

EC-7088. 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 "Procedures for Automatic Approval of Annual Accounting Period Changes by Corporations" (Rev. Proc. 2002-37) received on May 13, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7089. A communication from the Executive Director, The District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of financial disclosure statements for calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7090. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the National Oceanographic Partnership Program for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7091. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; ordered to lie on the table.

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-243. A engrossed resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Wisconsin relative to the authorization of funding for modernization of lock and dam infrastructure on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers' Inland Waterways Transportation System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Whereas, the state of Wisconsin borders or contains over 360 miles of the upper Mississippi River and 11 navigation locks and dams along those borders; and

Whereas, many of Wisconsin's locks and dams are more than 60 years old and only 600 feet long, making them unable to accommodate modern barge tows of 1,200 feet long, nearly tripling locking times and causing lengthy delays and ultimately increasing shipping costs; and

Whereas, the use of 1,200-foot locks has been proven nationwide as the best method of improving efficiency, reducing congestion, and modernizing the inland waterways; and

Whereas, the construction of the lock and dam system has spurred economic growth and a higher standard of living in the Mississippi and Illinois river basin, and today supplies more than 300,000,000 tons of the nation's cargo, supporting more than 400,000 jobs, including 90,000 in manufacturing; and

Whereas, more than 60% of American agricultural exports, including corn, wheat, and soybeans, are shipped down the Mississippi and Illinois rivers on the way to foreign markets; and

Whereas, Wisconsin farmers, producers, and consumers rely on efficient transportation to remain competitive in a global economy, and efficiencies in river transport offset higher production costs compared to those incurred by foreign competitors; and

Whereas, the upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers lock and dam system saves our nation more than \$1.5 billion in higher transportation costs each year, and failing to construct 1,200-foot locks will cause farmers to use more expensive alternative modes of transportation, including trucks and trains; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, congestion along the

upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers is costing Wisconsin and other producers and consumers in the basin \$98,000,000 per year in higher transportation costs; and

Whereas, river transportation is the most environmentally friendly form of transporting goods and commodities, creating almost no noise pollution and emitting 35% to 60% fewer pollutants than either trucks or trains, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

Whereas, moving away from river transport would add millions of trucks and railcars to our nation's infrastructure, adding air pollution, traffic congestion, and greater wear and tear on highways; and

Whereas, backwater lakes created by the lock and dam system provide breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl and fish; and

Whereas, the lakes and 500 miles of wildlife refuge also support a one-billion-dollar per year recreational industry, including hunting, fishing, and tourism jobs; and

Whereas, upgrading the system of locks and dams on the upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers will provide 3,000 construction and related jobs over a 15-year to 20-year period; and

Whereas, in 1999 the state of Wisconsin shipped 1,100,000 tons of commodities, including grain, coal, chemicals, aggregates, and other products; and

Whereas, 3,900,000 tons of commodities, including grain, coal, chemicals, aggregates, and other products, were shipped to, from, and within Wisconsin by barge, representing \$313,000,000 in value; and

Whereas, shippers moving by barge in Wisconsin realized a savings of approximately \$40,000,000 compared to other transportation modes; and

Whereas, Wisconsin docks shipped products by barge to 6 states and received products from 11 states; and

Whereas, there are approximately 20 manufacturing facilities, terminals, and docks on the waterways of Wisconsin, representing thousand of jobs in the state; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a collaborative navigation study of the economic and environmental factors to be considered when examining capital improvements to the upper Mississippi River system; and

Whereas, the navigation study will release initial results in a summer 2002 report; now, therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly formally recognizes the upper Mississippi River as a river of statewide significance for natural, navigational, and recreational benefits; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin assembly recognizes the importance of timely modernization of the inland waterway transportation infrastructure to Wisconsin agriculture and industry in this state, the region, and the nation and, pending results of the navigation study, urges Congress to authorize funding to construct 1,200-foot locks on the upper Mississippi and Illinois river system; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, the chair of the senate committee on commerce, science, and transportation, the chair of the house committee on transportation and infrastructure, and the members of the congressional delegation from this state.

POM-244. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Death Tax; to the Committee on Finance.

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Whereas, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the federal death tax was temporarily—not permanently—eliminated; and

Whereas, Women and minorities are very often owners of small and medium sized businesses, and the death tax prevents their children from reaping the rewards of a lifetime trying to make a better life; and

Whereas, Farmers will face losing their farms if the federal government resumes the heavy taxation of the estates of people who invested most of their earnings back into their farms; and

Whereas, Employees suffer when they lose their jobs because many small and medium sized businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes and because high capital costs depress the number of new businesses that could offer them a job; and

Whereas, If the federal estate tax had been repealed in 1996, over the next nine years the United States economy would have averaged as much as \$11 billion per year in extra output, and an average of 145,000 new jobs would have been created; and

Whereas, the persistent uncertainty created by the sunset provision prevents families and small businesses from taking full advantage of the repeal; and

Whereas, Having passed both houses of the Congress of the United States, elimination of the death tax has proven to hold widespread bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to repeal permanently the federal death tax; 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-245. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, Georgia relative to a U.S. Postal stamp honoring the late Senator Tom Watson; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 1209: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to determine whether an alien is a child, for purposes of classification as an immediate relative, based on the age of the alien on the date the classification petition with respect to the alien is filed, and for other purposes.

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

S. Res. 268: A resolution designating May 20, 2002, as a day for Americans to recognize the importance of teaching children about current events in an accessible way to their development as both students and citizens.

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

S. 672: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the continued classification of certain aliens as children for purposes of that Act in cases where the aliens "age-out" while awaiting immigration processing; and for other purposes.

S. 848: A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes.