

right handed home run hitter in National League history; hitting 20 or more home runs in 11 seasons, surpassing the 30 home run mark four times and the 40 mark twice. For the 11-year period between 1949 and 1959, he averaged more than 30 home runs and 100 RBIs per season. Those are some impressive statistics. A vital part of both the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Mets franchises, Gil appeared in 8 World Series, winning 1 as a player and 1 as a manager. During his tenure, Gil Hodges led the 1969 Miracle Mets to one of the most memorable and remarkable World Championships in the history of baseball, bringing pride to Mets fans all across the city.

Beyond being a great major leaguer, Gil Hodges was a great humanitarian. He played a major role in the success and acceptance of his teammate, Jackie Robinson. Jackie's eventual success was facilitated by the leadership and courage of Gil Hodges. A life long New Yorker, his memory lives on in the minds of the many Dodgers and Mets fans that got to witness his greatness. His number 14 has been retired by the Mets assuring that his legacy will be preserved for generations. In closing, I would like to say that Gil Hodges was a great baseball player, a great manager, and more importantly a great man. He was a hero to many and I am taking this time to pay tribute to his legacy. Thank you, Gil.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. FILIPPO MILONE

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Filippo Milone, a well-known community leader who was recently given the Republican Congressional Committee's Businessman of the Year Award. Filippo runs the highly successful and well regarded Pillars restaurant in Mobile, Alabama which serves some of the best cuisine not only in the state, but in the entire country. This award is truly a testament to Filippo's reputation in the Mobile business community and to the high esteem in which he is held by his peers. I want to congratulate Filippo and his wife of 27 years, Geltrude, and offer my thanks for their dedication to the city of Mobile.

Born in Italy in 1938, Filippo came to the United States after fulfilling his duties in the Italian military. After traveling to various parts of the country, Filippo chose to settle in the Mobile area to establish a business and raise a family. Calling upon his extensive culinary training, Filippo opened the Pillars restaurant in 1975 with the idea of creating a unique dining experience for customers. Today, the Pillars restaurant continues to thrive. Filippo has 40 employees and enjoys the satisfaction that comes with creating opportunities for others. He is active in the community as a member of many local organizations, including the Restaurant Association, the Chef's Association, and Lion's Club. Indeed, Filippo's many activities truly entitle

him to the recognition that comes with being named a Businessman of the Year.

Again, I would like to congratulate Filippo and his entire family on this award. I have had the pleasure of eating at the Pillars Restaurant on numerous occasions and can honestly say I have never been disappointed. Both the service and food are always first class, and being in the company of someone with such a deep sense of community is always a pleasure. His commitment to the Mobile area and to Alabama should be commended.●

IN MEMORY OF JOHN ROBERT STARR

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, just a few days ago Arkansas lost one of its boldest opinion leaders and most respected modern journalists, John Robert Starr. I rise today to pay tribute to his career and to offer my sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues.

A journalist of the "old-school," John Robert Starr was dedicated to the tradition of his craft even in this day and age of on-line papers and 24-hour news channels. He loved his work and once said of journalism: "This is the place to be—reporting, covering the day-to-day business. This is where I would like to be. This is where everybody ought to be."

Ultimately, Mr. Starr would have a dramatic impact on journalism in Arkansas. But he got his start on the college newspaper at Southwestern, now Rhodes College in Memphis. After college, Starr combined two of his loves, sports and journalism, to join the sports staff at the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He later moved to the Associated Press in Little Rock as the sports editor but soon shifted into the arena of political coverage.

Throughout his 19-year career at the AP, including as Little Rock bureau chief, Starr covered such infamous political characters as Governor Orval Faubus, as well as various political candidates. After a lengthy and successful stint, he then left the AP to teach journalism at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Starr didn't last long on the academic side of things after being recruited to run an afternoon paper, the Arkansas Democrat. The Democrat was headed into battle with a more widely-read morning paper, the Arkansas Gazette, which was the oldest newspaper west of the Mississippi.

As they say, the rest is history. John Robert Starr led the Democrat through a raucous, public battle against the Gazette for readership and power. He became known through a must-read daily column for his sharp wit and engaging writing. Ultimately, the Democrat took the Gazette head on with hard news coverage and even harder-hitting opinions. It won, taking over the Gazette in 1991 under the masthead of one combined daily paper, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. It has been said

that, despite his hand in shutting the Gazette down, Starr mourned the loss of the competition and lamented the passing of a major journalistic institution.

After the takeover, Starr stayed at the helm of the Democrat-Gazette as managing editor for just under a year, but stayed on to write his much-beloved daily column until the late 1990's when he cut back to three columns per week. During these years, Starr took on every topic from politics to travel, from professional basketball to Razorback football's recent stadium controversy. He always had an opinion and expressed it like no one else could. While his career was not without controversy, his opinions were always received with respect.

John Robert Starr also devoted much time to his wife of 51 years, the former Norma Jeanette Wilson of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and their family. They traveled extensively over the years and their adventures provided material for many touching columns. Starr is survived by two sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren, whom he loved dearly.

Journalism in my home state is forever influenced by the life and career of John Robert Starr. He was a dedicated Arkansan, with a passionate commitment to our state and its communities. With his passing, thousands of Arkansans will find something missing as they pick up their morning papers for years to come.●

THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Kosciuszko Foundation—the American Center for Polish Culture—in honor of the Foundation celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

As the oldest not-for-profit institution in the United States which maintains cultural and educational exchanges between the U.S. and Poland, the Kosciuszko Foundation organizes academic, scholarly and scientific exchanges, and fellowships and grants for Polish scholars.

The Foundation also supports efforts to further business and economic education in Poland, and it also funds valuable programs to prepare Poland's political and social leaders for the country's new democratic system.

I commend the Kosciuszko Foundation for promoting Polish education and culture, and for its years of dedicated service to the Polish and Polish-American community. Many thanks also must go to the dedicated folks at the foundation for maintaining the vital Polish culture.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BIENNIAL REPORT ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM99

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

I herewith transmit the Department of Transportation's Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for Calendar Years 1996-1997. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5121(e).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 5, 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

H.R. 3903. An act to deem the vessel *M/V Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3903. An act to deem the vessel *M/V Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-8336. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Projects with Industry (Evaluation Standards and Compliance Indicators)" (RIN1820-AB45), received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8337. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations-Federal Perkins Loan Program", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8338. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8339. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8340. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8341. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formal Interpretation 17, Pursuant to Section 803.30 of the Premerger Notification Rules, 16 CFR Section 803.30, Regarding Filing Obligations for Certain Acquisitions Involving Banking and Non-Banking Businesses under the (c)(7) and (c)(8) Exemptions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act as Amended by the Gram-Leach-Bliley Act", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8342. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Delay of Effectiveness", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8343. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8344. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska-Closes B Season Pollock Fishery within the Shelikof Strait Conservation Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8345. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Fort Lauderdale, FL (COTP Miami 00-030)" (RIN2115-AA97) (2000-0006), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8346. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Norwalk River, CT (CGD01-00-014)" (RIN2115-AES7) (2000-0017), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8347. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Elaine, AR; Ringgold, LA; Hays, KS" (MM Docket No. 99-280; RM-9672; MM Docket No. 99-281, RM-9684; MM Docket No. 99-283, RM-9711), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8348. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Easton, Merced and North Fork, CA" (MM Docket No. 99-181; RM-9584; RM-9700), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8349. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Littlefield, Wolfforth and Tahoka, TX" (MM Docket No. 95-83; RM-8634), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8350. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Newell, SD; Merville, IA; Rockford, IA; Watska, IL; Keosauqua, IA; and Box Elder, SD" (MM Docket Nos. 99-96; 00-193; 99-194; 99-308; 99-309; and 99-310), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8351. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Johnson City and Owego, NY" (MM Docket No. 99-245; RM-9680), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8352. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Ankeny and West Des Moines, IA" (MM Docket No. 95-108; RM-8631), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8353. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-2, -2A, -2B, -3, -3B, and -3C Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-57 (3-28/3-30)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0183), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8354. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule