

an experience in an early stage of her mother's disease. In the middle of the night, her mother frantically woke up her family insisting that a bird had flown into the house. Those caring for her insisted there was no bird and that she was suffering from a hallucination common of the disease until they escorted her back to her room, where they found a large black bird in the room. This particular incident serves to remind of the importance of treating Alzheimer's patients with dignity and listening to what they have to say regardless of their disease.

As chairman of the Aging Committee, I want to recognize these two exceptional caregivers, whose heart-wrenching stories will become all too common among American families in the coming decades. This new edition of "Chicken Soup" is particularly timely as our Nation grapples with a significant increase in Alzheimer's disease, with the number of diagnoses expected to rise to 16 million by 2050. In Florida today, nearly half a million Floridians over the age of 65 are living with Alzheimer's disease, and this number is projected to continue rising in the coming years.

As we recall our recent observance of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in June and recognize the stories of these two Florida women, it is important that we take the time to focus our resources to address this disease and remember that an Alzheimer's diagnosis impacts not only the patient, but the whole family. As the number of American families facing similar and equally difficult circumstances increases, we must ensure that those living with the disease are guaranteed the best quality care and their loved ones, like Laura and Jean, are supported as much as possible.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 803) to reform, and strengthen the workforce investment system of the Nation to put Americans back to work and make the United States more competitive in the 21st century, and that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned bill.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2578. A bill to ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employees' birth control and other health care decisions.

S. 2579. A bill to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014.

#### 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-6384. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Inventory of Contracts for Services"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6385. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard T. Tryon, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6386. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Required Fees for Mining Claims or Sites" (RIN1004-AE35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 7, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6387. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-015); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6388. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-026); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6389. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6390. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-030); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6391. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-025); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-033); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-049); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6395. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current and future military strategy of Iran (OSS-2014-0967); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6396. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certifi-

cation, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0964); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6397. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0965); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6398. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revoking the designation of a group designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (OSS-2014-0968); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6399. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2014-0966); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6400. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events, Nanticoke River; Bivalve, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0138)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6401. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Annual Swim around Key West, Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico; Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0073)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6402. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Execpro Services Fireworks Display, Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0402)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6403. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Lady Liberty Sharkfest Swim; Upper New York Bay, Liberty Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0117)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6404. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hudson River Swim for Life; Hudson River, Sleepy Hollow, New York" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0363)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6405. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Hawaiian Island Commercial