

of the State voting laws. Students were taught their voting rights under the Help America Vote Act, and the overall efforts were so successful that the League of Women Voters of Idaho and the Idaho Secretary of State's office asked them to share their mock election handbook for instruction and use by other organizations in the State.

The Moscow chapter went above and beyond in its outreach efforts, bringing in students from an alternative high school and made voting accessible for handicapped students under Americans For Disabilities Act laws. In the successful aftermath, the effect has been felt throughout the community as private schools and home-schooling parents have expressed interest in becoming involved in the future. Even more noteworthy, although parents were not required to participate, more parents volunteered than in past years, and it could be surmised that this "mock election" contributed to the historically high voter turnout in that area of Idaho for the real elections in November.

Thomas Jefferson said: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." I congratulate the outstanding efforts of the League of Women Voters of Moscow on its remarkable effort to reinforce civic education and voter responsibility in Idaho's children.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:19 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2744. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 159. A concurrent resolution recognizing the sacrifices being made by the families of members of the Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a week as National Military Families Week.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Ms. HARRIS of Florida, Vice Chairman, appointed on April 14, 2005: Mr. DREIER of California, Mr. BERMAN of California, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. WELLER of Illinois, Mr. REYES of Texas, and Mr. MCCAUL of Texas.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2744. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6. An act to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy.

#### 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-2513. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2514. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report prepared by the Department's Office of Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2515. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-73, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 527, S.O. 03-1181, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2516. A communication from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Commission's Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2517. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2518. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General; to the Committee

on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2519. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2520. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2521. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Management Response for the period of October 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2522. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2523. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-04; FAR Case 2003-008; Share-in-Savings Contracting" (RIN9000-AJ74) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2524. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the San Francisco, CA, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AK26) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2525. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment, Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AK81) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2526. A communication from the Acting Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service—Presidential Management Fellows Programs" (RIN3206-AK27) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2527. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-75, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 342, S.O. 03-5369, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2528. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-76, "Closing of a Portion of Davenport Street, N.W., abutting Squares 1672 and 1673, S.O. 03-2366, Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2529. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report