

and hearts, they have cared for the elderly in the spirit of humble service.

The Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor has aided and given comfort to the impoverished elderly worldwide for over 163 years. This organization, which has spread its loving arms to over 30 countries worldwide, was founded by a group of caring women who were led by Jeanne Jugan. After taking in an elderly blind woman in 1839, Jeanne and two other women purchased a home where the poor could take shelter. Over the years, Jeanne took the place of the elderly women on the streets and began a campaign of soliciting in order to raise funds. By 1879, her ranks had grown to include 2,400 Little Sisters, and her beliefs and thoughtful nature had spread throughout Europe. Although Jeanne Jugan passed away later that year, she succeeded in inspiring and improving the lives of thousands of needy people.

Over the 163 years that the congregation has existed, the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor has opened 242 homes that presently serve 22,000 residents. Their tireless efforts to bring comfort to those who need a shoulder to lean on shows that the Little Sisters not only represents the values of America but also the unremitting concern for one's neighbor.

The Little Sisters have faithfully served the people of Delaware for the last century. Opening St. Joseph's Home for the Aged on Fourth and Bancroft in Wilmington in 1903, the Little Sisters became a beloved and well-known part of the community. In 1978, the Jeanne Jugan residence opened in Newark, where the Little Sisters continue their work to this day, providing the highest possible level of care for their residents. The non-denominational home cares for low-income individuals of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The Little Sisters have provided care for over 4,700 people during their time in Delaware. Blessed by the generosity of the community in which they serve, the Sisters continue to work towards their mission of humble service to the elderly among us.

I rise today to commemorate all the work that has been done by the Little Sisters of the Poor in aiding the elderly. What began in 1839 as an effort to gather funds for a poor blind woman in France has become an international community of compassionate individuals who have chosen to give their lives in the attempt to improve the well being of the elderly.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated in 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 State 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 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrent of the Senate:

H.R. 1559. An act making emergency war-time supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Ms. WOOLSEY of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 955(b) note, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts for the 108th Congress: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 196. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-34).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 792. A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 793. A bill to provide for increased energy savings and environmental benefits through the increased use of recovered mineral component in federally funded projects involving procurement of cement or concrete; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 794. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax

incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 796. A bill to provide for the appointment of a Director of State and Local Government Coordination within the Department of Homeland Security and to transfer the Office for Domestic Preparedness to the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 797. A bill to prevent the pretrial release of those who rape or kidnap children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 798. A bill to assist the States in enforcing laws requiring registration of convicted sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 799. A bill to require Federal agencies to establish procedures to facilitate the safe recovery of children reported missing within a public building; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 800. A bill to prevent the use of a misleading domain name with the intent to deceive a person into viewing obscenity on the Internet; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 801. A bill to provide for attempt liability for international parental kidnapping; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 802. A bill to establish procedures in public buildings regarding missing or lost children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 803. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to members of the Armed Forces reserves for contributions to savings accounts which may be used when the members are called to active duty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 804. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for contributions to congressional candidates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 805. A bill to enhance the rights of crime victims, to establish grants for local governments to assist crime victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 806. A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 807. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.