

addition, I am proud that we in the Senate recently passed by unanimous consent the Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2002, which takes many critical steps that will work to prevent spina bifida and to improve quality of life for individuals and families affected by this terrible birth defect. I am hopeful that the House will act shortly to pass the measure so it can be sent to the President for his signature.

I again wish to thank the SBAA and its chapters for all of their hard work to prevent and reduce suffering from this birth defect and for their commitment to improve the lives of those 70,000 individuals living with spina bifida throughout our Nation. I wish the Spina Bifida Association of America the best of luck in its future endeavors.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, each without amendment:

S. 1010. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of North Carolina.

S. 1226. An act to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1843. An act to extend certain hydroelectric licenses in the State of Alaska.

S. 1907. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon.

S. 1946. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail.

S. 2239. An act to amend the National Housing Act to simplify the downpayment requirements for FHA mortgage insurance for single family homebuyers.

S. 2712. An act to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries.

S. 3044. An act to authorize the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia to provide for the interstate supervision of offenders on parole, probation, and supervised release.

S. 3156. An act to provide a grant for the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, in honor of the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife, Sheila.

S.J. Res. 53. A joint resolution relative to the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 628. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

H.R. 629. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office".

H.R. 2458. An act to enhance the management and promotion of electronic Government services and processes by establishing a Federal Chief Information Officer within the Office of Management and Budget, and by establishing a broad framework of measures that require using Internet-based information technology to enhance citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3429. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3747. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the site commonly known as Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue in the State of Washington for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

H.R. 3775. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3955. An act to designate certain National Forest System lands in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4750. An act to designate certain lands in the State of California as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5097. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

H.R. 5280. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building".

H.R. 5334. An act to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

H.R. 5436. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Oregon.

H.R. 5495. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 5499. An act to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5504. An act to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5512. An act to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5513. An act to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and a land exchange in the State of Colorado to acquire a private inholding in the San Isabel National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5586. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office Building".

H.R. 5604. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5609. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 East 1st Street in Rome, Georgia, as the "Martha Berry Post Office".

H.R. 5611. An act to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building".

H.R. 5716. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year.

H.R. 5728. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide fairness in tax collection procedures and improved administrative efficiency and confidentiality and to reform its penalty and interest provisions.

H.R. 5738. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians.

H.J. Res. 117. A joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President John Adams.

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

H. Con. Res. 466. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of bread in American history, culture, and daily diet.

H. Con. Res. 499. Concurrent resolution honoring George Rogers Clark.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 333) to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4628) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 990. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 2017. An act to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 2237. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to compensation and pension benefits, education, benefits, housing benefits, and other benefits for veterans, to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1070. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment

contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2546. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account on the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3340. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over; to reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; and for other purposes.

H.R. 3389. An act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3394. An act to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4878. An act to provide for estimates and reports of improper payments by Federal agencies.

H.R. 5349. An act to facilitate the use of a portion of the former O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, by the local Boys and Girls Club through the release of the reversionary interests retained by the United States in 1955 when the land was conveyed to the State of Missouri.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 11:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4883. An act to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

#### 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-9537. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Fiscal Year 2000 relative to Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9538. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR 1412—Peanut Buyout Program" (RIN0560-AG71) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9539. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 Sugar Program and Farm Facility Storage Loan Program" (RIN0560-AG73) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9540. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apple Market Loss Assistance Program II" (RIN0560-AG63) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9541. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Nectarines Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV02-916-2) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9542. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Revision of Reporting and Assessment Requirements" (Doc. No. FV02-955-1) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9543. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit" (Doc. No. FV02-905-5) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9544. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Establishment of Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States and Termination of the Peanut Marketing Agreement and Associated Rules and Regulation" (Doc. No. FV02-996-1) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9545. A communication from the Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Order: Rules and Regulations—Decrease in Assessment Rate and Decrease of Importer Assessments" (Doc. No. LS-02-09) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9546. A communication from the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program" (RIN0551-AA63) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9547. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of the Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation Phytosanitary Treatment of Imported Fruits and Vegetables" (Doc. No. 98-030-4) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9548. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of the Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Clementines from Spain" (Doc. No. 02-023-4) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9549. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Codification of Poultry Substitution and Modification of Commodity Inventory Controls for Recipient Agencies" (RIN0584-AD08) received on October 21, 2002.

EC-9550. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Labor Housing Technical Assistance" (RIN0575-AC25) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9551. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Standards for Milled Rice" received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9552. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of 50,000,000 or more to South Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9553. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Aliens Ineligible to Transit Without Visas (TWOV), As Amended" (RIN1400-AA48); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9554. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an amended rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulate" (22 CFR Part 22) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9555. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment valued (in terms of its original acquisition cost) at \$14,000,000 or more to United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9556. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9557. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9558. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed manufacturing license for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9560. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the