

In 1998, Jack accepted a new challenge as the chief executive officer of the National Association of Wheat Growers in Washington, DC. With his leadership, the association achieved a positive financial turnaround.

In 2001, Jack was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Agricultural Retailers Association, where he served until his death. He worked tirelessly to build the association into a strong voice for agricultural retailers and distributors in the Nation's Capital.

Jack was an active member of the Bennett Roundtable of the Farm Foundation of Chicago, Illinois, and recipient of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Brother of the Century Award. He also served as a member of the Bush-Cheney Agricultural Transition Team.

Jack is survived by his wife Jinger and their two children Sam and Maggie; his parents Max and Lois Eberspacher; his sister and brother, as well as nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

I am personally thankful for his contributions and service to American agriculture. His legacy will be remembered, and he will truly be missed by many. My prayers are with his family during this difficult time.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 1:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 3081. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3082. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

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#### 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. KERRY:

S. 1444. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) (by request):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution relating to the approval of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations for not to exceed 45 days pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2159.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 229

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

S. 266

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, expand psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, and study access to and quality of care for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection

activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 696

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include a definition of fill material.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Cancer Institute to make grants for the discovery and validation of biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 779, a bill to amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.