, 1998, deadline for cleanup, the fund releases a far lower amount each year than it could distribute. It is estimated that only one-third of the available money has been distributed to the states; and

Whereas, Accelerating distributions from the trust fund would provide much needed help to the States in achieving the goal of correcting one of our country's most significant environmental problems now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase the amount of money being distributed to the states from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund, 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.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, February 17, 1998.

Adopted by the Senate, September 15, 1998.

POM-558. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 526

Whereas, The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a vital lifeline to low-income families, working poor households, senior citizens and persons with disabilities in meeting their energy needs; and

Whereas, Low-income families, the elderly and many working poor Pennsylvanians face a continuing energy crisis with energy burdens that will exceed 15% of their household incomes; and

Whereas, The Federal funding for LIHEAP significantly eases the home energy affordability crisis faced by millions of Americans; and

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Whereas, The total elimination of funding for LIHEAP will threaten the continuation of the Pennsylvania program that is the foundation for providing a modest amount of energy security for low-income Pennsylvanians; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to appropriate at least \$1.3 billion for fiscal year 1999-2000 and an advance appropriation of at least \$1.3 billion for fiscal year 2000-2001 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the LIHEAP program at authorization levels enacted in the Human Services Amendments of 1994 (Public Law 103-252) to ensure that this program more adequately meets the needs of low-income households.

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. DODD:

S. 2648. A bill to protect children with respect to the Internet, to increase the criminal and civil penalties associated with certain crimes relating to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2649. A bill to enact the Passaic River Basin Flood Management Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2650. A bill to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to develop their capabilities; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2651. A bill to provide for a Presidential Budget in the Fiscal Year 2000 with Spending Reductions that will offset the emergency spending for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2652. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to improve the safety of exported pesticides, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2653. A bill to require the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements to report to Congress by April 1, 1999, on the availability of certain wool fabric, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 2654. A bill to provide for a judicial and administration remedy for disputes arising under certain agreements with foreign entities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2655. A bill to limit the amounts of expenditures for the national defense budget function for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. Res. 312. A resolution to amend Senate Resolution 209 in order to provide budget levels in the Senate for purposes of fiscal year 1999 and include the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 313. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the brutal killing of Mr. Matthew Shepard; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 314. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make adjustments to payments made to skilled nursing facilities under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2648. A bill to protect children with respect to the Internet, to increase the criminal and civil penalties associated with certain crimes relating to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

KEEPING THE INTERNET DECENT AND SAFE (K.I.D.S.) ACT

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today, I introduce the Keeping the Internet Decent and Safe (K.I.D.S.) Act. This legislation would give parents and educators tools to protect our children while they use the Internet. Moreover, this bill would give law enforcement officials the ability to make the Internet a safer environment for everyone.

Unfortunately, while innocently "surfing" the web, many of our children are accidentally encountering graphic and sexually explicit images. They type in search terms as innocuous as "toys"—only to find inappropriate images on their display terminal. According to Wired magazine, there are currently some 28,000 web sites containing hard- and soft-core pornography on the Internet. And that number is growing at an alarming rate. It is estimated that more than 30 pornographic sites are added to the Internet each day.

In addition, the Internet now provides the "strangers" we have always warned our children about with almost unlimited access to our children. Historically, sexual predators have sought children wherever they gather—in school yards, playgrounds and malls. Today, children hang out in cyberspace. This provides the sexual predator with an almost limitless number of opportunities to exploit children because they can prowl from family room to classroom to bedroom with virtual anonymity. Clearly, this is a problem that is only going to grow worse unless we work aggressively to ensure that the Internet is a safe environment.

The bill I am introducing today would build upon provisions authored by Senator COATS and myself which were adopted as part of S. 442, the Internet Tax Freedom Act. The provisions are designed to provide some safety for young people who are being exposed today to the alarming amount of pornography on the Internet. Specifically, my amendment will require that Internet access providers make screening software available—either for a fee or no charge—to customers purchasing Internet access services, and Senator COATS' amendment establishes specific measures that commercial operators of sexually explicit sites must take to restrict access to children under the age of 17.

I am pleased that these provisions of the Internet Tax Freedom Act were passed yesterday and today by both houses of Congress as part of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1999, and look forward to the President signing them into law. Yet, it is clear that our work is not done.

I was very disturbed by a recent article in the Washington Post which stated that law enforcement officials in the United States and abroad had uncovered an international child pornography ring in which hundreds of people were using the Internet to trade thousands of sexually explicit images of children. More than 200 ring members were arrested in the United States and 13 other countries. The U.S. Customs Service seized computers from American suspects in 22 states, including Connecticut.

That is why today I introduce the Keeping the Internet Decent and Safe (K.I.D.S.) Act. In this age of the Internet, our children have unprecedented access to educational materials via the computer. However, this wonderful technology has also brought with it a dark side for our children, and we as a nation have an obligation to ensure that our children are able to learn, grow, and play in an environment free from harm. My bill would give parents, teachers and law enforcement officers the tools they need to help protect and guide our children, as they seek knowledge and wholesome entertainment on the Internet.

First, my bill would make it possible for law enforcement officials to detain