

"We watch over him and look over him," said Ah Thao, whose daughter attended the retreat where Wellisch was last seen alive. "We don't want to leave him alone. We guard him until he is buried."

The community is anxious about what happens next.

"It is too big of a scope to say right now," said Kou Ly, a parishioner who helped Wellisch learn the Hmong language, "He's not replaceable."

Va Thai Lo will continue to serve St. Vincent's as a deacon, and various backup clergy will say Mass until an interim pastor or permanent priest is appointed.

"Whenever we needed him, he was there spiritually and morally," Khamsy Yang said in a eulogy. "We will still have faith in God, who will bring us a new priest."

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis also has ministries dedicated to Hispanics, Vietnamese, Koreans, Poles, Eritreans and American Indians.●

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 2:16 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office."

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

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1465. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution supporting the 20th Annual National Tourism Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, 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-2443. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Flawed Processes and Ineffective Systems of Accountability Pertaining to DCPS' Special Education Program Have Resulted In Costly Legal Fees and Exorbitant Charges for Related Services and Nonpublic Tuition" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2444. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2445. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting pursuant to law, the Annual Report from the Office of Special Counsel for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2446. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Semiannual Report for the period October 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2447. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (REydon, Oklahoma) (MM Docket No. 01-227; RM-10255)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (O'Brien, Stamford, Panhandle, Shamrock, Colorado City, Texas; Taloga, Oklahoma) (MB Docket Nos. 02-296, 02-297, 02-298, 02-299, 02-300, 02-302)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Alamo and Milan, Georgia) (MM Docket No.

01-111)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Comache, Mullin and Mason, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-159; RM-10164; 10395)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Buffalo, Oklahoma) (MB Docket No. 02-383; RM-10614)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Eldorado, Texas; Milan, New Mexico; Alpena, Michigan; Channing, Texas; Escobares, Texas; Ozone, Texas; Rotan, Texas; Wellington, Texas; Memphis, Texas; Matador, Texas; Arthur, Nebraska; Mclean, Texas; and Wheeler, Texas) (MM Docket Nos. 01-273; 02-43; MB Docket 02-17; 02-168; 02-170; 02-172; 02-173; 02-175; 02-176; 02-291; 02-292; and 02-293)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Douglas and Tombstone, Arizona, and Santa Clara, New Mexico) (MB Docket No. 02-374; RM-10598)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2454. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotment, FM Broadcast Stations (Junction, Texas) (MM Docket No. 01-132)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2455. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Minot, ND (MM Doc. No. 02-282, RM-10523)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2456. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Jackson, WY (MB Docket No. 02-375, RM-10605)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2457. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Great Falls, MT (MM Docket No. 00-246, RM-9859)" received on June 1, 2003; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2458. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Derby, KS (MM Docket No. 01-44, RM-10022)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2459. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Opelousas, Louisiana) (MB Docket No. 02-322; RM-10584)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2460. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations, Hartford, CN (MM Doc. No. 01-306, RM-10152)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2461. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Blanco, TX (MB Docket No. 02-280, RM-10558)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2462. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Hibbing, MN (MB Doc. No. 01-116, RM-10069)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2463. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Trip Limit Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Correction (I.D. 042803E)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2464. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reopening of the directed fishing for yellowfish sole by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2465. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed fishing for Pacific cod catcher vessels less than 60 feet length overall (LOA) using hook-and-line or pot gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2466. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Na-

tional Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to Figure 6 to Part 679; Changes to Length Overall of a Vessel at Section 679.2 (0679)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2467. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; prohibiting retention of Pacific cod by vessels catching Pacific cod for processing by the offshore component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) (0679)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2468. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Requirement for Maintenance, Re-qualification Cylinders; Correction of Compliance Dates (CORRECTION to Final Rule Compliance dates) (2137-AD58)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2469. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Unloading of Intermodal (IM) and UN Portable Tanks on Transport Vehicles (2137-AD44)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2470. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Transactions Involving Documented Vessels and Other Maritime Interests; Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties (2133-AB48)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2471. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Anchorage Systems; Final Rule; Interim Final Rule, Request for Comments (2127-A149)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2472. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to the Final Rule Implementing Stellar Sea Lion Protection Measures for the BSAI and GOA Groundfish Fisheries (0679)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2473. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule amending the definitions of "contracting activity" and "head of contracting activity" consistent with realignment of program management responsibilities between NASA Headquarters and the field centers (RIN 2700-AC33); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2474. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aerospace and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Prop-

erty—Instructions for Preparing NASA Form 1018 (48 CFR 1845)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2475. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Status of Fisheries of the United States"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 791. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-57).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 886. A bill to ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-58).

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. BINGAMAN:

S. 1168. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a program to increase the use of recyclable material in the construction of Federal-aid highways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1169. A bill to decrease the United States dependence on imported oil by the year 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1170. A bill to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1171. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1172. A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit,