

they should think merely about personal interests.

Ladies and gentlemen, in conclusion, allow me a brief personal remark. I was born in Prague and I lived there for decades without being allowed to study properly or visit other countries. Nevertheless, my mother never abandoned one of her secret and quite extravagant dreams: that one day I would study at Harvard. Fate did not permit me to fulfill her dream. But something else happened, something that would never have occurred even to my mother. I have received a doctoral degree at Harvard without even having to study here.

More than that, I have been given to see Singapore, and countless other exotic places. I have been given to understand how small this world is and how it torments itself with countless things it need not torment itself with if people could find within themselves a little more courage, a little more hope, a little more responsibility, a little more mutual understanding and love.

I don't know whether my mother is looking down at me from heaven, but if she is I can guess what she's probably thinking: she's thinking that I'm sticking my nose into matters that only people who have properly studied political science at Harvard have the right to stick their noses into.

I hope that you don't think so.

Thank you for your attention.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:33 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. 535. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas.

H.R. 584. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa.

H.R. 614. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility.

The message also announced that House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. KASICH, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. WALKER, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HERGER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. LARGENT, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PARKER, Mr. SABO, Mr. STENHOLM, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. COYNE, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, and Mrs. MINK of Hawaii as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, the Speaker appoints as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy the following Members on the part of the House: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut and Mr. GEJDENSON.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 535. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 584. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 614. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-167. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; ordered to lie on the table.

"ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

"Whereas, every three hours one person in the United States dies while awaiting organ transplantation, and in 1994, 3,098 persons died while awaiting transplants because too few families agreed to give the 'Gift of Life' by consenting to organ donation on behalf of their deceased loved ones; and

"Whereas, in addition to solid organs, transplants can be performed using tissues such as heart valves for cardiac patients, corneas for patients with corneal blindness, skin for patients with critical burns who require skin grafts, and bone and cartilage for reconstructive or rehabilitative orthopedic transplants; and

"Whereas, more than 18,000 organ transplants were performed in the United States in 1994, of which 2,400 were performed in California; and

"Whereas, the national waiting list of patients in need of solid organ transplants now exceeds 38,000 men, women, and children; and

"Whereas, more than 400,000 tissue transplants were performed in the United States in 1994, of which more than 40,000 were performed in California, most of which were skin, bone, tendon, and cartilage allografts; and

"Whereas, at any given time the number of patients in the United States waiting to receive tissue transplants exceeds 10,000 men, women, and children; and

"Whereas, more than 41,000 corneal transplants were performed in the United States in 1994, of which 4,736 were performed in California; and

"Whereas, the national waiting list of patients in need of corneal transplants exceeds 6,000 men, women, and children; and

"Whereas, evidence about a person's willingness to be an organ and tissue donor, even in the form of a signed Organ Donor Declaration on a California driver's license under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, often can be outweighed when families elect not to consent to donation; and

"Whereas, in 1994, more than 2,400 California families gave the 'Gift of Life' to critically ill people in California, across the United States, and even in other countries, by consenting to the prompt recovery of organs and tissues on behalf of their deceased family members, even during their time of grief and bereavement; and

"Whereas, one California family, the family of the late Nicholas Green of Bodega Bay,

has received international recognition for their altruistic decision to donate Nicholas' organs and tissues to desperately ill children and adults in Italy, where Nicholas tragically perished in October 1994, at the age of seven; and

"Whereas, in California there is a need for increased education and awareness about the supply and demand for organ and tissue donation so that patients, families, and their physicians can speak openly about organ and tissue donation, participate in family discussions, prepare Advance Directives stipulating their wishes regarding organ and tissue donation, and recognize that organ and tissue donation is a lifesaving memorial tribute to deceased loved ones. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims Monday, April 17, 1995, as California Donor Family Recognition Day to coincide with National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week from April 16, 1995 through April 22, 1995, so that the citizens of California may be made aware of the need for organ and tissue donation and the opportunity that organ and tissue donation offers as a lifesaving memorial tribute to deceased loved ones; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, to the President and Vice President of the United States, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and to the Director of the United Network for Organ Sharing, advising them of the special recognition afforded by the Legislature to those families who have given the 'Gift of Life.'"

POM-168. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; ordered to lie on the table.

"A RESOLUTION

"Whereas, the State of Georgia and other states have a constitutional provision that prohibits its legislative body from creating a budget deficit in its appropriations process; and

"Whereas, the State of Georgia has various constitutional and statutory constraints relative to debt financing which require the state to maintain a very tight credit strategy; and

"Whereas, the economic welfare of the United States and its citizens depends on a stable dollar and a sound economy; and

"Whereas, the federal budget deficit has had a deleterious impact on the nation's financial health and has impeded severely investment productivity and growth; and

"Whereas, the members of the United States House of Representatives cast a vote of overwhelming support for a balanced budget amendment to the federal Constitution; and

"Whereas, the Georgia General Assembly

has supported an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget for many years, having specifically applied to the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing such an amendment in 1976: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate That the members of this body urge the United States Senate to adopt the balanced budget amendment and applaud the United States House of Representatives for overwhelmingly supporting the proposed amendment; Be it further

"Resolved by the Senate That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States Congress, the Clerk of the