

Center for Public Policy and to recognize the work of a great Coloradan, the Bighorn Center's CEO and founder, Rutt Bridges.

The Bighorn Center for Public Policy was created in 1999 in an effort to provide Colorado with a truly nonpartisan organization that identifies, develops, and advocates public policies to enrich the quality of life in the State of Colorado. Over the past 7 years, the Bighorn Center has brought together leaders from both sides of the aisle to find real solutions to Colorado's ever-changing public policy needs.

Rutt Bridges is a close friend and colleague. He is a man who understands the value of hard work and authentic leadership, and it has been my pleasure to work with him over the years to improve Colorado.

More than 25 years ago, Mr. Bridges and his wife moved to Colorado and founded a small software company that used emerging computer technology to search for oil. With his ambition and intelligence, Mr. Bridges revolutionized the oil exploration business. His small software company quickly grew from 3 employees to over 70. When he sold his company in 1994, he committed himself to doing good for Colorado, and he has maintained that commitment to this day.

The Bighorn Center's list of accomplishments is impressive. As Colorado attorney general, I worked with the Bighorn Center to develop the Colorado Anti-Bully Project. The Bighorn Center and Mr. Bridges are most well-known, however, for Colorado's telemarketing no-call list, passed in 2001 by Colorado's General Assembly. I am most proud of working with Rutt and the Center to help develop this landmark consumer protection law. Taking on special interests and supplying grassroots political pressure, the Bighorn Center was the driving force in making it easy for Coloradans to choose to block intrusive and unwanted telemarketing calls.

Mr. Bridges and the Bighorn Center did not stop there and have often worked behind the scenes to encourage more campaign finance disclosure, convene meetings to discuss Colorado's budget issues, and create a DNA fingerprinting database for all criminals.

The Bighorn Center also created the Bighorn Leadership Development Program, directed by another distinguished Coloradan, Brenda Morrison. This bipartisan program has effectively recruited and trained over 200 young leaders to work for a better Colorado.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the Bighorn Center for Public Policy, and I applaud Mr. Bridges, Ms. Morrison, and other staff at the Bighorn Center for their dedication to making Colorado a better place to live. While the Bighorn Center is closing its doors, its legacy and the work of these civic-minded Coloradans will continue.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 16, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 6326. An act to clarify the provision of nutrition services to older Americans.

H.J. Res. 100. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:09 p.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 bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6325. An act to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331.

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 423. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing as a House document of "A History, Committee on the Judiciary, United States House of Representatives, 1813-2006".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

H.R. 3699. An act to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 6325. An act to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105-331; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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-9038. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 30, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9039. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States in the past sixty days; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9040. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9041. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discretionary Grant Programs—Notice of Final Priorities" (71 FR 44671) received on November 14, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9042. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress the Commission has made in achieving its mission to regulate and oversee energy industries; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9043. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to audits conducted on the Department of Justice's financial statements of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9044. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trade Agreements Thresholds and Morocco Free Trade Agreement" (DFARS Case 2005-D017) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9045. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government National Mortgage Association management report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9046. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg and to other countries yet to be determined; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9047. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disposition of HUD-Acquired Single Family Property; Disciplinary Actions Against HUD-Qualified Real Estate Brokers" (RIN2502-AI08) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9048. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Missouri Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Program" (FRL No. 8242-9) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9049. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Nebraska Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Program" (FRL No. 8242-6) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9050. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Industrial Steam Generating Units" (RIN2060-AN96) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9051. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Reduction of Penalty for Understating Tax by Adequate Disclosure of an Item on Return" (Rev. Proc. 2006-48) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9052. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2006-54) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9053. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantiation of Expenses of Native Alaskan Whaling Captains" (Rev. Proc. 2006-50) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9054. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007 Standard Mileage Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2006-49) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9055. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amplification of Revenue Procedure 2005-70" (Rev. Proc. 2006-51) received on November 15, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9056. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9057. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9058. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9059. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year

2006 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9060. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the United States space launch industry (motorized mixer with a stainless steel vacuum mixing tank and fine grain bulk graphite); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9061. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the United States space launch industry (twelve Honeywell inertial measurement units); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Committee Activities of 108th Congress" (Rept. No. 109-360).

By Ms. SNOWE, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Report to accompany S. 3778, An original bill to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Act and the Small Business Act of 1958, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-361).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 4046. A bill to extend oversight and accountability related to United States reconstruction funds and efforts in Iraq by extending the termination date of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

*James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015.

*Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011.

*Dan Gregory Blair, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2012.

*Nomination was reported with 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.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

Jack Vaughn, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006.

Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2008, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from January 6, 2005, to January 20, 2005.

Roger W. Wallace, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Kay Kelley Arnold, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010. (Reappointment).

Gary C. Bryner, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008.

Thomas Joseph Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008.

John P. Salazar, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012.

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012.

Jack Vaughn, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2012. (Reappointment).

Craig Roberts Stapleton, of Connecticut, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Monaco.

Nominee: Craig R. Stapleton

Post: Ambassador to Monaco

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: 2,000.00, 7/17/03, Bush-Cheney '04; 25,000.00, 12/28/03, Bush/Cheney Victory 2004; 1,000.00, 2/13/04, John Graves for Congress; 1,000.00, 5/28/04, Friends of Jack Orchulli; 2,000.00, 5/28/04, Shays for Congress; 25,000.00, 6/21/04, RNC Presidential Trust; 500.00, 8/21/04, Republican Majority for Choice; 1,000.00, 9/15/04, Peter Coors for Senate; 2,000.00, 3/26/04, Simmons for Congress.

2. Spouse: Dorothy W. Stapleton, 2,000.00, 8/19/03, Bush-Cheney '04; 1,000.00, 3/26/04, Simmons for Congress; 1,000.00, 8/13/04, Fed PAC; 1,000.00, 10/8/04, Coors for Senate.

3. Children and Spouses: Walker Stapleton, 500.00, 9/24/02, Beauprez for Congress; 2,000.00, 8/20/03, Bush-Cheney '04; 1,000.00, 5/24/04, 500.00, 10/08/04, Coors for Senate.

4. Parents: Katharine H. Stapleton, 2,000.00, 8/20/03, Bush-Cheney '04.

5. Grandparents: No contributions.

6. Brothers and Spouses: Benjamin F. Stapleton III (Jane), 208.00, 10/13/04, Coburn for Senate; 208.00, 10/29/04, Coors for Senate; 500.00, 8/06/04, Udall for Congress; 1,000.00, 8/26/03, Bush-Cheney '04; 1,000.00, 6/15/04, Bush-Cheney '04; 1,000.00, 5/28/04, Shelby for Senate; 1,000.00, 8/04/04, Coors for Senate; 2,496.00, 10/13/04, Majority Fund for America's Future Committee.

7. Sisters and Spouses: No contributions.

Ronald Spogli, of California, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.