

Roman S. Gribbs, who will retire this year after a long and successful career of service to the State of Michigan. As Sheriff of Wayne County, Mayor of Detroit, and, for the last 18 years, a judge on the State of Michigan Court of Appeals, Judge Gribbs has been a statewide leader for over 30 years, and he has led with a strong and fair hand.

Judge Gribbs was born on December 29, 1925. After graduating from Capac High School in the Michigan Thumb area, he enlisted in the United States Army, from which he received an honorable discharge in 1948, having attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1952, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Detroit with a degree in Economics and Accounting, and in 1954 he graduated from the University of Detroit Law School with a Juris Doctor degree.

Following graduation, Judge Gribbs remained at the University of Detroit Law School for two years as an instructor. He then spent two years as Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor before moving into private practice with the firm of Shaheen, Gribbs and Shaheen. In 1966, he was named Presiding Traffic Court Referee for the City of Detroit, and in June of 1968 he was appointed Sheriff of Wayne County.

In November of 1970, Judge Gribbs was elected Mayor of the City of Detroit. In his four years as Mayor, he became known not only as a solid leader, but a solid man, who was willing to work with individuals from both sides of the aisle to get things done. He played a large role in helping the city put the unruliness of the late 1960's behind it, and once again begin to move in a forward direction. During this time, he also served as President of the National League of Cities, a fact which illustrates that his leadership capabilities were well recognized by his colleagues.

Following his term as Mayor, Judge Gribbs briefly returned to private practice before being appointed to serve as a Judge for the Third Judicial Court in 1976. In 1982, he was elected to the State of Michigan Court of Appeals, and he has served in this position ever since. Judge Gribbs brings to the bench a keen understanding of the law. More importantly, he carries with him an approach to its application that is deeply rooted in common sense. He makes many difficult decisions each year, and he makes these decisions with his first and foremost priority being to find a just solution to the problem at hand. It is for this reason that he has become a well respected Jurist.

Judge Gribbs is a member of numerous organizations, which will allow him to remain an active member of society following his retirement. These include the Michigan Judicial Institute, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Judges' Association, and the Friends of the Archbishop of Detroit. He has also been very active in the Boy

Scouts of America, the American Judiciary Society, the Family Conciliation Court, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Michigan Youth Commission, the World Trade Club of Detroit and the Slavic American National Foundation. In addition, he is presently on the Board of Directors of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, the Public Administration Foundation and the Northville Township Community Foundation.

Mr. President, Judge Gribbs' contributions to the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan are truly immeasurable. I would like to thank him for his dedication and his many efforts throughout his career. His leadership during this time has been exceptional, and it will be dearly missed by the State of Michigan. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate the Honorable Roman S. Gribbs on a wonderful and successful career, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 a treaty 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

At 9:36 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 conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4461) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

At 12:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution; without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 1809.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1809. An act to improve service systems for individuals with development disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2686. An act to amend chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, to modify rates relating to reduced rate mail matter, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho.

S. 1849. An act to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 2833. An act to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

H.R. 3676. An act to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California.

H.R. 4063. An act to establish the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4226. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

H.R. 4285. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4613. An act to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program.

H.R. 5362. An act to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H-1B non-immigrant workers, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that 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. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 12, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1236. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho.

S. 1849. An act to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware