

spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States obtained approximately 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil? By U.S. producers using American workers?

Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.—now 8,138,000 barrels a day.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRIS YODER

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments to recognize Mr. Chris Yoder, a fellow Idahoan, who will be leaving his professional staff position at the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to accept a new challenge with the Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transition Assistance.

A veteran, himself, of the Vietnam War in Army Intelligence, he continued his dedication to the colleagues by serving 13 years with the Veterans Administration in Boise, ID. There he worked in various capacities as a benefits counselor, claims examiner and education specialist.

Except for the 102d Congress when he worked for the Veterans Affairs, in Washington DC as a staff assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Mr. Yoder has been with the committee for 12½ years. During that time he served with distinction, helping to fashion policies that serve America's veterans.

He has always accepted challenges, faced them head on and worked diligently in providing the critical answers that have shaped the positive direction the Veterans Committee has taken.

Mr. Yoder's efforts have always represented his personal commitment to constituents, the veterans service organizations and members of the committee. His timely initiatives and extraordinary abilities will have lasting results for years to come.

I have high praise for Chris's leadership, dedication, professionalism and accomplishments. On behalf of myself and the veterans of Idaho, we wish him well in his new endeavor, and wholeheartedly thank him for his outstanding service.

#### 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 treaties and 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

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 430. An act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

At 5 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2015) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 1085. A bill to improve the management of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on July 30, 1997, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 430. An act to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

#### 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-2639. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules received on July 24, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2640. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transpor-

tation, transmitting, pursuant to law, one rule received on July 17, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2641. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules received on July 21, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2642. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, twelve rules received on July 21, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2643. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, one rule received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2644. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, twenty-eight rules received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2645. A communication from the Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven rules received on July 22, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2646. A communication from the Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, one rule received on July 28, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2647. A communication from the Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, one rule received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2648. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California coast (RIN0648-AG56), received on July 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2649. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to fresh cut flowers and greens, received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2650. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to releasing information (RIN3052-AB77), received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2651. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to a schedule of fees to be charged, received on July 29, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2652. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to Disaster Set-Aside Program (RIN0560-AE98), received on July 25, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2653. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice regarding the "Balanced Budget Act of 1997"; which was ordered to lie on the table.

EC-2654. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, eight rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2655. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2656. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, three rules; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2657. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-97 adopted by the Council on June 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2658. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-98 adopted by the Council on June 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2659. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-99 adopted by the Council on June 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2660. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-100 adopted by the Council on June 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2661. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-107 adopted by the Council on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2662. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-108 adopted by the Council on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2663. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-109 adopted by the Council on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2664. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-113 adopted by the Council on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2665. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2666. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of the Fiscal Year 1997 Revised General Fund Revenue Estimates in Support of the District of Columbia General Obligation Bonds (Series 1997A)"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2667. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "District of Columbia General Hospital's Sole Source Contract Award to Medical Services Group, Inc. Violated D.C. Laws and Regulations"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2668. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 1997 Revenue Estimate in Support of a \$25,000,000 Revolving Line of Credit"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 910. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-59).

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

H.R. 1198. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon.

H.R. 1944. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon.

S. 871. A bill to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1082. A bill to authorize appropriations to pay for United States contributions to certain international financial institutions.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 46. An original concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Byron, 0000.

The following-named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, 0000.

The following-named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. John M. Pickler, 0000.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety. (New Position)

August Schumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

August Schumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Stanley O. Roth, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Marc Grossman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

James P. Rubin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Bonnie R. Cohen, of District of Columbia, to be an Under Secretary of State.

David Andrews, of California, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans.

Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Counselor of the Department of State, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service.

Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States.

#### FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

#### *Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee*

1. Self, None.
2. Spouse, None.
3. Children and spouses: Benjamin Sestanovich, None. Clare Sestanovich, None.
4. Parents: Molly B. and Stephen N. Sestanovich, \$100,000, 1994, Ellen Schwartz (Dem. candidate, 10th dist., CA).
5. Grandparents: Deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses: Kathryn L. and R. Benjamin Sestanovich, None.
7. Sisters and spouses: Mary Sestanovich and William Sillavo, None.

Maura Harty, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

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The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I