

from New Zealand and the sprightly Sherpa born in Tibet—became instant celebrities back in 1953, and have since evolved into legendary figures.

The son of a yak herder, Tenzing Norgay, who died in 1986, became the first humbly born Asian to rise to global fame entirely through his own efforts and sheer willpower. In many ways his story has a strong American flavor to it—with enough determination and hard work, anyone can achieve anything.

Norgay spoke 13 languages but could neither read nor write. He always told his children: "I climbed Everest so you wouldn't have to." His son, Norbu, now a resident of San Francisco, took these words to heart. College became his Everest.

Equally extraordinary is how Hillary and Norgay used their fame not for personal gain, but as champions of their people and, later, to help and protect the unique culture of the Sherpas.

For nearly 25 years now, I have been honored to consider Sir Edmund Hillary my friend. In September of 1981, he was with my husband when he fulfilled a dream: entering the beautiful Kanshung valley, in an attempt to climb the east face of Everest from Tibet.

In concert with the American Himalayan Foundation, Sir Edmund's Himalayan Trust, which was established in 1962, has been leading the effort to build schools, bridges, hospitals, and micro hydro plants, out of his deep and lasting affection for the Sherpa people.

To date, they have built 27 schools where once there were none. I am not talking about just funding alone—Sir Edmund actually took part in the actual construction of these and other buildings. Here is a man who puts the divots back. Just ask the Sherpa children who grew up tending yaks who are now doctors, pilots and investment bankers.

The Himalayan Trust has also built two hospitals, one in Khunde and one in Paphlu, and 11 village clinics that provide health care for the Sherpa communities and trekkers alike.

The Trust has worked to combat the deforestation of the Khumbu, caused largely by tourism, by planting more than 1 million trees, to restore the sacred monasteries at Tengbouche and Thame—central sites for the spirituality of the Sherpas, and in the establishment, in 1976, of the Sagarmatha National Park. Sagarmatha is the Nepali name for Mount Everest.

At 83 years old, New Zealand's former High Commissioner to India is still going strong. For half a century now he has been one of the enduring figures of our time.

He has taught me and so many others about the simple yet majestic power of the Himalayas and the marvelous but far too often forgotten people whose ancient culture is tied so closely to those amazing mountains.

Being the first to reach the top of the world would ensure anyone's name in

the history books—and Hillary and Norgay achieved that the moment news spread of their heroic accomplishment.

But I believe had they not been the men they were—soft spoken and down to earth, devoted to actions and example, to helping others rather than themselves—then they would have ended up as mere footnotes.

Instead, the names of Hillary and Norgay remain an inspiration to people around the world. And I am absolutely certain that the same will be true 50 years from now, when it comes time to celebrate the 100th anniversary, and for many other anniversaries to follow.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:20 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

MEASURE REFERRED

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

H.J. Res. 4. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2476. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision (FRL 7505-1)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2477. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (FRL 7505-5)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2478. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District (FRL 7495-4)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2479. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Tennessee; Approval of Revisions to the Tennessee Implementation Plan (FRL 7506-8)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2480. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Kentucky: Approval of Revisions to Maintenance Plan for Northern Kentucky (FRL 7505-3)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2481. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Georgia Update of Materials Incorporated by Reference (FRL 7500-9)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2482. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Removal of Alternative Emission Reduction Limitations (FRL 7504-6)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2483. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Regulation to Prevent and Control Particulate Matter Air Pollution From Manufacturing Processes and Associated Operations (FRL 7503-9)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2484. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Regulations to Prevent and Control Air Pollution from the Emission of Sulfur Oxides (FRL 7500-2)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2485. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to the Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Chemical Production and Polytetrafluoroethylene Installations (FRL 7503-7)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2486. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; State Implementation Plan Correction (FRL 7503-4)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2487. A communication from the Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office Inspector General work in the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2488. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General License for the Import of Major Nuclear Reactor Components (RIN 3150-AH21)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2489. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Nonessential Experimental Population Status and Reintroduction of Black-Footed Ferrets in South-Central South Dakota (1018-AI60)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2490. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-Aid Highway Systems (RIN 2125-AD74)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2491. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), transmitting, the issuance of several documents that are not regulations that are related to EPA regulatory programs, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2492. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: General Provisions, and Requirements for Control Technology Determinations for Major Sources in Accordance with Clean Air Act Section, Section 112(g) and 112(j)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2493. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills (FRL 7502-7)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2494. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units (FRL 7503-2)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2495. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Vermont, Negative Declaration (FRL 7502-1)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2496. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(I), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Management and Control of Asbestos Disposal Sites Not Operated After July 9, 1998: State New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (FRL 7490-6)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2497. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Regional Haze Rule to Incorporate Sulfur Dioxide Milestones and Blacktop Emissions Trading Program for Nine Western States and Eligible Indian Tribes Within the Geographic Area (FRL 7504-4)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2498. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines (FRL 7502-4)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2499. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 13b2-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Representatives and conduct in connection with the preparation of required reports and documents (RIN 3235-AI67)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2500. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulations, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretation of Books and Records Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act Release No. 47910)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2501. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulation CC (Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks) (Doc No. R-1150)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2502. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the national emergencies declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in Executive Order 12808 on May 30, 1992 and Kosovo in Executive Order 13088 on June 9, 1998, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2503. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Morocco, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2504. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Taiwan, received on

June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2505. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Relay Services and the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990 (CC Doc. No. 90-571, FCC 02-269)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2506. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (CC Doc. 02-6, FCC 03-101)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Learjet Model 45 Airplanes; Docket no. 2003-NM-88 (2120-AA64)(2003-0174)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2508. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (98) Amdt. No. 3055 (2120-AA65)(2003-0021)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2509. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (31); Amdt. No. 3056 (2120-AA65)(2003-0022)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2510. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Surplus Military Airplanes Manufactured by the Consolidated, Consolidated Vultee, and Corvair; Docket no. 2003-NM-23 (2120-AA64)(2003-0173)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (29); Amdt No. 3053 (2120-AA65)(2003-0023)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace at Richfield Municipal airports, Richfield, UT; Docket No. FAA-01-ANM-16 (2120-AA66)(2003-0079)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2513. A communication from the Program Analyst, 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. 3054 (2120-AA65)(2003-0024)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2514. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Fome, NY; Docket no. 03-AEA-02 (2120-AA66) (2003-0080)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2515. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Herington, KS; Docket no. 03-ACE-10 (2120-AA66) (2003-0083)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2516. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Larned, KS; Docket no. 03-ACE-11 (2120-AA66) (2003-0084)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2517. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Surface Area Airspace; and Modification of Class D Airspace; Topeka, Forbes Field, KS; CORRECTION; Docket No. 03-ACE-5 (2120-AA66) (2003-0081)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Angel Fire Airport, Angel Fire NM; docket no. 2001-ASW-13 (2120-AA66) (2003-0082)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lebanon, MO; Docket no. 03-ACE-6 (2120-AA66) (2003-0089)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2520. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace, Aes, IA; Docket no. 03-ACE-7 (2120-AA66) (2003-0088)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2521. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D Airspace; and Modification of Class E Airspace; Topeka, Philip Billard Municipal Airport, KS; Docket no. 03-ACE-4 (2120-AA66) (2003-0087)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2522. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace, Ankeny, IA; docket no. 03-ACE-8 (2120-AA66) (2003-0086)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2523. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Clarinda, IA; Docket No. 03-ACE-12 (2120-AA66) (2003-0085)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2524. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 2 Regulations) [COTP Philadelphia 03-005] [CGD01-03-060] (1625-AA00) (2003-0023)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2525. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 3 regulations) [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-002] [CGD13-02-020] [CGD13-03-008]" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2526. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Mystic River, CT (CGD01-03-047)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2527. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta and Marine Parade Regulations; SLR; Atlantic Ocean, Point Pleasant Beach to Bay Head, New Jersey (1625-AA08) (2003-0007)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2528. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta and Marine Parade Regulation; SLR; Delaware River, PEA Patch Island to Delaware City, Delaware (CGD05-03-013)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2529. A communication from the Deputy Assistant, Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to cross reference in the Regulatory text of 50 CFR part 679.20 paragraph redesignations (0679)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2530. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States, Scup Fishery; Gear Restricted Area Exemptions Program (RIN 0648-AQ30)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2531. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure prohibiting directed fishing of polluck in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), Effective from 1200 hours Alaska local time (A.L.T.) on April 27, 2003 through 2400 hours A.L.T., December 31, 2003" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2532. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies; Mitigation of Orbital Debris (IB

Doc. No. 02-34 and 02-54)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2533. A communication from the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to fulfilling the requirements of Section 423(b) of the Homeland Security Act, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2534. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2535. A communication from the Secretary of the Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report to Congress on state payment limitations for Medicare cost for Medicare cost sharing, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2536. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Long-Term Care Hospitable: Annual Payment Rate Updates and Policy Changes (RIN 0938-AL92)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2537. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 355—Change Circumstances (Rev. Rul. 2003-55)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2538. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 355 Requirement—Going own way (Rev. Rul. 2003-52)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2539. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time for Making Certain Plan Amendments (Rev. Proc. 2002-73)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2540. A communication from the Chief, 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 (Notice 2003-14)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2541. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cosmetic Procedures and Medical Care Under 213 (Revenue Ruling 2003-57)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2542. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Earned Income Credit and Tribal Child Placements (Notice 2003-28)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2543. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—June 2003 (Rev. Rul. 2003-60)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2544. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Revitalization Deduction (Rev. Proc. 2003-38)" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2545. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2002 Accounting of Drug Control Funds, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2546. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "First Interim Report on the Informatics for Diabetes Education and Telemedicine (IDEATel) Demonstrations" received on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—May 29, 2003

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

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1160. An original bill to authorize Millennium Challenge assistance, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1161. An original bill to authorize appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1178. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Federal Government to assume all costs relating to implementation of and compliance with that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1179. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand Medicare benefits to prevent, delay, and minimize the progression of chronic conditions, and develop national policies on effective chronic condition care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1181. A bill to promote youth financial education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KYL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1182. A bill to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1183. A bill to develop and deploy technologies to defeat Internet jamming and censorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1184. A bill to establish a National Foundation for the Study of Holocaust Assets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1185. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve outpatient health care for medicare beneficiaries who reside in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 1186. A bill to provide for a reduction in the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1187. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to require that ready-to-eat meat or poultry products that are not produced under a scientifically validated program to address *Listeria monocytogenes* be required to bear a label advising pregnant women and other at-risk consumers of the recommendations of the Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration regarding consumption of ready-to-eat products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 159. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the June 2, 2003, ruling of the Federal Communications Commission weakening the Nation's media ownership rules is not in the public interest and should be rescinded; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" and urging funding for epilepsy research and service programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAU, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 49. A concurrent resolution designating the week of June 9, 2003, as National Oceans Week and urging the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the peo-

ple of the United States to observe this week with appropriate recognition, programs, ceremonies, and activities to further ocean literacy, education, and exploration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 104

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 221

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 221, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate an increase in programming and content on radio that is locally and independently produced, to facilitate competition in radio programming, radio advertising, and concerts, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and for other purposes.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.