

American Government, and a true friend to the community around him. He will be sorely missed—not only by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but also by us.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:32 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 joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 5. Joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. STARK, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mrs. MALONEY.

The message also announced that the House has passed to the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 63. An act to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake."

H.R. 649. An act to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

H.R. 651. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 709. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 750. An act to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its revision to the People's Republic of China.

H.R. 914. An act to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures.

H.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution to consent certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basin.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 6:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S.J. Res. 5. Joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 497. An Act to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Affairs.

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

H.R. 63. An Act to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 649. An Act to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 651. An Act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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H.R. 750. An Act to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its revision to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 914. An Act to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

The following Joint Resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution to consent certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 16. Concurrent resolution concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basin; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### 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-1387. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Energy and Conservation Act Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1388. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a status report relative to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1389. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice concerning the National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1390. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1391. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1392. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 94-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1393. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to single-employer plans, received on March 11, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Employment Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to migrant and season agricultural worker, (RIN1215-AA93) received on March 11, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1395. 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, the report of 53 rules including 1 rule relative to food labeling, received on March 11, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1396. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to reduction in force, (RIN3206-AH64) received on March 11, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.