

foundations, and nongovernmental organizations. Furthermore, all of the federal money appropriated to the Foundation supports on-the-ground conservation—its operating funds come strictly from private donations. The Foundation does not use federal funds for lobbying; nor does it support projects that entail political advocacy or litigation.

In my home state of Maine, the Foundation has invested over \$3.4 million in federal funds in 109 projects, generating an additional \$6.9 million in matching funds from private, corporate, and other state sources. Most notably, the Foundation has funded projects in Maine to help fishermen cope with the collapse of traditional groundfish fisheries, build a program to preserve Maine's native Atlantic salmon, and protect habitat for breeding Neotropical migratory birds.

Mr. President, I strongly support this bill to reauthorize the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Year after year, the Foundation consistently performs valuable conservation work, not only in my state, but throughout the country. Its ability to triple the power of federal funding for conservation is unique, making it one of the most effective means we have for preserving our natural resources. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting expeditious passage of this important measure.

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 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 10:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill, H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2981. An act to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 1:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed 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. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

The messages also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2910. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2436. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2910. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2436. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-5469. A communication from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to new feasibility investigations for three water resource development projects within the Pacific Northwest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5470. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to major facility projects and major facility lease programs for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-5471. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency

for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on activities under the Denton Program for the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5472. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flights To and From Cuba" (RIN1515-AC51), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5473. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA)—Impact on the United States, and the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA)—Impact on the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5474. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mutual Assurance, Inc. v. Commissioner", received September 7, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5475. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the allotment of emergency funds to the State of North Carolina; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5476. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule Titled: Guidelines Establishing Year 2000 Standards for Safety and Soundness for National Bank Transfer Agents and Broker-Dealers" (RIN1557-AB73), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5477. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Disclosure Standards" (RIN3235-AH62), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5478. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapic-Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6382-3), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5479. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures" (RIN1004-AC83), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5480. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan: Alaska" (FRL #6450-8), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5481. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and

Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6446-2), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5482. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; National Emission Standards for Radon Emissions from Phosphogypsum Stacks" (FRL #6443-7), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5483. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Washington: Final Authorization for State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL #6449-8), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5484. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Quality Standards; Establishment of Numeric Criteria for Priority Toxic Pollutants; States' Compliance-Revision of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) (FRL #6450-5), received September 28, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5485. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Provide for Greater Use of Spread Spectrum Technologies, Report and Order" (FCC 99-234; WT Docket No. 97-12), received September 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5486. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Mile 94.0 to Mile 96.0, Lower Mississippi River, Above Head of Passes (COTP New Orleans, LA 99-022)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0064), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5487. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Wedding on the Lady Windridge Fireworks, New York Harbor, Upper Bay (CGD 01-99-163)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0063), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5488. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations: SLR: Winston Offshore Cup, San Juan, PR (CGD 07-99-056)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0039), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5489. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative

Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations: SLR: Tall Stacks 1999 Ohio River Mile 467.8-475.0, Cincinnati, OH (CGD 08-99-052)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0038), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5490. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments; Organizational Changes; Miscellaneous Editorial Changes and Conforming Amendments (USCG 1999-6216)" (RIN2115-ZZ02) (1999-0002), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5491. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Density Airports; Allocation of Slots" (RIN2120-AG50), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5492. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noise Transition Regulations; Approach of Final Compliance Date" (RIN2120-ZZ20), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5493. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Center, TX; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ASW-14 (9-23/9-30)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0318), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5494. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Pikeville, NY; Docket No. 99-ASO-13 (8-24/9-30)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0316), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5495. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (12), Amdt. No. 1950 (9-23/9-30)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0046), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5496. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (72), Amdt. No. 1951 (9-23/9-30)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0047), received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-357. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California rel-

ative to Filipino veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, the Philippine Islands, as a result of the Spanish-American War, were a possession of the United States between 1898 and 1946; and

Whereas, in 1934, the Philippine Independence Act (P.L. 73-127) set a 10-year timetable for the eventual independence of the Philippines and in the interim established a government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines with certain powers over its own internal affairs; and

Whereas, the granting of full independence ultimately was delayed for two years until 1946 because of the Japanese occupation of the islands from 1942 to 1945; and

Whereas, between 1934 and the final independence of the Philippine Islands in 1946, the United States retained certain sovereign powers over the Philippines, including the right, upon order of the President of the United States, to call into the service of the United States Armed Forces all military forces organized by the Commonwealth government; and

Whereas, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Executive order of July 26, 1941, brought the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the United States Armed Forces of the Far East under the command of Lieutenant General Douglas MacArthur; and

Whereas, under the Executive Order of July 26, 1941, Filipinos were entitled to full veterans benefits; and

Whereas, approximately 200,000 Filipino soldiers, driven by a sense of honor and dignity, battled under the United States Command after 1941 to preserve our liberty; and

Whereas, there are four groups of Filipino nationals who are entitled to all or some of the benefits to which United States veterans are entitled. These are:

(1) Filipinos who served in the regular components of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Regular Philippine Scouts, called "Old Scouts," who enlisted in Filipino-manned units of the United States Army prior to October 6, 1945. Prior to World War II, these troops assisted in the maintenance of domestic order in the Philippines and served as a combat-ready force to defend the islands against foreign invasion, and during the war, they participated in the defense and retaking of the islands from Japanese occupation.

(3) Special Philippine Scouts, called "New Scouts," who enlisted in the United States Armed Forces between October 6, 1945, and June 30, 1947, primarily to perform occupation duty in the Pacific following World War II.

(4) Members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army who on July 26, 1941, were called into the service of the United States Armed Forces. This group includes organized guerrilla resistance units that were recognized by the United States Army; and

Whereas, The first two groups, Filipinos who served in the regular components of the United States Armed Forces and Old Scouts, are considered United States veterans and are generally entitled to the full range of United States veterans benefits; and

Whereas, The other two groups, New Scouts and members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army, are eligible for certain veterans benefits, some of which are lower than full veterans benefits; and

Whereas, United States veterans medical benefits for the four groups of Filipino veterans vary depending upon whether the person resides in the United States or the Philippines; and

Whereas, The eligibility of Old Scouts for benefits based on military service in the