

they saw, the Holts sent money and clothes to the orphanages, but they still felt the need to do more.

As they thought and prayed about what to do, it dawned on the Holts that what the children needed more than money and clothes were families. So Harry and Bertha decided to provide that family. They decided to adopt eight Korean children. No matter what roadblocks were placed in the way of that decision—including the need to get Congress to pass a special law—the Holts persevered. Soon they were the parents of eight new sons and daughters.

The adoption was revolutionary. Previously, adoption was regarded as something to be kept secret. The Holts, however, proudly adopted children who were obviously not their birth children. In doing so, they showed that a family's love is greater than barriers of race and nationality.

But the Holts story did not end with the adoption of their children. As word spread about what they had done, others sought their advice and asked how they could adopt. Just 5 months after bringing his new family home, Harry headed back to Korea to match other children with new families. In 1956, financed almost entirely by Harry and Bertha's personal funds, Holt International was born.

Fifty years have now passed since Holt International was officially incorporated. Harry and Bertha are no longer with us. But their dream lives on. Today, Holt is the Nation's largest adoption agency, having united nearly 40,000 children with adoptive families in the United States. It is simply impossible to calculate how much happiness and joy have been brought into the life of those children and, in return, how much happiness and joy they have provided for their families.

As a U.S. Senator from Oregon, which continues to be home to the headquarters of Holt International, and as the father of three adopted children, I am privileged to rise today to extend my congratulations—and I know the congratulations of the entire Senate—to Holt on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. I stand ready to help them in any way possible as they continue their inspiring mission in the years ahead.

Mr. President, I will conclude with the eloquent words of Bertha Holt, who said, "All children are beautiful when they are loved." May all children be as blessed as those adopted by the Holts.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS R. ETLING

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the efforts of a good friend and to highlight his service to our Nation. Thomas R. Etling, of Chesterfield MO, is privileged to have served for 26 years as an adjunct faculty member of the Saint Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. In his years in the Business and Human Relations Division, he has taught a va-

riety of subjects ranging from statistics, to marketing and human relations.

Throughout Mr. Etling's career, he has been honored with several distinctions for his hard work and dedication in the classroom. During the 2001-2002 academic year, he was selected as Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year. In 2004, Mr. Etling was named the Business Teacher of the Year, the first adjunct faculty member to be so honored.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Etling has continued to dedicate his time to serving the academic community. He has served on several committees, most notably as a member of the Academic Council and the Assessment Committee. Currently, he is working with the dean of the business division to develop a mentoring program to assist students who have the entrepreneurial spirit to help them develop their ideas. For this program, he has recruited a number of successful local business leaders and other faculty members. Mr. Etling looks forward to continuing to work for the success of the students and the college. I thank him for setting such a great example for us all.●

TRIBUTE TO BOYD "BUTCH" KITTERMAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Boyd "Butch" Kitterman of Wall, SD. Butch is being honored for his many years of volunteer service with the Wall Volunteer Fire Department.

Butch has been with the Wall Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. He has served as fire chief, truck captain, and is currently treasurer for the department. South Dakota's communities depend on volunteers like Butch to keep our citizens and homes safe during times of trouble. His initiative, expertise, and dedication to serving the city of Wall for 50 years is truly commendable.

Today I rise with Butch Kitterman's friends and family in celebrating his 50 years of selfless dedication and service to the city of Wall.●

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 and treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3850. An act to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

H.R. 683. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment.

H.R. 1036. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3127. An act to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed today, September 28, 2006, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5074. An act to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007.

At 3:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 1556. An act to designate a parcel of land located on the site of the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Clyde S. Cahill Memorial Park".

H.R. 1711. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2069. An act to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2110. An act to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to