

devices such as alarms, sprays, stun guns and firearms.

For those unable to attend a seminar personally, the program has distributed more than 200,000 of the informative "42 Strategies for Personal Safety" brochures nationwide.

Mr. President, the women of the NRA are to be commended for the development of this important program. The contributions of the "Refuse to be a Victim" program are indeed impressive. This program is a fine example of the type of pro-active safety and security training that the National Rifle Association has long provided to our citizens. I hope that women in every part of our great nation will consider participating in this outstanding program and, in so doing, join the more than ten thousand women who have already benefited from it.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:48 a.m., the message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4276) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. ROGERS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. OBEY as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate

H.R. 1794. An act for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi.

H.R. 1834. An act for the relief of Mercedes Del Carmen Quiroz Martinez Cruz.

H.R. 4259. An act to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel manage-

ment policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3694) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The House further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 314. An act to provide a process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada.

H.R. 930. An act to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses.

H.R. 1481. An act to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study.

H.R. 1836. An act to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administrative sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7297. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Markets for Small Business and Commercial Mortgage Related Securities"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7298. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index" (RIN0938-A187) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7299. 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 "Classification of Certain Transactions Involving Computer Programs" (RIN1545-AU70) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7300. A communication from the Interim District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statutory Audit of the District's Depository Activities for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7301. A communication from the Chairman of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1999 Performance Accountability Plan for the District of Columbia"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7302. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Reform of Affirmative Action in Federal Procurement" (RIN9000-AH59) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7303. 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; Pollock by Trawl Vessels Using Nonpelagic Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 092898A) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7304. 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; Pollock by Trawl Vessels Using Nonpelagic Trawl Gear in Bycatch Limitation Zone 1 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 092898E) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7305. 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; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 092298B) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7306. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Upgrading of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation Manual" (RIN0693-ZA21) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7307. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Implementation for Participation in the Value Pricing Pilot Program" (Docket 98-4300) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7308. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupant Protection Incentive Grants" (Docket 98-4496) received