

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE
S. 300—A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson

S. 300 would authorize the President to present a gold medal to the family of Jackie Robinson in recognition of his contributions to the nation as an athlete, business leader, and citizen. The legislation would authorize the U.S. Mint to spend up to \$30,000 to produce the gold medal. To help recover the costs of the medal, S. 300 would authorize the Mint to strike and sell bronze duplicates of the medal at a price that covers production costs for both the medal and the duplicates.

Based on the costs of recent medals produced by the Mint, CBO estimates that the bill would not significantly increase direct spending from the U.S. Mint Public Enterprise Fund. We estimate that the gold medal would cost about \$25,000 to produce in fiscal year 2004, including around \$5,000 for the cost of the gold and about \$20,000 for the costs to design, engrave, and manufacture the medal. CBO expects that the Mint would recoup little of its costs by selling bronze duplicates to the public.

S. 300 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no effect on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford, who can be reached at 226-2860. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise to thank my colleagues for designating the week of October 19–25, 2003 as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. S. Res. 243, the resolution making next week National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, was cosponsored by 44 of my colleagues and passed the Senate last night by unanimous consent.

The need to combat the severe threat of lead poisoning to our children's health has never been greater. It is estimated that 25 million homes nationwide have lead hazards. Many of those homes were built before 1950, when paint contained as much as 50 percent lead. Peeling chips and dust from deteriorating lead-based paint is one of the most common sources of childhood lead poisoning. According to the latest national health estimates, nearly one-half of a million children under the age of 6 suffer from lead poisoning, with these children 8 times more likely to come from low-income working families than wealthy families.

Unfortunately, except for severely poisoned children, there is no medical treatment for this disease. Even then, treatment may only reduce the level of lead present in the body, not reverse the harm already caused. Research shows that children with elevated blood lead levels are seven times more likely to drop out of high school and 6 times more likely to have reading dis-

abilities. And it costs an average of \$10,000 more a year to educate a lead poisoned child.

We need to find the will and the resources to eradicate childhood lead poisoning in this country. Designating the last full week in October as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week will help shine a light on this terrible problem, energize the Federal Government into playing a more effective role, and improve local, State and Federal cooperation in the process. With concerted effort, we can eliminate the tragedy of childhood lead poisoning so that no family in our country has to live in unsafe housing. I am committed to addressing this crisis, and believe this resolution can encourage communities to focus on solving the problem.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. ADEWALE TROUTMAN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Adewale Troutman. Dr. Troutman was recently appointed to the position of Louisville Metro Health Director. Dr. Troutman, who formerly served as head of the health department in Fulton, GA, will also serve Kentucky as a faculty member of the University of Louisville's School of Public Health.

Dr. Troutman hails from New York City's South Bronx and has considerable health care experience in both the United States and Nigeria. In addition to serving as head of the health department in Fulton, GA, he has also served as a senior scientist at Morehouse University College of Medicine with former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher.

Dr. Troutman brings vision and leadership to a position that will influence the well-being and livelihoods of many Kentuckians. Some of the issues Dr. Troutman endeavors to undertake include access to health care for the uninsured and the disparity in health services based on race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.

I am pleased to honor Dr. Troutman as a new addition to Kentucky's health care leadership. We are fortunate to have his direction and look forward to the considerable progress his tenure and administration promises to produce. I thank the Senate for allowing me to pay tribute to our newest Kentuckian.●

MARYLAND WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to the Maryland Watermen's Association which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. I have had the opportunity to work closely with the MWA and its members over the years on a number of important issues—from improving our com-

mmercial harbors and historic seaports to restoring oyster reefs in Chesapeake Bay—and I have great respect for the men and women who make their living working Maryland's waters.

For many people, Maryland's watermen conjure up romantic images of solitary oystermen sailing the Chesapeake Bay in skipjacks and harvesting the Bay's bounty. Their independent lifestyle in the outdoors represents a significant part of the culture of the Chesapeake Bay. But a Maryland waterman's life is not easy. It is arduous work harvesting crabs, clams, oysters and charter fishing. Watermen are dependent upon good weather and when storms prevent harvesting, there is no paycheck. Watermen also depend upon pollution-free water and disease-free finfish and shellfish. The number of licensed, active watermen has decreased by over 2,000 in 30 years. These stark realities make Maryland's watermen strong and persistent advocates for the restoration of Chesapeake Bay.

Representing the independent and hardworking watermen is no easy task particularly in these times when their way of life is buffeted by so many forces. However, since it was first established in 1973, the Maryland Watermen's Association has done a great job of representing the interests of commercial watermen to the Maryland General Assembly and our congressional delegation. Under the leadership of Larry Simns, its president since 1973, and Betty Duty, its administrator, the association has been a forceful and effective advocate for Maryland's commercial finfish and shellfish industries.

I extend an invitation for all to attend Chesapeake Appreciation Days, to be held at Sandy Point State Park, Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2. This celebration of the Chesapeake Bay and the watermen who depend upon it is sponsored by the Maryland Watermen's Association. Chesapeake Appreciation Days is an excellent opportunity for everyone to see exhibits and events which will teach about the Bay's importance to all of us. It is a terrific way to gain an appreciation of the hard working members of the Maryland Watermen's Association over the last 30 years.●

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 and a withdrawal 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 1:54 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1092. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada.

H.R. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

H.R. 1521. An act to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1821. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 1828. An act to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, and stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1883. 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.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution recognizing Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years.

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

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month.

H. Con. Res. 273. Concurrent resolution recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions.

The message further announced that the House had passed S. 1680, a bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1092. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1521. An act to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of

the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1883. 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"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution recognizing Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 273. Concurrent resolution recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1751. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, 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-4779. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Banking and Finance, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance" (RIN1505-AA98) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4780. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Banking and Finance, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program" (RIN1505-AA99) received

on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4781. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets" (RIN3064-AC74) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4782. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Facility Security (USCG-2003-14759)" (RIN1625-AA68) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4783. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Area Maritime Security (USCG-2003-14733)" (RIN1625-AA42) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4784. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Identification System; Vessel Carriage Requirement (USCG-2003-14757)" (RIN1625-AA67) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4785. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Security (USCG-2003-14749)" (RIN1625-AA46) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4786. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facility Security (USCG-2003-14732)" (RIN1625-AA43) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4787. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives (USCG-2003-14792)" (RIN1625-AA69) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4788. A communication from the Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2003-2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4789. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by PL 107-243: "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4790. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-155, "Cooperative Purchasing Agreements Amendment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4791. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-156, "Revised Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 209, S.O. 02-1019, Temporary Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4792. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-157, "Tax Abatement for