

Gail's numerous and significant contributions span more than three decades of public service. As a Forest Supervisor, she focused on community collaboration to build understanding and support for an economically and environmentally viable long-term timber sale program in Alaska. She also made bold land management decisions to ensure forests remained healthy by reducing hazardous fuels.

As associate deputy chief for the national forest system, Gail was central to the development of the Healthy Forests Initiative, including the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. She also worked to improve interagency cooperation.

As regional forester in the northern region, she oversaw the development and implementation of community wildfire protection plans in Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota. She also played a leading role in the development of plans to delist the grizzly bear in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Gail pioneered the implementation of improved forest planning with unprecedented public collaboration and ownership.

On July 31, 2009, Gail Kimbell will be retiring from the Forest Service with 35-plus years of service to that agency and our country. Her dedication to the Forest Service mission "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations" will be forever appreciated by the people of the United States.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:56 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2245. An act to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

At 4:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 164. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture.

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-2352. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2353. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of (10) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2354. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of (7) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2355. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Restriction on Acquisition of Specialty Metals" ((RIN0750-AF95) (DFARS Case 2008-D003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2356. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Requirements Applicable to Undefined Contract Actions" ((RIN0750-AG29) (DFARS Case 2008-D029)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2357. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Plug-in Electric Vehicle Credit Under Section 30" (Notice 2009-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2359. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Director's Directive No. 2 on Casualty Loss IRC 165" (LMSB-4-0309-010) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2360. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Director's Directive No. 4 on Mixed Service Costs Phase 1" (LMSB-4-0509-022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2361. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-123, "Processing Sales Tax Clarification Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2362. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-124, "National Law Enforcement Museum Sales and Use Tax Credit Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2363. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-125, "Records Access Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-126, "Raze Permit Community Notification Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2365. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-127, "Citizen-Service Programs Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2366. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-128, "Child Development Center Directors Relocation Fairness Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2367. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-133, "Transportation Infrastructure Improvements GARVEE Bond Financing Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2368. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-134, "Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2369. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-135, "Clean and Affordable Energy Fund Balance Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2370. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-136, "Neighborhood Development Tax Deferral Temporary Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2371. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report on Federal agencies' use of the physicians comparability allowance (PCA) program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2372. A communication from the Senior Official, Office of Inspector General, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2373. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2374. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled