

timely appropriation of this relief; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and the members thereof from this commonwealth.

POM-616. A resolution adopted by the House of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to lower gasoline prices; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States to take any and all appropriate action to lower gasoline prices; and

Whereas, gasoline prices have skyrocketed over the past several months, and in some instances, the price per gallon at the pump has increased over 50 percent resulting in gasoline prices that are at historically high levels; and

Whereas, an undue hardship has been placed upon senior citizens, fixed income earners, and persons dependent upon automobile transportation; and

Whereas, the inexplicable jump in gasoline prices will increase the cost of public transportation; and

Whereas, the dramatic rise in gasoline prices has increased the costs of transporting goods, thus increasing the cost of living for not only the residents of the commonwealth, but also for all Americans; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States to initiate any and all appropriate actions to lower gasoline prices; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the clerk of the House of Representatives to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from the commonwealth.

POM-618. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Guam relative to clemency; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 368

Whereas, Mr. Alejandro T. B. Lizama, known to his friends and the large number of civic and community organizations as "Al," was arrested and sentenced to a year in prison for charges stemming from an incident at the U.S. District Court of Guam; and

Whereas, "Al" is a Historic Preservation Specialist II employed with the Historic Resources Division of the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation, devoting his life work to the study, documentation and preservation of the Chamorro culture through art, research and outreach; and

Whereas, "Al," during his over twenty-five (25) years of service as an employee of the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation has shared this knowledge with the military and federal community, including those from the Department of the Air Force, the Department of Defense school system, and the Navy Family Service Center, voluntarily conducting "Welcome to Guam Orientation" programs and other outreach programs; and

Whereas, "Al" is the recipient of countless certificates of appreciation and commendation, voluntary service awards and certificates of appreciation, including those from Major General Richard T. Swope, USAF Commander, Thirteenth Air Force; Colonel Stephen M. McClain, USAF Commander, 633d Air Base Wing; Commander D. L. Metzger, U.S. Navy, Director of Navy Family Service Center Guam, by direction of the Commander; and Principal Steven Dozier, Guam

Department of Defense High School, for his many hours of voluntary service to their Communities;

Whereas, in 1994 "Al" was selected and recognized as one of Ten Employees of the Year in the "Magnificent Seven Program," a prestigious event which recognizes individuals and groups for their achievements and contributions in the service of the government of Guam; and

Whereas, "Al" is one (1) of just four (4) nominees for the 2000 "Governor's Award of Excellence," recognized for his innumerable contributions to the Community over the years, including, but not limited to, volunteering his time to speak to students and members of the Community in outreach programs about the significance of preserving one's culture and past; and

Whereas, "Al" is an accomplished artist whose many donated artworks appear proudly displayed in all parts of the Island; and

Whereas, "Al" was awarded the "Bronze Star Medal" for valor, the "Combat Infantry's Badge" and other Campaign medals for his patriotic service and achievement during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, "Al" suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder ("PTSD") and was accepted to participate in the PTSD Residential Rehabilitative Program in Hilo, Hawaii, to deal with the trauma scars acquired during this service to our Country in Vietnam; and

Whereas, it would be against the interests of both "Al" and the Island Community, and would not advance the cause of justice and retribution if he were to be incarcerated for a full year; Now, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That I MinaBente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request that clemency be granted to Veteran Alejandro T.B. Lizama by President William J. Clinton, that his sentence be commuted and that he be released and returned to Guam; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America; to the President of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Secretary General of the United Nations; to the National Organization for the Advancement of Chamoru People; to the Honorable Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Magalahaen Guahan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of July 26, 2000, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 25, 2000:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2764: A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for the programs carried out under such Acts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-365).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 522: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality

of beaches and coastal recreation water, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-366).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1148: A bill to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-367).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1658: A bill to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-368).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2297: A bill to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (Rept. No. 106-369).

S. 2878: A bill to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-370).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 134: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area (Rept. No. 106-371).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 729: A bill to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on federal land (Rept. No. 106-372).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1612: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska (Rept. No. 106-373).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1643: A bill to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa (Rept. No. 106-374).

S. 1972: A bill to direct the Secretary of agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park (Rept. No. 106-375).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2051: A bill to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-376).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany S. 2279, A bill to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-377).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2300: A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State (Rept. No. 106-378).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1564: A bill to protect the budget of the Federal courts (Rept. No. 106-379).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 2343: A bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for the purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program (Rept. No. 106-380).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2499: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania (Rept. No. 106-381).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1407: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-382).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1594: A bill to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (Rept. No. 106-383).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1639: A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service and Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002 (Rept. No. 106-384).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1687: A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission (Rept. No. 106-385).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2412: A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-386).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2438: A bill to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-387).

S. 2440: A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security (Rept. No. 106-388).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1929: A bill to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act (Rept. No. 106-389).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2697: A bill to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-390).

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 3001: A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, extend the authorization of appropriations, and improve the administration of that Act, to amend the United States Warehouse Act to authorize the issuance of electronic warehouse receipts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-391).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 468: A bill to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area (Rept. No. 106-392).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

H.R. 992: A bill to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-393).

H.R. 1695: A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-394).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 999: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 30, 2000:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Report to accompany H.R. 4733, A bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-395).

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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. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ROBB, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. GORTON):

S. 3002. A bill to authorize a coordinated research program to ensure the integrity, safety and reliability of natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 3003. A bill to preserve access to outpatient cancer therapy services under the medicare program by requiring the Health Care Financing Administration to follow appropriate procedures and utilize a formal nationwide analysis by the Comptroller Gen-

eral of the United States in making any changes to the rates of reimbursement for such services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 3004. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for the conversion of cooperative housing corporations into condominiums; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 347. A resolution designating the week of September 17, 2000, through September 23, 2000, as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ROBB, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. GORTON):

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THE PIPELINE INTEGRITY, SAFETY AND RELIABILITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to address a serious issue currently pending in the Senate—pipeline safety. On August 19, there was a tragic pipeline accident in my state of New Mexico. A natural gas transmission line ruptured at 5:30 a.m. that Saturday morning in a rural area south of Carlsbad, NM. Unfortunately, the rupture occurred near a popular fishing spot along the Pecos river. Two families were camped below the bridge traversed by the pipeline. Eleven people, including five small children, died when their favorite camping spot was overcome by heat and flames. I have just learned that the one survivor, Amanda Smith, died earlier today. I would like to include a couple of articles about the victims to be printed in the RECORD after my statement. They should be remembered as individuals, not mere statistics.

This was a human tragedy I can barely describe. I spoke briefly with Martha Chapman, mother of two of the victims, and grandmother of two of the children. She had just returned to Carlsbad for the funeral from Lubbock where she had been keeping vigil at the bedside of her daughter-in-law. She was devastated. She said her whole life was gone. She begged me to do what I could