

state championship classes from Washington state. That track record shows great leadership and dedication to the education of their students.

I enjoyed meeting with the students this weekend and wish them the best for their future. They will certainly be well prepared for it.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, 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. 1480. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the social problem of child abuse and neglect and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of this problem.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the social problem of child abuse and neglect and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of this problem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-2823. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Investment and Leasing Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2824. A communication from the Vice President, Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Statistical Summary for Fiscal Year 1998"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2825. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Builder Warranty for High-Ratio FHA-Insured Single Family Mortgages for New Homes (FR-4288-C-02)" (RIN2502-AH08), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2826. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Housing Complaint Processing; Plain Language Revision and Reorganization; Interim Rule (FR-4431-I-01)" (RIN2529-AA86), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2827. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Agency Plans and Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Merger Rules; Announcement of Public Forums; Solicitation of Additional Public Comment on Relationship of PHA Plans to Consolidate Plan (FR-4420-N-02)" (RIN2577-AB89), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Housing Agency Plans and Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Merger Rules; Announcement of Public Forums; Solicitation of Additional Public Comment on Relationship of PHA Plans to Consolidated Plan (FR-4420-N-02)" (RIN2577-AB89), received on April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2829. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund" for fiscal years 1995 through 1997; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2830. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants" (RIN1121-AA46), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2831. A communication from the Executive Director, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of activities during calendar year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2832. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2833. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the United States subscription to additional shares of the capital of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2834. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2835. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an export license relative to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2836. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act—Amendment of Transit Without Visa (TWOV) List" (RIN1400-AA48), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2837. A communication from the Secretary of Education and the Chief Operating

Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, Department of Education, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to student financial aid programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2838. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report of proposed legislation entitled "Hazard Reporting Protection Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2839. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pre-market Notification Program for Food Contact Substances-Cost Estimate"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2840. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carbohydrase and Protease Enzyme Preparations Derived from *Bacillus Subtilis* or *Bacillus Amyloliquefaciens*; Affirmation of GRAS Status as Direct Food Ingredients"; received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2841. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investigational New Drug Applications; Clinical Holds; Confirmation of Effective Date" (RIN0910-AA84), received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2842. A communication from the Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Program Development, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Special Disabled Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans; OMB Control Numbers for OFCCP Information Collection Requirements" (FR Docket No. 99-7835), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2843. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Special Education & Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitative Research" (84.133), received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2844. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Chief of Engineers dated February 3, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Hawaii; Public Nudity" (RIN1024-AC66); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2846. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Performance Plan, Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2847. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled

"International Energy Outlook 1999"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2848. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of The Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" SPATS No. VA-110-FOR, received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2849. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of The Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" SPATS No. TX-045-FOR, received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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-81. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8013

To the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

Whereas, parts of Western Washington received the highest amount of rainfall in state history between the months of November and February, raining for ninety-one consecutive days and producing over fifty-five inches of rain in King County; and

Whereas, parts of the Olympic Peninsula, i.e., Lilliwaup, received over one hundred fourteen inches of rain in a four-month period; and

Whereas, sixty-one homes have been damaged and twenty-six homes are uninhabitable in the area known as Carlyon Beach in Thurston County, with property losses estimated at over ten million dollars; and

Whereas, ground water flooding and landslides in Thurston County have directly impacted at least seven hundred and sixty-five residents, many of whom are elderly or have special needs; and

Whereas, a landslide in the Aldercrest neighborhood in Cowlitz County has damaged one hundred and thirty-seven homes to date, and at least fifty additional homes are threatened; and

Whereas, ground water problems will cost over two million dollars to repair and currently no water or sewer systems are in operation; and

Whereas, shoreline bulkheads are failing, and public facilities expenses are estimated at one million dollars, excluding the cost of geotechnical assistance; and

Whereas, Washington State Department of Transportation estimates of highway damages reach eleven million two hundred two thousand dollars, and ten million dollars of those damages are in Mason County alone; and

Whereas, local government estimates of damages to county roads and city streets reach seven million three hundred ninety-two thousand four hundred thirty-five dollars; and

Whereas, Governor Locke's emergency proclamation now includes six western coun-

ties and directs state government to support emergency response activities as needed around the state and authorizes the Washington Military Department and its Emergency Management Division to coordinate state agencies in the affected areas; and

Whereas, county officials are continuing to assess damages to determine sufficient damage for justification of federal assistance; and

Whereas, when damage from an event is so great it is beyond the capability of local and state government to repair, the Governor can ask the President to declare a disaster, thus making a variety of federal disaster assistance programs available to help restore communities to their predisaster condition; and

Whereas, the federal disaster assistance programs available may include housing and relocation assistance, individual and family grants, funding to restore public infrastructure and roads, tax exemptions for the relocation of evacuated citizens, funding for geotechnical studies to prevent future damage, and hazard mitigation;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that if the Governor requests federal assistance, the President and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will respond favorably to the request and authorize the needed maximum available disaster recovery support to address the needs of Washington's citizens devastated by the record rainfall.

Be it resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-82. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4008

To the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled:

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent and petition as follows:

Whereas, the introduction of aquatic nuisance species, such as the zebra mussel, European green crab, and the mitten crab have the potential to cause significant environmental and economic damage to our state and nation; and

Whereas, aquatic nuisance species can spread from any state within our nation causing harm to all; and

Whereas, the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 authorizes the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force to approve aquatic nuisance species management plans that are submitted by state governors, and authorizes the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to fund up to seventy-five percent of the implementation cost of approved plans; and

Whereas, an important function of aquatic nuisance species management plans is to encourage state and regional jurisdictions to respond to aquatic nuisance species problems; and

Whereas, Congress has authorized four million dollars annually to fund the implementation of state management plans to minimize the environmental and economic damage caused by aquatic nuisance species to our state and nation; and

Whereas, in recent years only two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated an-

nually to fund the implementation of aquatic nuisance species management plans; and

Whereas, the Washington State Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan alone identified one million seven hundred thousand dollars in additional funding needed to address aquatic nuisance species problems; and

Whereas, two hundred thousand dollars is inadequate to allow fifty states, as well as interstate organizations, to implement effective programs identified in aquatic nuisance species management plans; and

Whereas, the appropriation of the full four million dollars authorized to fund aquatic nuisance species management plans would encourage development of plans, and thereby serve to reduce the destructive impact of aquatic nuisance species and minimize the risk of their spread to other states;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that the President and Congress should recognize the destructive potential of aquatic nuisance species and act to minimize this destruction by supporting appropriation of the four million dollars authorized to fund state aquatic nuisance species management plans in fiscal year 2000 and future years.

Be it resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-83. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Whereas, the President of the United States, by Executive Order, initiated the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP) to create a scientifically sound, legally defensible, ecosystem management plan; and

Whereas, the ICBEMP was to be a broad-scale, 12-month project that would give general direction to public land managers for ecosystem management but has become a top-down, highly prescriptive set of management directives; and

Whereas, the management direction provided by the ICBEMP does not match the purpose and need statements made in the environmental impact statement (EIS), which were to restore and maintain a healthy forest, to provide sustainable and predictable levels of products and services, and to support economic and social needs of people, cultures, and communities; and

Whereas, the Columbia Basin ecosystem is a very diverse and complex environment, and basinwide standards could be a detriment to some or all forest-dependent and range-dependent economies; and

Whereas, experts maintain that the ICBEMP violates the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act of 1974, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996; and

Whereas, the ICBEMP was intended to be a scientifically sound management plan but has become politically based on selective science, which supports predetermined preservation goals with a top-down, one-size-fits-all, highly prescriptive set of management objectives and standards; and

Whereas, the recent interim roadless policy proposed by federal agencies indicates a strong desire to create de facto wilderness areas and circumvent the authority of Congress (in direct violation of the previously listed laws) and indicates the political direction incorporated into the ICBEMP, which