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 read the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. chilled, one of its reading clerks, was read. The Speaker informed the Senate that Mr. Hon. Don was a big star wherever he went. He even played in Washington, DC, when I was in the House. And I can tell you, it was a big show.

Despite his stature as an entertainment icon, Don was never too busy to spend a few minutes with his fans; young honeymooners, servicemen and women stationed in the islands, or senior citizens on a dream vacation. He had tremendous charisma and talent and because of that he touched many people.

Hawaii has lost a beloved son and he will be sorely missed.

MESSURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. A bill to allow Department of Agriculture contracts to provide for a program of appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1312. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow employees to participate in a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

H.R. 1592. An act to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1429. An act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1867. A bill to provide for a program of appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1361. A bill to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulations to authorize the Secretary of the Army to enter into cooperative procurement agreements with the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

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