

more carpenters and to expand sales worldwide after receiving calls from throughout Europe and as far away as Pakistan. He hopes to begin production of "crooked" dog houses, but his ultimate goal is to build complete playgrounds for hotels and resorts.

Clearly, Kids Crooked House has demonstrated a commitment to quality craftsmanship, which has not gone unnoticed. The company works by a mantra of "If a kid can dream it, we can build it." What a wonderful perspective. It is always a pleasure to see small businesses with such a dedication to children, and having a company that fills such a specific niche in Maine is a boost to our State. The upcoming year will be an exciting and beneficial one for Kids Crooked House, and I wish everyone associated with the business continued success and many more smiling childrens' faces.●

#### 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 3:36 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 359. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement.

H.R. 660. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled/Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project.

H.R. 1904. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1979. An act to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.

H.R. 2121. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

H.R.2381. An act to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 359. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1725. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Rancho California Water District Southern Riverside County Recycled Non-Potable Distribution Facilities and Demineralization/Desalination Recycled Water Treatment and Reclamation Facility Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1979. To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2121. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2381. An act to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1904. An act to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, 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-2506. A communication from the Acting Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Television Stations Digital Transition Grant Program" (RIN0572-AC02) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2507. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for

International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Capital Investment Fund; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2508. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization of the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into multiyear contracts for the procurement of up to 60 F-22 aircraft beginning with the 2007 program year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2509. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2510. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the operations of the National Defense Stockpile during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2511. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2512. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation intended to ensure that the Federal Housing Administration continues to play a key role in serving low- and moderate-income homebuyers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2513. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to its system of internal controls for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2514. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's management report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2515. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Bank's system of internal controls for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2516. A communication from the Senior Vice President for Resource Management, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Buy American Act for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2517. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 through 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2518. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award Fee Administrative Changes" (RIN2700-AD33) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2519. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's position on

budgeting for the Cedar Bayou, Texas Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2520. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8336-1) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2521. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware, and West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Other Solid Waste Incinerator Units" (FRL No. 8338-7) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2522. 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 "Chlorpropham, Linuron, Pebulate, Asulam, and Thiophanate-methyl; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8131-6) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2523. 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 "Criteria for the Safe and Environmentally Protective Use of Granular Mine Tailings Known as 'Chat'" ((RIN2050-AG27)(FRL No. 8326-1)) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2524. 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 "Cymoxanil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8130-5) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2525. 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 "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8137-8) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2526. 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 "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL No. 8439-2) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2527. A communication from the Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in the Insular Possessions Watch, Watch Movement and Jewelry Programs" (RIN0625-AA72) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2528. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Citizenship Documentation Requirements" (RIN0938-AO51) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2529. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Prescription Drugs" (RIN0938-AO20) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2530. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of Phase I of Medicare Health Support Pilot Program Under Traditional Fee-for-Service Medicare"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2531. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Coverage Determinations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2532. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2533. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Africa, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2534. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2535. A communication from the Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2536. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of aircraft, with an original acquisition value of more than \$14,000,000, including the F-16 AM to Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2538. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State Acquisition Regulation—Technical Amendments" (RIN1400-AC34) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Policy Objectives and U.S. Policy Regarding Iran"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2540. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Promising Strategies to End Youth Homelessness"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2541. 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 "National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Calculation of Average Cost of a Health Insurance Policy" (RIN0905-AA68) received on July 9, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2542. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2544. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the federal work force for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2545. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from W.R. Grace in Erwin, Tennessee, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2546. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from the Dow Chemical Company site in Madison, Illinois, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2547. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by a class of workers from Los Alamos National Laboratory to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2548. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, the report of a draft bill intended to authorize automatic enrollment of all newly hired Federal employees and members of the uniformed services into the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2549. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2550. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2551. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2552. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use of the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program by federal agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2553. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2554. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to pattern-based data-mining technology; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2555. A communication from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2556. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2557. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 10, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### 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 Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1763. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1764. A bill to improve the use of a grant of a parcel of land to the State of Idaho for use as an agricultural college, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1765. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expedite the prompt return of the remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces to their loved ones for burial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1766. A bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1767. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1768. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1769. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1770. A bill to provide for the establishment of emergency wildland fire suppression funds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1771. A bill to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 268. A resolution designating July 12, 2007, as "National Summer Learning Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize capitation grants to increase the number of nursing faculty and students, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 681

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 681, a bill to restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.