

The celebration and jocularly were real, but so were the moments of pain expressed on every face at some point. Maureen Dobert sang along when a birthday cake was brought out for her son and another guest with an April 13 birthday. But she confided that she was using her public face. The private one, she said, gives into grief sometimes.

"You know, one day they go to kindergarten, and you have to let them go," she said. "Then they want to ride their bike around the corner, and you tell them to be careful and let them go. Before you know it, they're adults and you say, okay, I'm going to let them go.

"But this is the hardest letting go you ever have to do. I wanted her longer, but it's not going to work. It's the hardest letting go, but somehow you have to do it."

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate message 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 19, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3034. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to extend for two months the authority for promulgating regulations under the Act.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently on April 19, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-216 adopted by the Council on February 6, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-228 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-227 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-229 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2282. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-230 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2283. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-231 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2284. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-232 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2285. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-233 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2286. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-234 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2287. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-235 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2288. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-236 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2289. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-237 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2290. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-238 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2291. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-240 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2292. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-242 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2293. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-243 adopted by the Council on March 5, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2294. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Mayor's budget for

fiscal year 1997 and multiyear plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mrs. KASSEBAUM, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1324. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the solid-organ procurement and transplantation programs, and the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-256).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. 1690. A bill to provide a grace period for the prohibition on Consolidated Farm Service Agency lending to delinquent borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1691. A bill to provide for a minimum presence of INS agents in each State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1692. A bill to bar Federal agencies from procuring goods and services from employees of illegal aliens; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CRAIG):

S.J. Res. 52. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of victims of crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. 1690. A bill to provide a grace period for the prohibition on Consolidated Farm Service Agency lending to delinquent borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION

• Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, the farm bill enacted 2 weeks ago has changed the Farm Service Agency's loan eligibility rules for thousands of producers only a few weeks from planting. It has become very clear that the effective date of the new loan eligibility provisions is causing hardship for producers in the midst of implementing farm and ranch plans for the year. Farmers and ranchers are being informed that, although their loan applications were approved, the Secretary is now prohibited from providing the loan funds to the farmer under