

of Oklahoma. Recently, a group of students from Tahlequah High School in Tahlequah, OK, participated in the national finals of "We The People . . . The Citizens and the Constitution." These students traveled here to Washington, DC for the final competition after excelling in the preliminary stages.

This contest is held for students who have a remarkable knowledge of American history. The group includes Chris Augerhole, J.R. Baker, Chad Blish, Ryan Cannonie, Taylor Gibson, Carlton Heard, Cobin Heard, Zach Israel, Doug Kirk, Helena Loose, Lacie Newman, Tim Pace, Rebecca Walker, Derek Whaler, Brandon Zellner and their teacher Norma Boren.

These young Oklahomans demonstrated their ability to articulate the ideals of American government while taking part in a simulated congressional hearing.

I commend these students for their outstanding achievement.●

IN RECOGNITION OF HADASSAH'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. Hadassah is a non-profit volunteer women's organization dedicated to health care, education, and advocacy. Originally created to bring modern health care to the sick and suffering inhabitants of Palestine, Hadassah has grown into a thriving international organization actively engaged in issues that affect the health and livelihood of Jewish people throughout the United States and Israel.

Founded in 1912, Hadassah retains the passion and timeless values of its founder, Henrietta Szold, Jewish scholar and activist, who was dedicated to Judaism, Zionism, and the American ideal.

In Israel, the Hadassah Medical Organization, HMO, runs two hospitals, five schools, outpatient clinics, research facilities, and a community health center. With support from over 300,000 Hadassah members worldwide, HMO offers expert treatment and tender care to more than half a million people in Israel each year.

In the United States, Hadassah enhances the quality of American and Jewish life through its education and Zionist youth programs. It promotes health awareness and provides personal enrichment and growth for its members.

In a year long celebration, Hadassah will commemorate its 90 years of service. To mark this occasion, I would like to applaud Hadassah and its members for their efforts to improve the lives of all the people they serve.●

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 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 12:35 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 486. An act for the relief of Barbara Makuch.

H.R. 487. An act for the relief of Eugene Makuch.

H.R. 1877. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3375. An act to provide compensation for the United States citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001.

H.R. 3833. An act to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3994. An act to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries.

H.R. 4015. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4085. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living increase in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disability and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of such veterans, to expand certain benefits for veterans and their survivors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4231. An act to improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4514. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4592. An act to name the chapel located in the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel."

H.R. 4626. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the marriage penalty relief in the standard deduction and to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit.

H.R. 4782. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until June 14, 2002.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 405. Concurrent resolution commemorating the independence of East Timor and commending the President for promptly establishing diplomatic relations with East Timor.

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 3448) to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 486. An act for the relief of Barbara Makuch; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 487. An act for the relief of Eugene Makuch; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1877. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3375. An act to provide compensation for the United States citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3833. An act to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3994. An act to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4015. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4085. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living increase in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disability and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses of such veterans, to expand certain benefits for veterans and their survivors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4514. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4626. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the marriage penalty relief in the standard deduction and to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 405. Concurrent resolution commemorating the independence of East Timor and commending the President for promptly establishing diplomatic relations with East Timor; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2538. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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-7182. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Activities" (RIN1557-AB76) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7183. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment to the Customs Regulations: Reusable Shipping Devices Arriving from Canada and Mexico" (TD 02-28) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7184. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Executive Secretariat, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trust Management Reform: Probate of Indian Trust Estates" (RIN1090-AA79) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7185. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma Regulatory Program" (OK-029-FOR) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7186. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7187. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7188. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7178-6) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7189. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Polymers" (FRL6834-2) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7190. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides: Tolerances Exemptions for Minimal Risk Active and Inert Ingredients" (FRL6834-8) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7191. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement with Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7192. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7193. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Sweden and South Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7194. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7195. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7196. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award of Infrastructure Grants to Implement the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan" received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7197. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7201-6) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7198. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Gasoline Containing Lead or Lead Additives for Highway Use: Fuel Inlet Restrictor Exemption for Motorcycles" (FRL7214-3) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7199. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing" (FRL7214-7) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7200. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology" (FRL7215-8) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7201. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology" (FRL7215-7) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7202. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Cellulose Products Manufacturing" (FRL7214-8) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7203. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Copper Smelting" (FRL7214-9) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7204. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Disposal Restrictions: Site-Specific Treatment Variance to Chemical Waste Management, Inc." (FRL7217-4) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7205. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitation Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards for the Construction and Development Category; Proposed Rule" (FRL7217-1) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7206. A communication from the Acting Director, Financial Management and Assurance, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Capitol Preservation Fund's Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 Financial Statements; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7207. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Funds' 2001 and 2000 Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7208. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 6h-1; Cash Settlement and Regulatory Halt Requirements for Security Futures Products" (RIN3235-AI24) received on May 22, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 361: A bill to establish age limitations for airmen. (Rept. No. 107-154).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment: