

Grande Chapter, working with sister chapters in Los Alamos and Santa Fe, coordinated more than 2,000 volunteers to help ensure that shelters were opened, meals were served, and mental health counselors, nurses, caseworkers and others were available to work with families faced with rebuilding their homes and their lives.

This relief effort, while one of the largest in the state's history, is only one example of the services this Red Cross Chapter provides to disaster victims.

Over the decades, the agency's services have evolved to continue to meet the needs of the communities it serves. The Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton. During WWI and WWII, the Red Cross provided extensive services to the members of the U.S. military, supplying more than 80 percent of the bandages used on the battlefields and in the military hospitals. Red Cross nurses and volunteers served in those overseas hospitals, as well as the VA hospitals back home.

Following the wars, new services were formed to meet the needs of veterans. The Red Cross began to expand into home and workplace first aid programs. Swimming lessons and lifeguard training, once unheard of, became a part of hundreds of thousands of children's lives and continues today. CPR and first aid are still taught every week at the Mid-Rio Grande Chapter and around the state and country. In Albuquerque and central New Mexico alone, more than 13,000 people are trained every year.

In New Mexico, the Red Cross also runs a bone and tissue transplantation program. They work closely with United Blood Services to help ensure an adequate blood supply.

In addition to the Albuquerque chapter, the Red Cross also operates chapters in Clovis, Farmington, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Roswell and Santa Fe.

Throughout program's lifetime, one service has remained constant: disaster relief. Response to fires, floods, windstorms, winter storms, hazardous material spills, transportation accidents, and search and rescue operations has all been part of the everyday work of the American Red Cross, Mid-Rio Grande Chapter. Just last year, they responded to 229 disasters and assisted 285 families, not including the aid given to victims of the Cerro Grande Fire. The Chapter also trains thousands a year in disaster education in an effort to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

This year, as the Chapter celebrates its 85th anniversary of service, we honor years of commitment and the contributions volunteers have made to our communities by improving and saving lives. These services are made possible only through the generous donations of the people of New Mexico and the nation.

I commend the efforts of the Mid-Rio Grande Chapter of the American Red

Cross. I encourage everyone to learn more about the Red Cross and its support services. It is a great organization that relies on public support to ensure that it remains strong and ready to respond to emergency and public safety needs in Albuquerque, the state, the nation, and the world. It is hard to imagine what this country might have been like without the great contributions of one of the world's oldest and largest humanitarian organizations—the American Red Cross. ●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are 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-1297. A communication from the Regulatory Contact of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Official Commodity and Rice Inspection Service" (RIN0580-AA74) received on March 30, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1298. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1299. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1300. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance" (FEMA Doc. 77750) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1301. A communication from the Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Operating Subsidies Under the Operating Fund Formula" ((RIN2577-AB88) (FR-4425-I-12)) received on March 30, 2001; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1302. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the financial statements and schedules for 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1303. A communication from the President of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the financial statements for 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1304. A communication from the Executive Secretary of the Office of Human Research Protection, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Human Subjects; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0925-AA14) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1305. A communication from the Executive Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Opioid Drugs in Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction" (RIN0910-AA52) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1306. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Device; Exemption From Pre-market Notification; Class II Devices; Pharmacy Compounding Systems" (Doc. No. 00P-1554) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1307. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1308. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1309. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1310. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the appropriated funds for recruiting functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1311. A communication from the Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Residential Treatment Facilities Providing Inpatient Psychiatric Services to Individuals Under Age 21: Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0938-AJ96) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1312. A communication from the Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation; Anesthesia Services; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0938-AK08) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1313. 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 "BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—February 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2001-18) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1314. 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 "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1315. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Arkansas River Shiner" (RIN1018-AG12) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1316. A communication from the Acting Vice President of Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on statistical studies for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1317. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the emergency funding for the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1318. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Computer Reservations Systems Regulations" (RIN2105-AD00) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1319. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the alternative power sources for flight data recorders and cockpit voice recorders; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1320. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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—Inseason Adjustment (opens B season pollock fishery in Statistical Area 610, Gulf of Alaska, for 12 hours)" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1321. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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—Modification of a Closure (opens pollock fishery in the West Yakutat District, Gulf of Alaska)" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1322. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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 Pacific Cod Fishing by Vessels 60 ft. Length Overall and Greater Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1323. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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 Pacific Cod Fishing by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" received on March 29, 2001; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1324. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report concerning the Commission's Activities for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1325. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Amendments to an Emergency Interim Rule Implementing 2001 Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and Harvest Specifications for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska (provides exemption for fixed gear vessels)" (RIN0648-AO82) received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1326. A communication from the Acting 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—Final Rule; Adjusting the Seasonal Apportionment of the 2001 Pacific Halibut by Catch Limits for the Trawl and Hook-and-Line Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1327. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Pacific Mackerel" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1328. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable 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; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 feet Length Overall and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1329. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1330. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the Government National Mortgage Association for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1331. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1332. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1333. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1334. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for

Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1335. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1336. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget, and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1337. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1338. A communication from the President of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report concerning the Foundation's Financial Statements, Internal Controls, and Compliance for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1339. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and Chairman of the Board, and the Acting Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1340. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 27: A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the 1944 deportation of the Chechen people to central Asia, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 60: A resolution urging the immediate release of Kosovar Albanians wrongfully imprisoned in Serbia, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 23: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the involvement of the Government in Libya in the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations, I report favorably in the Foreign Service