

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

H. Con. Res. 229. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States Congressional Philharmonic Society and its mission of promoting musical excellence throughout the educational system and encouraging people of all ages to commit to the love and expression of musical performance.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3030. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 757 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York, as the "Matthew F. McHugh Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3535. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4241. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin, as the "Les Aspin Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 229. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States Congressional Philharmonic Society and its mission of promoting musical excellence throughout the educational system and encouraging people of all ages to commit to the love and expression of musical performance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-9141. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for Fiscal Year 2001 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9142. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Veterans Housing Loan Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9143. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on transportation security for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9144. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Automotive Fuel Economy Program for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9145. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal

Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9146. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a statement with respect to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Taiwan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9147. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the provisions of the new part 702 concerning the NCUA Board; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9148. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to agency compliance with mandatory use concerning Government charge cards; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9149. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations, 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9150. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Social Security Administration Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Support Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9151. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Customs user fee statute to extend for seven years the authorization for collection of such fees; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9152. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on geographic adjustment factors under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9153. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2000-22 concerning the extension of waiver authority for Belarus; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9154. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2000-23 concerning the extension of waiver authority for the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9155. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2000-21 concerning the extension of waiver authority for Vietnam; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9156. A communication from the Chair of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Selected Medicare Issues"; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2000. (Reappointment)

Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors

for a term expiring August 13, 2000. (Re-appointment)

David N. Greenlee, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lithuania.

John R. Dinger, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mongolia.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Venezuela.

John Martin O'Keefe, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia.

Daniel A. Johnson, of Florida, Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Suriname.

V. Manuel Rocha, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bolivia.

Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

Marc Grossman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Colombia.

James Donald Walsh, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Argentina.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that