

and the world is a better place because of the sacrifice they and their families make.

In my hometown of New Orleans, we are fortunate enough to be rich in Naval history and tradition. We are the proud home of the Naval Reserve Headquarters where Rear Admiral John Totushek commands more than 88,000 reservists across the United States and around the world.

As we set out in this new century, the importance of the Naval Reserve has never been more clear. Tomorrow, as today and for generations past, the razor sharp readiness of the United States Navy serves as a beacon to America's friends and a warning to our enemies, promising swift action, great victories and richer traditions yet to come.

On this day, I offer warmest regards to all members of the Naval Reserve, and to the families who also serve by supporting them. You represent all that is wonderful about our Nation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LEON KENISON UPON HIS RETIREMENT

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Leon Kenison, an exemplary public official who dedicated himself to serving the people of New Hampshire for almost four decades. As Commissioner of the Department of Transportation since 1996, he has brought to the office the professional skills and knowledge of the politics and practice of road building so vital to an agency that touches the lives of every person who lives in or visits the Granite State.

Leon began his career with the Department of Transportation in 1963, a week before graduating from the University of New Hampshire. He is widely respected for his transportation expertise at state, regional and national levels, and has chaired several key committees for the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials. During his tenure with the DOT, Leon approached his work with a can-do attitude, and balanced what needs to be done with what can be done.

Throughout his career, Leon accomplished a great deal for transportation in New Hampshire. The people of this state look upon him with tremendous gratitude and admiration for all that he has done. I have often sought Leon's support and expertise on transportation issues. We worked closely together to make sure that New Hampshire's needs were met in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Under his leadership, the DOT not only secured funding to complete major highway projects including Route 101 and I-93, but also placed more emphasis on environmental protection, car pools, express bus, rail and other new programs.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve Leon Kenison in the U.S. Senate and I

wish him and his family godspeed in his retirement and in all of their future endeavors. •

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 Finance.

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

#### 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-681. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2001-15) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-682. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Return Information to the Bureau of the Census" (RIN1545-AY51)(TD8943) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-683. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment for Below-market Loans for 2001; Correction" (Ann. 2001-19) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-684. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Purchase Price Allocations in Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions" ((RIN1545-AY73)(TD8940)) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-685. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Payee Statements" (RIN1545-AY00) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-686. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Administration of the Government in the Sunshine Act for Calendar Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-687. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual Monetary Policy Report for the period from July 2000 through February 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-688. A communication from Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Further Revisions to the Clean Water Act Regulatory Definition of 'Discharge of Dredged Material': Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6945-3) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-689. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead and Lead Compounds; Lowering of Reporting Thresholds; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6722-10) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-690. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning internal accounting and financial controls for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-691. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Albia, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-33" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0049)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-692. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cape Lisburne, AK; docket no. 00-AAL-11" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0035)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-693. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Aliens Ineligible to Transit Without Visas (TWOV)" (RIN1400-AA48) received on February 13, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-694. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Division of Transportation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Fiscal Year 2001 Indian Reservation Roads Funds" (RIN1076-AE09) received on February 16, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-695. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Capital Investment Projects; Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN2132-AA63)(2001-0001)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-696. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intelligent Transportation System Architecture Standards; Delay of Effective Date" ((RIN2125-AE65)(2001-0001)) received on February 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-697. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit by Brokers and Dealers (Regulation T); List of Foreign Margin Stocks" received on February 20, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-698. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Transportation and Marketing, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule