

year anniversary of their current shelter. I commend them for reaching this milestone.

The mission of the Humane Society of Pulaski County is to rescue, care for and find homes for abandoned, abused, homeless and unwanted animals. The group provides access to healthy animals for people seeking to adopt pets. In 2009, the Humane Society of Pulaski County adopted out almost 1,000 animals.

The Humane Society of Pulaski County is supported solely by donations, fund-raisers, bequests and grants. The group has achieved a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, which means the smallest percentage of donations is allocated for administrative costs.

As a part of the "Puppy Love" program, the Humane Society also works throughout the community, taking animals to visit residents of nursing homes, retirement centers, and women's shelters. Puppy Love makes approximately 40 visits to local facilities each year.

Mr. President, I again congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Humane Society of Pulaski County as they celebrate this anniversary. I wish them the best in the years to come.●

ARKANSAS SPORTSCASTERS AND SPORTSWRITERS HALL OF FAME

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate this year's inductees to the Arkansas Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. These sports journalists represent the best in their field, and I commend them for this prestigious honor.

This year's inductees are:

Former Razorback place-kicker Pat Summerall, legendary sportscaster of CBS and FOX television.

Jerry McConnell of Greenwood, longtime Arkansas Gazette sportswriter who was instrumental in the creation of the Meet of Champions.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to former Razorback coach Ken Hatfield for his lifelong service to college football throughout the Nation.

Along with all Arkansans, I thank these honorees for their countless contributions to Arkansas sports.●

RECOGNIZING THE LITTLE ROCK HI-NOON TOASTMASTERS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I congratulate members of the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club of Little Rock as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of their founding. Each Friday, members gather to improve and hone their public speaking and professional skills.

Under the leadership of president William Porterfield, the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club is one of the largest in the United States, with over 50 active members.

The club works to help its members develop and improve their communica-

tion, public speaking, and leadership skills. Over the years, the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club has been regularly recognized by Toastmasters International as a Select Distinguished Club, Toastmasters' highest honor. This continuing excellence—unusual to find in any club—has come to be known as the "Hi-Noon Tradition" among its members.

Mr. President, I commend the Hi-Noon Toastmasters Club for their pursuit of excellence in public speaking and extend my congratulations as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 38. Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

H.R. 3534. An act to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, 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-6948. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8835-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6949. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Castor Oil, Ethoxylated, Dioleate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8835-3) received in the Office of the President of the

Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6950. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Kenneth W. Hunzeker, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6951. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6952. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 29, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6953. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Form ADV" (RIN3235-A117) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6954. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6955. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9183-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6956. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9178-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6957. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the SMS Instruments, Inc. Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9183-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6958. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9172-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.