

farm settled by Mary O'Neill Branon's son, Edward. He fondly recalls the Sunday mornings of his childhood, a satisfying mix of chores, Mass and fox hunting.

His mother was devout, but it is his father's definition of sin that has stayed with the priest: "He said, 'I was brought up to figure you can't commit a sin unless you want to,'" Branon recalled.

And it was his father, brother of a priest and a nun, who took the time to fall to his knees and pray before going to the barn to care for a sick horse.

These stories of family and faith nourish Branon as he approaches 75, as he makes his rounds to comfort the elderly and ill.

He has no plans to retire, no plans to leave South Hero. "I owe it to God and the people to keep going as long as I'm worth anything," he said.

In his parish home, alone at night, Branon thinks of his own mortality and finds comfort in these words: "May the all powerful Lord grant me a happy life and a peaceful death."

Maybe not the exact words of the night prayers, concedes the priest with 50 years' experience. But close enough.

BRANON FILE

Who: The Rev. Phillip J. Branon
Occupation: Catholic priest ordained 50 years ago, April 11, 1951.
Age: 74.

Family: Branon is the sixth of 10 children of E. Frank and Mary Branon. He grew up on a farm in Fairfield.

Education: St. Mary's High School in St. Albans, graduated 1943; St. John's Seminary in Boston, ordained in 1951.

Career: St. Paul's Parish, Barton, 1951-1953; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Burlington, 1953-1955; Vermont Catholic Charities, Burlington, 1955-1957; Newman Center, the University of Vermont, 1957-1971. Since 1971 he has been serving at St. Rose de Lima, South Hero; St. Benedict Labre, North Hero; and St. Joseph, Grand Isle.

Open House: An open house in his honor will be held today at St. Joseph Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., after Branon celebrates Mass.

VERMONT PRIEST FACTS

Full-time priests in Vermont: 101.
Active priests with 50 years of service or more: two.

Vermont priests ordained 50 years ago or more: 24. Of those, two are active and 22 are retired. Eight of the retirees fill in as substitutes.

50th anniversary: Wednesday is the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Phillip J. Branon, a priest at three parishes in Grand Isle County. Two other Vermont priests celebrate half a century or ordination on Wednesday, though they have retired: Monsignor Raymond Adams of Essex Junction and the Rev. Robert Whalen of Poultney and Steamboat Springs, Colo.

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:56 a.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2216. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2052. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2216. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1077. An original bill making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

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-2553. 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 "Modification of Rev. Proc. 97-13" (Rev. Proc. 2001-19) received on June 19, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2554. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—July 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2001-34) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulation: Sweden" (22 CFR Parts 124, 125, 126) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2556. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Israel and the Arab League countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2557. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6787-7) received on June 20, 2001; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2558. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "L-Glutamic Acid and Gamma Aminobutyric Acid; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6785-6) received on June 20, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2559. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isoxadifen-ethyl; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6786-1) received on June 20, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2560. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Indian Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Doc. No. 00-110-3) received on June 20, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2561. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: CFM International CFM56-2, -2B, -3, -5B, -5C, and -7B Series Turbofan Engines; request for comments" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0260)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2562. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advanced Qualification Program; Docket No. FAA-2000-7497; Correction" ((RIN2120-AH01)(2001-0001)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2563. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (17); Amdt. No. 429" ((RIN2120-AA63)(2001-0004)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2564. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (39); Amdt. No. 2053" ((RIN2120-AA65)(2001-0035)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2565. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (26); Amdt. No. 2052" ((RIN2120-AA65)(2001-0036)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2566. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Jackson Hole, WY; Docket No. 00-ANM-24" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0097)) received on June 18, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2567. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,