

of the State voting laws. Students were taught their voting rights under the Help America Vote Act, and the overall efforts were so successful that the League of Women Voters of Idaho and the Idaho Secretary of State's office asked them to share their mock election handbook for instruction and use by other organizations in the State.

The Moscow chapter went above and beyond in its outreach efforts, bringing in students from an alternative high school and made voting accessible for handicapped students under Americans For Disabilities Act laws. In the successful aftermath, the effect has been felt throughout the community as private schools and home-schooling parents have expressed interest in becoming involved in the future. Even more noteworthy, although parents were not required to participate, more parents volunteered than in past years, and it could be surmised that this "mock election" contributed to the historically high voter turnout in that area of Idaho for the real elections in November.

Thomas Jefferson said: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." I congratulate the outstanding efforts of the League of Women Voters of Moscow on its remarkable effort to reinforce civic education and voter responsibility in Idaho's children.●

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 2:19 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. 2744. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 159. A concurrent resolution recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Ms. HARRIS of Florida, Vice Chairman, appointed on April 14, 2005: Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. BERMAN of California, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. REYES of Texas, and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2744. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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. 6. An act to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

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-2513. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2514. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report prepared by the Department's Office of Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2515. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-73, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 527, S.O. 03-1181, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2516. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Commission's Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2517. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2518. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2519. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2520. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2521. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of October 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2522. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2523. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-04; FAR Case 2003-008; Share-in-Savings Contracting" (RIN9000-AJ74) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2524. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the San Francisco, CA, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AK26) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2525. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment, Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AK81) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2526. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Presidential Management Fellows Programs" (RIN3206-AK27) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2527. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-75, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 342, S.O. 03-5369, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2528. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-76, "Closing of a Portion of Davenport Street, N.W., abutting Squares 1672 and 1673, S.O. 03-2366, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2529. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 16-74, "Rental Housing Act Extension Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2530. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-85, "Local, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Certification Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2531. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-84, "Victims of Domestic Violence Fund Establishment Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2532. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-89, "Rental Housing Conversion and Sale Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2533. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "National Off-shore Aquaculture Act of 2005" received on June 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2534. A communication from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Reporting the Kimberley Process Certificate Number for Exports (Reexports) of Rough Diamonds" (RIN0607-AA44) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2535. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 050305C) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2536. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Groundfish Fishery Management Measures" (RIN0648-AT38) (I.D. No. 043605G) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2537. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Amendment 2" (RIN0648-AQ25) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2538. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; Annual Adjustments" (RIN0648-AS72) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2539. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Electronic Dealer Reporting Final Rule" (RIN0648-AS87) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2540. 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 and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries" (I.D. No. 042505C) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2541. 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 and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #1—Adjustment of the Commercial Fisheries from the Cape Falcon, Oregon, to the Oregon—California Border" (I.D. No. 050405D) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2542. 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 of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder; 2005 Specifications; Commercial Summer Flounder Quota Transfer from North Carolina to Virginia" (I.D. No. 030305D) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2543. 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 of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder; 2004 Specifications; Closure of the North Carolina Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery" (I.D. No. 122204F) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2544. 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 "Reallocating Pacific Cod from Vessels Using Jig Gear to Catcher Vessels Less than 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 051105C) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 109-77).

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 108th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 109-79).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 10. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-121).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 483. A bill to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse".

S. 1140. A bill to designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. DOMENICI:

S. 10. An original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1206. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building" to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1207. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the "Dalip Singh Saund Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1208. A bill to provide for local control for the siting of windmills; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1209. A bill to establish and strengthen postsecondary programs and courses in the subjects of traditional American history, free institutions, and Western civilization, available to students preparing to teach these subjects, and to other students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1210. A bill to enhance the national security of the United States by providing for the research, development, demonstration, administrative support, and market mechanisms for widespread deployment and commercialization of biobased fuels and biobased