

issues. These discussions need to include serious consideration of airfare pricing, particularly in areas where little or no competition exists: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to investigate airfare pricing, especially in markets where mergers have eroded competition; 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.

POM-48. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana relative to federal weed control programs and the procurement of federal weed control funds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, noxious weeds are invasive species that are very difficult to contain or eliminate once they are established; and

Whereas, noxious weeds are invading Montana's rangeland, forest land, waterways, cities, towns, private lands, and public lands, including National Parks and monuments; and

Whereas, noxious weeds replace native species on lands regardless of land ownership and land ownership boundaries; and

Whereas, Montana's citizens and Legislature have made significant contributions and commitments toward reducing the acreage infested by noxious weeds and controlling any new invasions; and

Whereas, current working agreements between public land management agencies and country weed districts and other local groups are generally successful in addressing the control or containment of noxious weeds on public lands; and

Whereas, noxious weeds are a continuous problem that must be addressed on an annual basis and are never truly eradicated from the ecosystem; and

Whereas, public land management agencies should, at a minimum, contribute financially to the control of noxious weeds in Montana: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the federal government be strongly urged to:

(1) enter into agreements with local groups and agencies to promote the control of noxious weeds in a manner that addresses locally identified priorities;

(2) continue to provide funding for local weed control programs on an annual and continuing basis; and

(3) provide assistance in helping local groups and agencies access federal weed control programs and procure available federal weed control funds. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, the presiding officers of the Appropriations Committees of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Chief of the Forest Service, the Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Director of the bureau of Land Management.

POM-49. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana relative to Montana's Yellowstone and Missouri River Basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Montana lost 590,000 acres of land to reservoir flooding under the Pick-Sloan

plan, as set out in the federal Flood Control Act of 1944, and was in return promised 1,313,930 acres of new irrigation, but only 76,200 acres were ever developed for irrigation under the plan; and

Whereas, over 16,500,000 acre-feet of water leave Montana annually in the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers—water that is abundant but underused in this time of need for growth in Montana; and

Whereas, Montana's conservation districts have reserved over 853,000 acre-feet of water for new irrigation development, and the state has completed water rights compacts with several tribes that enable tribes to develop many acres of new irrigation as well; and

Whereas, Montana's agricultural sector continues to shrink along with the population of rural communities; and

Whereas, Montana consumes less than 30% of the hydropower that is generated in the state under the Pick-Sloan plan; and

Whereas, Montana's Vision 2005 program identified the goal of doubling the value of irrigated agriculture by the year 2005 by developing 500,000 acres of new irrigation, which is less than one-half of the number of acres promised under the Pick-Sloan plan; and

Whereas, costs for power may double or triple, and without low-cost power, it will become impossible to irrigate new lands and even existing irrigated lands identified in the original Pick-Sloan plan; and

Whereas, agriculture is Montana's largest industry, and any increase in values from irrigation would benefit the entire state and region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, That the federal government be strongly urged to:

(1) assist the efforts of the Lower Yellowstone Conservation District Development Committee in obtaining the promised benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River plan, as set out in the federal Flood Control Act of 1944; and

(2) assist the efforts of the Lower Yellowstone Conservation District Development Committee in drafting and passing the proposed federal Montana Water Resources Act, which will outline benefits promised in the Flood Control Act that are needed to sustain existing irrigation and the development of new irrigation throughout Montana's Yellowstone and Missouri River basins. Be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, the presiding officers of the Energy and Natural Resources Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Montana Congressional Delegation, and the Commissioner of the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Michael P. Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that

they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C. section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) David R. Nicholson, 0216

Rear Adm. (1h) Ronald F. Silva, 1219

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning Quincey N. Adams and ending Kathryn L. Wunderlich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2001.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Benes Z. Aldana and ending Marshall E. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2001.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 819. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for qualified individuals for bone mass measurement (bone density testing) to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 820. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 821. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to modify provisions relating to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of