

COMMEMORATING HENRY MANCINI

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to honor Henry Mancini, a fine composer, conductor, and arranger. Mr. Mancini was one of the most versatile musical talents and one of America's most celebrated musicians of the twentieth century. He lent his talents to many films and television series, the themes and melodies of which are recognizable to listeners the world over, even if they are unfamiliar with the name of the composer.

April 16 would have been Henry Mancini's 80th birthday. Even though Mr. Mancini passed away in 1994 after a long battle with cancer, his contribution to music and the arts has not been forgotten.

The United States Postal Service will unveil the Henry Mancini commemorative stamp next week. The unveiling ceremony on April 13 will take place at the Music Center Plaza in Los Angeles and will be hosted by our distinguished former colleague, John Glenn, a longtime friend of Mancini. Senator Glenn, it might be added, took a recording of Mancini's timeless classic, "Moon River," on his return to space in October 1998.

In his lifetime, Henry Mancini's masterful talents were recognized with 72 Grammy Award nominations and 20 Grammy wins, eighteen Academy Award nominations and four Oscar wins, and a Golden Globe.

While awards are a notable measure of talent, the scope of Mr. Mancini's work is more impressive than the nominations he received for that work. During the 1950s, Mr. Mancini had a hand in the scores of over 100 films produced by Universal-International Studios. It was also at Universal that Mr. Mancini met Blake Edwards, and together they worked on 26 films over 30 years. These collaborations produced some of Mancini's most popular and award-winning compositions, including the "Peter Gunn" television series, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "The Pink Panther" films, and "Victor/Victoria."

In all, over 500 of Mr. Mancini's works were published. Mr. Mancini recorded over 90 albums with styles from jazz to classical, including eight albums certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America. As an in-demand concert performer, he logged over 600 symphony performances, and conducted such symphony orchestras as the London Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Andy Williams said at Mancini's 70th birthday celebration: "The wonders of Henry Mancini will be heard in every corner of the world right up to the minute this planet cools and shrinks to the size of an eighth note." But it is more than the music he composed that will be Henry Mancini's legacy.

In honor of Mancini's dedication to educating young musicians, the Henry Mancini Institute was founded in Los Angeles in 1997 by his longtime friend

and fellow composer, Jack Elliott. The Henry Mancini Institute's mission is to nurture the future of music by providing comprehensive professional training and multilevel outreach programs that make a direct impact in people's lives. Mr. Mancini himself established scholarships and fellowships at the Nation's top music schools. Many of tomorrow's composers, conductors, and arrangers have benefited from Mancini programs at New York's Julliard School of Music his alma mater, and in Los Angeles at USC and UCLA.

I would also like to recognize the Mancini family, who has gracefully embraced Henry's legacy and allowed for future generations of musicians to celebrate his accomplishments and contributions. My good friend Ginny Mancini, whom he married in 1947, has relentlessly worked to bring about the creation of this stamp, as have their children: Christopher, Monica, and Felice.

Honoring Henry Mancini with this commemorative stamp will serve as a lasting tribute, just as his music is a lasting gift to the world.●

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be here today with our colleagues from the House Veterans Affairs Committee and the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW has a rich tradition in enhancing the lives of millions through its community service programs and special projects, and I am proud to have their services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The work of our committees is as important as ever because of the thousands of new wartime veterans leaving the service and the increasing needs of our aging veterans. We owe all our veterans a debt of gratitude and I am committed to making sure we provide them with ample benefits and quality medical care.

President Bush has proposed significant increases in spending for our veterans, but it is important to keep in mind that his budget is only a starting point. Each year he has requested increases in funding for the VA and Congress has provided even more beyond those requests.

The last 2 years Congress has provided unprecedented increases in funding for VA health care. I support another substantial increase for VA health care this year and I am confident we will deliver. In fact, the budget resolution currently before the Senate provides for an extra \$1.3 billion for the VA and rejects the proposed co-pay increases and enrollment fees.

VA conducts some of the most specialized medical research in our Nation. That research is especially important to disabled veterans. I oppose the proposed cut in VA research. The Budget Committee rejected that cut and I

added an additional \$101 million for research, a 25 percent increase.

Now that the CARES process is wrapping up, VA can begin new construction projects. We will be watching to make sure the Secretary carefully considers all proposed closings. I look forward to seeing new hospitals and clinics opened in Kentucky and around the Nation.

Last year I told the Secretary that VA had come a long way in fixing its problems but there was still a long way to go. I am glad to say that the system is stronger this year, but we must not let up. We must keep working to make sure our veterans receive the assistance they need in a timely and convenient manner. I am committed to doing just that.

Finally, I recognize all the Kentucky veterans in the hearing room. I had a good visit with some of you in my office earlier this week. Thank you for making the trip today and thank you for your service to our Nation and your fellow veterans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

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-6984. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to prescribing, adjusting, and collecting fees incurred for activities under the Animal Welfare Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6985. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 1, Investment of Customer Funds (69 FR 6140, February 10, 2004)" (RIN3038-AC01) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6986. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the authorization of officers to wear the insignia of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6987. A communication from the Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals and Hearings Procedures" (RIN0729-AA74) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6988. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6989. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6990. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 C.F.R. 702 Prompt Corrective Action" received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6991. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6992. A communication from the Under Secretary for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to new foreign policy-based regional stability export controls on certain items on the Commerce Control List; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6993. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards: Clarifying Amendments; Headlights and Auxiliary Lights" (RIN2130-AB58) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6994. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Transportation Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Threat Assessment for Individuals Applying for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Drivers License" (RIN1652-AA17) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6995. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipelines); Corrections to Final Rule" (RIN2137-AD54) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6996. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Performance History of New Drivers" (RIN2126-AA17) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6997. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Training Requirements for Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Operators and LCV Driver-Instructor Requirements" (RIN2126-AA08) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6998. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation of Household Goods; Consumer Protection Reg-

ulations" (RIN2126-AA32) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6999. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Lands Highway Program; Transportation Planning Procedures and Management Systems Pertaining to the National Park Service, Including the Park Roads and Parkways Programs" (RIN2125-AE52) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7000. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Suisun Bay, Concord California [COTP San Francisco Bay 04-006]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7001. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (Including 7 Regulations) [CGD07-04-033], [CGD08-04-008], [CGD08-04-007], [CGD01-04-008], [CGD01-04-022], [CGD01-04-018], [CGD07-04-035]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7002. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Establish Referendum Procedures and a Vote-Weighting Formula for a Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-AR48) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7003. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Remove Expiration Date of Regulations Implemented Under the AFA" (RIN0648-AR13) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7004. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce, received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7005. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Final 2004 Specifications for the Atlantic Deep-Sea Red Crab Fishery" (RIN0648-AR58) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7006. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7007. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mack-

erel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Loligo Squid for Quarter I" received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7008. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advanced Technology Program" (RIN0693-ZA56) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7009. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Implementation of the National Construction Safety Team Act" (RIN0693-AB53) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7010. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Gaithersburg and Boulder Programs; Availability of Funds" (RIN0693-ZA53) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7011. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report required by the FAA Reauthorization Act of 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7012. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Exxon and Stripper Well oil overcharge funds; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7013. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's revised Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7014. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission's latest monthly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7015. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Commission's latest monthly report on the status of its licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7016. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passport Procedures—Amendment to Passport Regulations" (RIN1400-ZA05) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7017. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State Acquisition Regulation" (RIN1400-AB06) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7018. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the prevention of nuclear proliferation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7019. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the

Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7020. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Inventory for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7021. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication of Revised Bylaws of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel" received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7022. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of activities under the Government in Sunshine Act for calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7023. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7024. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7025. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7026. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2003, as of June 30, 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7027. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of the Fiscal Year 2004 Revenue Estimate in Support of the District's \$173,995,000 General Obligation Bonds (Series 2003B) and \$140,325,000 Multimodal General Obligation Bonds (Series 2003C and 2003D)"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7028. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to child welfare outcomes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7029. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0905-AC81) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7030. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Skin Protectant Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use, Astringent Drug Products; Final Monograph, Direct Final Rule; and Confirmation of Effective Date; Correction" (RIN0910-AA01) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7031. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management

Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Correction" (Doc. No. 2002N-0278) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7032. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Correction" (Doc. No. 2002N-0278) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7033. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Testing Laboratories" (RIN3245-AE78) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7034. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Information Technology Value Added Reseller" (RIN3245-AE80) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7035. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Cemetery Grants" (RIN2900-AH46) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2284. A bill to expand the medicare rural community hospital demonstration program to include outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2285. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2286. A bill to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2287. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2288. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to assist States in establishing, maintaining, and improving systems to reduce the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2289. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat terrorism against railroad carriers and mass transportation

systems on land, on water, or through the air, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 332. A resolution observing the tenth anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1549

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1549, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in an increase in the income eligibility guidelines for free lunches and breakfasts.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2072

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2072, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for elder care expenses.

S. 2207

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name and the names of the Senator