

having the opportunity to implement the things that we have been talking about in general terms for the last several years.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. FORD. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask it be appropriately referred.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

(The remarks of Mr. FORD pertaining to the introduction of S. 201 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

#### BRINGING UTAH'S CENTENNIAL TREE TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I join the millions of Americans whose holidays were made just a little brighter this year by the sight of the magnificent 70-foot Engleman Spruce from Utah's Manti-LaSalle National Forest.

I speak not only of those fortunate enough to see the tree in Washington, but of others who saw this giant tree of the great American west pass through their cities and towns en route to Washington. Like the relay that brought the Olympic flame to Atlanta, the journey for Utah's centennial Christmas tree required no less in the way of planning and cooperation.

Many individuals and organizations contributed to this project. In a true holiday spirit, Mack trucks, which has a subsidiary in Pleasant Grove, UT, generously transported this special tree, along with 40 smaller trees to be displayed at other sites in the Nation's Capital, the 2,000 miles to Washington.

Stops along the way included Salt Lake City, UT; Cheyenne, WY; Spearfish, Rapid City, Pierre, and Sioux Falls, SD; LaCrosse, WI; South Bend, IN; Pittsburgh and Allentown, PA; and Hagerstown, MD. At each stop, people came out to see this great symbol of the season and to spread holiday cheer and good will.

At its final destination, in Washington, on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol, the tree was appropriately welcomed with holiday carols sung by the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir and the Congressional Chorus. Speaker GINGRICH'S two nieces threw the switch that illuminated this spectacular Christmas tree. The staff of the Architect of the Capitol should be commended for the

wonderful job they did erecting the tree and decorating it with the ornaments made by Utah's children.

Mr. President, Utah takes special pride in having provided the national holiday tree from its soil, particularly during the year commemorating our centennial anniversary as a State. And, we were proud that Utah's history was also a part of this holiday display. Under the tree was a miniature railroad to commemorate another great Utah event: the joining of the Nation's railway system with a golden spike at Promontory, UT, in 1869. Those who conceived and constructed these railroad cars did a fantastic job.

Finally, Mr. President, I want to reiterate a special note of thanks to the organizations and companies that worked diligently to make the tree the great success that it became. They include the many local communities surrounding Orem, UT; Utah's U.S. Forest Service personnel; the Utah Automobile Club; and such corporate sponsors as Mack trucks, D.M. Bowman, Inc.; Poulan weedeater; and the Hale Brake and Wheel Co. Few efforts like this are successful without the support of the community, and these organizations among many others helped to make Utah's centennial tree to the District of Columbia project possible.

#### 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-841. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement" received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-842. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Linking Legacies: Connecting the Cold War Nuclear Weapons Production Process to Their Environmental Consequences"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-843. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to brucellosis in cattle, received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-844. A communication from the Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to grapes, received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-845. A communication from the Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to olives, received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-846. A communication from the Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Florida grapefruit, received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 200. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a portion of the Columbia River as a recreational river, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FORD:

S. 201. A bill to provide for the establishment of certain limitations on advertisements relating to, and the sale of, tobacco products, and to provide for the increased enforcement of laws relating to underage tobacco use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 202. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 203. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to State and local government of certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution commemorating "Juneteenth Independence Day," June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. BYRD):

S. Res. 23. A resolution designating Alan Scott Frumin as a Parliamentary Emeritus; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Res. 24. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate reaffirming the cargo preference policy of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. Res. 25. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a series of stamps highlighting achievements of young Americans, including Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 200. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a portion of the Columbia River as a recreational river, and for other purposes;