

Through their endeavors, these students have learned much about WWII. In the process, they have heightened their community's awareness of this important part of American history and the brave people who were part of it.●

COMMENDATION FOR JARED HOHN AND THE HOTSHOTS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the Sawtooth Hotshots for their valiant efforts in fighting the recent forest fires that raged through the Black Hills of South Dakota and other western states. The Hotshots are U.S. Forest Service fire crews that specialize in putting out large forest fires. The work is tough, demanding and invaluable. The Hotshot crew is dedicated, spending countless hours training for situations like those faced this summer. Once the fires occur, they often literally work around the clock to save the forests.

Nowhere is this spirit more exemplified than by Jared Hohn, a 21-year old college student from Hill City, South Dakota. For the last four summers, Jared has worked as a member of the Hotshot crew, fighting fires all over the country to help put himself through college at the University of South Dakota. As a member of the crew, he often works 16 hour days and, in one instance, worked for 42 hours straight fighting desert fires.

The work is dangerous and many lives have been lost. But the 80 hours of training that the crew receives at the start of each summer greatly helps to minimize the danger that they face. The training teaches proper firefighter techniques and understanding of the forces that affect fires, like weather patterns.

The dedication to public service and to saving lives is reflected in Jared and the entire Hotshot crew. Jared and the Hotshots are a hard-working group who literally lay their lives on the line to improve the world around us and to protect us from fires. We owe a great deal to them and to the Forest Service for preforming such a valuable public service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES 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 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2485. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

S. 3164. An act to protect seniors from fraud.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 154. Concurrent resolution to acknowledge and salute the contributions of coin collectors.

S. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 1474.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5239) to provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution (H.J. Res. 102) recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4907. An act to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5461. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning.

H.R. 5537. An act to waive the period of Congressional review of the Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act of 2000.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, and requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 434. Concurrent resolution commending the men and women who fought the year 2000 wildfires for their heroic efforts in protecting human lives and safety and limiting property losses.

H. Con. Res. 439. Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 2614.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil

War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estate of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2060. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2300. An act 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.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

H.R. 4788. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under the Act, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Act, and to improve the administration of the Act.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of October 30, 2000, at 8 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Kevie Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 121. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 121. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was 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-11384. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AJ88) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-11385. 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 "John D. Shea v. Commissioner" (115 T.C. No. 8) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11386. 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 "Rev. Rul. 2000-51-BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—September 2000" (Rev. Rul. 2000-51) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11387. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN1090-AA64) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-11388. A communication from the General Counsel, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities; Play Areas" (RIN3014-AA21) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11389. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Prime Enrollment" received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11390. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Small Business Specialist Functions" (DFARS Case 2000-D021) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11391. A communication from the Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Services Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Personnel to United States Civilian Authorities for Trial" (32 CFR 884) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11392. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Part 747 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11393. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Insurance and Rates 65 FR 60759 10/12/2000" (RIN3067-AD01) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11394. A communication from the Secretary of the Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Proxy Statements and Information Statements to Households" (RIN3235-AH66) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11395. A communication from the Under Secretary of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Non-Discretionary Provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" (RIN0584-AC41) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11396. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwi fruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket Number: FV00-920-3 FIR) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2665: A bill to establish a streamlined process to enable the Navajo Nation to lease trust lands without having to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of individual leases, except leases for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resources (Rept. No. 106-511).

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. CRAIG:

S. 3265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify treatment of employee stock purchase plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 3266. A bill to amend the Delta Development Act to expand the area covered by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission to include Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM):

S. Con. Res. 157. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Mexico should adhere to the terms of the 1944 Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande Treaty between the United States and Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Con. Res. 158. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding appropriate actions of the United States Government to facilitate the settlement of claims of former members of the Armed Forces against Japanese companies that profited from the slave labor that those personnel were forced to perform for those companies as prisoners of war of Japan during World War II; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. CRAIG:

S. 3265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify treatment of employee stock purchase plans; to the Committee on Finance.

WORKER INVESTMENT PROTECTION ACT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to introduce important legislation designed to clarify the tax treatment of employee stock purchase plans (ESPPs). The Worker Investment Protection Act provides this needed clarification.

Employee stock purchase plans are a common tool used by employers to allow rank-and-file employees to set aside part of their paychecks to purchase the company's stock. The tax code provides incentives for employees to participate in ESPPs to encourage employee ownership. This legislation is necessary because in selected cases around the country, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun to act contrary to almost 30 years of published policy, and is attempting to collect income taxes and payroll taxes on