

1933, the German Government adopted numerous discriminatory policies against Jews. Jews were prohibited from working as newspaper editors or owning land, and many Jewish immigrants had their citizenship revoked. These actions fueled anti-Semitic sentiments among the general public. Seventy years ago this month, German citizens marched through the streets of Leipzig with signs that read: "Don't buy from Jews—Shop in German businesses!"

It was a dark time for Germany, but many throughout the world thought that the situation would improve. The 1936 Olympic Games were held in Berlin, even against the backdrop of the rise of Hitler, the Gestapo, state-sponsored Aryan qualifications and the construction of the first concentration camps at Dachau and Buchenwald. In 1939, Jews were relocated into Jewish ghettos, placed under curfews and banned from most professions. The world still ignored the problem; in May of that year, a ship packed with 930 Jewish refugees was turned away by several countries and forced to return to Europe. One of those countries was the United States.

By late 1939, Polish Jews were forcibly placed in labor camps and required to wear yellow stars for identification at all times. Mass killings—called pogroms—took tens of thousands of lives, and Jews from conquered states were deported to German concentration camps. Following the German invasion, France signed an armistice with Hitler on June 22, 1940. Exactly 1 year later, Germany invaded the Soviet Union.

All the while, the world ignored the extermination of the Jewish people, and the United States wrapped itself in the flawed doctrine of isolationism. It took far too long for our Nation to grasp its responsibility and stake in World War II. When the war ended, Germany had murdered over 6 million Jews in the Holocaust. Pastor Martin Niemöller described his reluctance to stand up and help people in Germany, and I believe his critique can apply to individuals and countries:

First they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Today we remember those who suffered. We remember those who were murdered. We remember those who spoke out. We will never forget them. This history informs the difficult choices that we face today.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:47 a.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. 6. An act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1937. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; revising the Regulations Concerning Compensation Rates for Handlers' Services Performed Regarding Reserve Prunes Covered Under the California Dried Prune Marketing Order (Doc. No. FV02-993-2 FR)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1938. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Revising Pertaining to a Voluntary Prune Plum Diversion Program (Doc. No. FV02-993-3)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1939. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches (Doc. No. FV03-916-2)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1940. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Establishment of Procedures to Allow the Grading or Packing of Sweet Cherries Outside the Production Area (Doc. No. FV02-923-1)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1941. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 2002-03 Crop Natural (sun-dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins (Doc. No. FV03-989-4)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1942. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Rate (Doc. No. FV03-959-1)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1943. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate; Correction (Doc. FV03-966-03)"

received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1944. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exceptions to Geographic Areas for Official Agencies Under the USGSA (0580-AA76)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1945. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recognition of Animal Disease Status of Regions in the European Union (Doc. No. 98-090-5)" received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1946. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exotic Newcastle Disease; Additions to Quarantined Area (Doc. No. 02-117-5)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1947. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Minimal Risk Tolerance Exemptions (FRL 7302-6)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1948. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases (0920-AA03)" received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1949. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Money Penalties: Procedures for Investigations, Imposition of Penalties and Hearings (0938-AM63)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1950. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Amendment for the Mental Health Parity Act of ERISA (29 CFR 2590) (1210-AA62)" received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1951. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule for Reporting by Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Other Entities that Offer or Provide Coverage for Medical Care to the Employees of Two or More Employers (29 CFR 2520) (1210-AA54)" received on April 11, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plans Established or Maintained Under Pursuant to Collective Bargaining Agreements Under Section 3(40)(A) of ERISA (1210-AA48)" received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1953. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services,