

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. ETTLING

● 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

the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2134. An act to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of American Latino Heritage in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

H.R. 2322. An act to designate the Federal building located at 320 North Main Street in McAllen, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza Federal Building".

H.R. 3606. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

H.R. 3626. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Arthur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, Utah, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized.

H.R. 4750. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing a water supply and conservation project to improve water supply reliability, increase the capacity of water storage, and improve water management efficiency in the Republican River Basin between Harlan County Lake in Nebraska and Milford Lake in Kansas.

H.R. 4766. An act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide for the revitalization of Native American languages through Native American language immersion programs; and for other purposes.

H.R. 4789. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public land located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Wels Hydroelectric Project of Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, Washington, to the utility district.

H.R. 4876. An act to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4981. An act to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act.

H.R. 5016. An act to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5026. An act to designate the Investigations Building of the Food and Drug Administration located at 466 Fernandez Junco Avenue in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Andres Toro Building".

H.R. 5160. An act to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative.

H.R. 5340. An act to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5483. An act to increase the disability earning limitation under the Railroad Retirement Act and to index the amount of allowable earnings consistent with increases in the substantial gainful activity dollar amount under the Social Security Act.

H.R. 5503. An act to amend the National Housing Act to increase the mortgage amount limits applicable to FHA mortgage insurance for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas.

H.R. 5516. An act to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5546. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5585. An act to improve the netting process for financial contracts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5606. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 221 and 211 West Ferguson Street in Tyler, Texas, as the "William M. Steger Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5637. An act to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5690. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest in the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

H.R. 5692. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the feasibility and suitability of establishing a memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas and for its inclusion as a unit of the National Park System.

H.R. 5842. An act to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5946. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improve monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6014. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to improve California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and water supply.

H.R. 6051. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 2 South Main Street in Akron, Ohio, as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 6062. An act to enhance community development investments by financial institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6072. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide further regulatory relief for depository institutions and clarify certain provisions of law applicable to such institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6079. An act to require the President's Working Group on Financial Markets to conduct a study on the hedge fund industry.

H.R. 6106. An act to extend the waiver authority for the Secretary of Education under title IV, section 105, of Public Law 109-148.

H.R. 6115. An act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to restructure mortgages and rental assistance for certain assisted multifamily housing.

H.R. 6138. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6198. An act to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 478. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Lights on Afterschool", a national celebration of after-school programs.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 56. An act to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 213. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 362) to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 2430) 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, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 2856) to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and her purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

At 5:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that it has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6197. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2464. An act to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 2146. An act to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5574) to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

At 7:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 4545. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4846. An act to authorize grants for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

H.R. 5108. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1213 East Houston Street in Cleveland, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal Robert A. Martinez Post Office Building".

H.R. 6162. An act to require financial accountability with respect to certain contract actions related to the Secure Border Initiative of the Department of Homeland Security.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

H. Con. Res. 473. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

At 8:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4954) to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the of the two Houses thereon, and appoints from the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. KING of New York, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. REICHERT, THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. PASCRELL;

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of titles VI and X and section 1104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. DINGELL;

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 201 and 401 of the House bill, and sections 111, 121, 302, 303, 305, 513, 607, 608, 706, 801, 802, and 1107 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. SODREL, and Mr. MELANCON;

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 101-104, 107-109, and 204 of the House bill, and sections 101-104, 106-108, 111, 202, 232, 234, 235, 503, 507-512, 514, 517-519, title VI, sections 703, 902, 905, 906, 1103, 1104, 1107-1110, 1114, and 1115 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SHUSTER, and Mr. OBERSTAR;

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 102, 121, 201, 203 and 301 of the House bill, and sections 201, 203, 304, 401-404, 407, and 1105 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. RANGEL, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5132. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Monroe County, Michigan, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 3982. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assured compensation for first responders injured by experimental vaccines and drugs.

S. 3983. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assured compensation for first responders injured by experimental vaccines and drugs and to indemnify manufacturers and health care professional for the administration of medical products needed for biodefense.

S. 3992. A bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1998 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes.

S. 3993. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 28, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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.

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.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-8463. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8464. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deepwater Ports" ((RIN1625-AA20)(USCG-1998-3884)) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original acquisition cost) at \$14,000,000 or more from the Government of the Netherlands to the Government of Chile; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8466. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original acquisition cost) at \$14,000,000 or more from the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Chile; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8467. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8468. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad (Sweden); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8469. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original acquisition cost) at \$14,000,000 or more from the Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the termination of the 15% Danger Pay Allowance for East Timor as of August 20, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8471. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Partial Lifting of Arms Embargo Against Haiti" (22 CFR Part 126) received on September 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8473. A communication from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Connecticut Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1463. A bill to designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building".