

TRIBUTE TO PAT CHRISTEN

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this evening in San Francisco, a grateful community is coming together to honor one of the Nation's most able and respected leaders in the fight against HIV and AIDS—Pat Christen. For the past 15 years, Pat has served as executive director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Tonight, she will end her tour of service to spend more time with her family particularly with her two young daughters, Morgan and Madison.

Since 1982, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation has been at the forefront of the ongoing battle against HIV and AIDS. Pat was there in the beginning, when a mysterious and deadly disease was taking so many of the San Francisco community's young people. She manned the agency's hotline as a volunteer, serving as an outlet and a resource for those facing the disease. From this caring and compassionate beginning, Pat rose to become a courageous and visionary leader against HIV.

In San Francisco, Pat saw thousands of young people in her community die needlessly because they could not obtain the proper medical care and support they needed in order to live and fight the disease. At the foundation, she helped to shape San Francisco's response to prevention and treatment of AIDS. She also took the battle to Congress and had a vital role in the development and passage of the Federal Ryan White CARE Act.

In her familiar grassroots style, Pat and the foundation galvanized other like-minded organizations around the country to help develop the CARE Act, and to provide the muscle and hustle that was necessary to galvanize action in Congress. Today, the Ryan White Act provides over \$2 billion a year in HIV care and treatment to those most in need. It brings new hope and the promise of a life of dignity for tens of thousands of people living with HIV in cities and communities throughout the nation.

Under Pat's leadership, the foundation recently joined the global battle against HIV and AIDS. In December 2000, the Pangaea Global AIDS Foundation was launched in an effort to expand HIV antiretroviral treatment and care in the developing world. In just a few short years, Pangaea has become a key strategic resource in this international effort, particularly in Asia and Africa.

In October 2003, the Government of South Africa announced an unprecedented program to provide HIV antiretroviral drugs to the 5 million people in that nation suffering from HIV and AIDS. Pat and other Pangaea staff were part of a small technical support team working intensively behind the scenes with the South African Government as it prepared its national treatment initiative. Without Pat's skillful leadership, it might never have happened. Pangaea is now helping to

make similar urgently needed relief available in Uganda and China.

Over the course of her career, Pat has demonstrated her willingness to speak out, to challenge others to become involved, to show compassion and understanding when others reacted with anger and vindictiveness. Above all, she had an extraordinary ability to do what others thought could not be done. To so many of us who admired her and worked with her, she became the symbol of the saying in World War II, "the difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer."

We all owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Pat for her inspiring leadership and her dedication to bring about the day when everyone everywhere with HIV will be able to live a long and productive life with dignity. Pat, thank you very, very much for all you have done so well across the years, and for the enormous difference you have made in the lives of so many persons in our own country and throughout the world. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:21 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1537. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

S. 1663. An act to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps.

S. 1687. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

S. 1778. An act to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 2052. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

S. 2180. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado.

2363. An act to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2508. An act to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse.

H.R. 982. An act to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.

H.R. 2408. An act to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges.

H.R. 2771. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

H.R. 4259. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, to establish requirements for the Future Years Homeland Security Program of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4115. An act to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

H.R. 5105. An act to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona.

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

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4011) to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4850) making appropriation for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Istook, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Weldon of Florida, Mr. Culberson, Mr. Young of Florida, Mr. Fattah, Mr. Pastor, Mr. Cramer, and Mr. Obey.

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

S. 551. An act to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

S. 1421. An act to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives.

S. 1814. An act to transfer Federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 2319. An act to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 854. An act to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

H.R. 1630. An act to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2129. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2960. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination project.

H.R. 3391. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project.

H.R. 3982. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4389. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4593. An act to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4817. An act to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads.

H.R. 5202. An act to clarify the treatment of supplemental appropriations in calculating the rate for operations applicable for continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A Tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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

H. Con. Res. 304. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of the People's Republic of China of Falun Gong in the United States and in China.

H. Con. Res. 415. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004.

H. Con. Res. 496. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with regard to providing humanitarian assistance to countries of the Caribbean devastated by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, with amendments:

S. 144. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to pro-

vide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

S. 1521. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 104(c)(1)(I) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199), and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House, with the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, jointly appoints Mr. Melville Peter Mcpherson of East Lansing, Michigan, Chairman of the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2 14(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), the Minority Leader appoints Douglas H. Palmer of Trenton, New Jersey to the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, to fill the remainder of the term of Willie L. Brown, Jr.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 491 of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1098(c)), the order of the House of December 8, 2003, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a 3-year term: Ms. Norine Fuller of Arlington, Virginia.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1012(c)(1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C. 242b note), the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Mr. Gary A. Mecklenburg of Chicago, Illinois and Dr. Don E. Detmer of Crozet, Virginia.

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-9596. A communication from the Senior Paralegal for Regulations, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN 1550-AB48) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9597. A communication from the Senior Paralegal for Regulations, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Consolidation of Asset-backed Commercial Paper Programs and Other Related Issues" (RIN 1550-AB79) received on Oc-

tober 4, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9598. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sea Turtle Requirements: Coulon TED Extended Flap Modification" (RIN 0648-AS02) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9599. 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 Directed Fishing for Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI)" received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9600. A communication from the Chairman, Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Committee's activities carried out during the current two-fiscal year period; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9601. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Energy's competitive sourcing efforts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) program for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9603. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement: Potential Economywide and Selected Sectoral Effects"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9604. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA)—Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9605. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Per Diem Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2004-60) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9606. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments That Do Not Qualify as Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefits" (Rev. Rul. 2004-98) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9607. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: 401(k) Accelerated Deductions" (UIL9300 .01-01) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9608. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offer to Resolve Issues Arising From Certain Tax, Withholding, and Reporting Obligations" (Rev. Proc. 2004-59) received on October 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9609. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Community Service, transmitting, pursuant