

passed—when the Americans With Disabilities Act became law. No one who took part in those honorable causes can doubt that public service, at its best, is noble.

The moral challenges of our time can seem less clear. But they still demand conviction and courage and character. They still require young men and women with faith in our process. They still demand idealists, captured by the honor and adventure of service. They still demand citizens who accept responsibility and who defy cynicism, affirming the American faith, and renewing her hope. They still demand the President and Congress to find real unity in the public good.

If we remember this, then America will always be the country of tomorrow, where every day is a new beginning and every life an instrument of God's justice.

Mr. President, Elizabeth and Robin join me in wishing you and Mrs. Clinton all the best as you embark on your second term. May God bless you, and each inhabitant of this House, and may God bless America.

Mr. CRAIG. Thank you, very much, Mr. President, and I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, before I ask for some unanimous-consent agreements and do the close, I want to commend, also, the remarks of Senator Dole that were just printed in the RECORD by the distinguished Senator from Idaho. I attended the ceremony where Senator Dole received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. I must say, it was one of the most inspiring events I have ever attended.

First of all, I think the President deserves credit for presenting this very deserving leader of our country the Medal of Freedom.

Second, I think I have probably never been to an event where there was more of a combination of a feeling of good will, appreciation for our veterans, patriotism and humility and humor, all wrapped in one event. It was really an inspiration.

Bob Dole's remarks, which are in the RECORD, are typical of Bob. He said almost nothing about the fact that he was receiving this honor, other than the fact that he would cherish it. He, instead, chose to talk about American soldiers and the service they gave and the American experiment, Government, history—magnificent remarks. Also, he had that special moment of history where I thought for a moment he was going to be sworn in to be President of the United States instead of being given the Medal of Freedom.

It was a tremendous occasion. I am very proud that Bob Dole received this recognition, and I am delighted we put his statement in the RECORD for all Americans to read it.

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-930. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-931. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Entity List" (RIN0694-AB24) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-932. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects" (RIN0648-ZA26) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-933. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska" received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-934. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (TX025FOR) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-935. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Duplication Fees" (RIN3150-AF60) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-936. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting" (RIN1018-AD94) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-937. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Determination of Threatened Status" (RIN1018-AB75, AB88) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-938. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-939. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Dental Devices" received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-940. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the consolidated financial statements of the American Red Cross; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-941. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,

Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated January 1, 1997; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. Res. 33. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 34. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 35. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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-22. A resolution adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars relative to the reevaluation of the national military strategy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-23. A resolution adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars relative to the flag; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-24. A resolution adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars relative to terrorism; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-25. A resolution adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars relative to the retention of nuclear deterrent capabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-26. A resolution adopted by the Military Order of the World Wars relative to national security; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-27. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

Whereas, During the horrific period when the Nazis ruled Europe, many Jews in Germany and Eastern Europe saw Switzerland as the only safe haven for their assets because of Switzerland's neutrality and Switzerland's banking secrecy laws; and

Whereas, As a result of the Holocaust, many of the accounts established in Swiss banks were dormant after the end of World War II; and

Whereas, In 1962 Switzerland set up a system in which any money found in dormant accounts of which no claim had been made for five years and thought to belong to Holocaust victims was put into a special government account to be used to support charitable organizations; and

Whereas, The world has recently become aware of the probable misuse of those funds to compensate Swiss citizens for property expropriated by former communists regimes in Eastern Europe; and

Whereas, Every effort should be made to assure that surviving family members of