

quail together at a mutual friend's ranch. One season, our plans were cancelled because he broke his leg while hunting. I am sorry we never did go quail hunting together, but I want him to know the offer still stands.

Within the DOE system, laboratory directors serve as stewards of national assets. These are difficult jobs where mistakes are not tolerated and success is expected. Within these demanding constraints, Dr. Shipp set the standard for performance and accomplishment with a commitment to safety and people. More than that, Bill Shipp is a man who others look to for guidance and support. I am pleased to call Bill Shipp a friend and I want to say thank you for your service to Idaho, the DOE and the Nation. ●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### 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-4662. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 2 Regulations); [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-003], [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-002]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4663. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta and Marine Parade Regulation; Special Local Reg.: [CGD05-03-124], Choptank River, Cambridge, MD" (RIN1625-AA08) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4664. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 5 Regulations); [COTP San Francisco Bay 03-024], [CGD05-03-099], [COTP San Diego 03-027], [COTP San Diego 03-030], [CGD08-02-045]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4665. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area: (Including 2 Regulations); [CGD08-

03-029], [CGD09-03-241]" (RIN1625-AA11) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4666. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations [CGD09-03-215] Milwaukee, Menomonee, Kinnickinnic Rivers and South Menomonee and Burnham Canals, Milwaukee, WI" (RIN1625-AA09) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4667. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (Including 2 Regulations): [CGD11-03-001], [CGD07-03-131]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4668. A communication from the Senior Legal Adviser to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cotulla and Dille, Texas)" (MB Doc. No. 03-27) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4669. A communication from the Senior Legal Adviser to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Estelline, Texas)" (MB Doc. No. 03-55) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4670. A communication from the Senior Legal Adviser to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Anchorage, AK" (MM Doc. No. 00-99) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4671. A communication from the Senior Legal Adviser to the Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Remedial Steps for Failure to Comply With Digital Television Construction Schedule" (FCC03-77) received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4672. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Study of Technology Protection Measures in Section 1703 of the Children's Internet Protection Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4673. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Final Rule; Miscellaneous Technical Amendments" received on October 3, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4674. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation, received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4675. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; Prohibiting Directed Fishing

for Species that Comprise the Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska, Except for Vessels Fishing for Pollock Using Pelagic Trawl Gear in Those Portions of the GOA Open to Directed Fishing for Pollock" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4676. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; Prohibited Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4677. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition of Retention of Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4678. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Fishing with Trawl Gear in the Chum Salmon Savings Area of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4679. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Commercial Fishery for King Mackerel in the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Western Zone of the Gulf of New Mexico" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4680. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Reallocation of Pacific Sardine" received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4681. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #3—Closure and Reopening of the Recreational Fishery from Cape Falcon, Oregon to Humbug Mountain, Oregon" (ID082503A) received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4682. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 17" (RIN0648-AQ68) received on October 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4683. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled