

routes we should avoid altogether, and how serious driving conditions were or were likely to become. And, of course, most importantly, Ray always reminded us to drive safely. Snow and ice can be unpredictable and dangerous at their worst; Ray, at his best and always on the job, kept Vermonters' safety as his top priority.

Heavy snowfalls, black ice, sleet, and freezing rain made Ray's work important and difficult. More challenging than Vermont's natural arsenal of inclement weather, however, was Ray's ability to always be there when we needed him. This is extraordinary because Ray has a disease that has slowly taken away his sight, although it has never disrupted his sense of service to Vermonters or his spirit.

Ray has never stopped. His disability has never beaten him; his disability has never even slowed him. Aside from dispatching trucks and plows to deal with winter weather, Ray plays the saxophone in his band, Stretch and the Limits, along with drummer Conrad "Stretch" Normandeau and keyboardist Jim Thompson.

I would like to close with a personal message to Ray. You will be missed dearly by every Vermonter who listened to you update conditions on the news, by the plow drivers who relied on your information, and by everyone who has learned to live with Vermont's weather with the help of your advice and forecasts.●

#### 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.)

#### REPORT DETAILING THE PROGRESS OF SPENDING BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DURING THE LAST TWO QUARTERS OF FISCAL YEAR 2001 IN SUPPORT OF PLAN COLOMBIA—PM 79

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 Foreign Relations:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to section 3204(e), of Public Law 106-246, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the last two

quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia.

GEORGE BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2002.

#### REPORT PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD ENTITLED "SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS—2002"—PM 80

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:*

As required by 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I am pleased to submit to the Congress a report prepared by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and engineering Indicators—2002." This report represents the fifteenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

GEORGE BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2002.

#### 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-6369. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the allocation of Department of Defense resources to mission and support activities, as required by Section 915 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6370. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report specifying the projects and accounts to which funds provided in Chapter 3 (in the Defense Emergency Response Fund) are to be transferred; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6371. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6372. A communication from the Assistant to the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Official Staff Commentary for Truth in Lending (Regulations Z) and Technical Amendments to Regulation Z" received on April 4, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6373. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase of the Immigration User Fee From \$6 to \$7" ((RIN115-AG 46) (INS No. 2179-01)) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6374. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6375. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compliance Alternatives for Provision of Uncompensated Services" (RIN0906-AA52) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "29 CFR 1979, Procedures for the Handling of Discrimination Complaints under Section 519 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century" (RIN1218-AB99) received on April 4, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6377. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Certain Obsolete Tolerance Exemptions" (FRL6833-3) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6378. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Furilazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6828-4) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6379. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Extension of Redemption Date for Unsold 2001 Diversion Certificates" (Doc. No. FV02-989-3 FIR) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6380. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Order Amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 923" (Doc. No. 99AMS-FV-923-A1; FV00-923-1) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6381. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the State of Michigan, et al.; Suspension of Provisions Under the Federal Marketing Order for Tart Cherries" (Doc. No. FV01-930-5 FIR) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6382. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in States of Michigan, et al.; Temporary Suspension of a Provision Regarding a Continuance Referendum Under the Tart Cherry Marketing Order" (Doc. No. FV01-930-4 FR) received on April 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6383. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-984-1 IFR) received on