

is with great pleasure that I share with my colleagues the history of this great community.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor the Fayetteville Public Library which was recently named the 2005 "Library of the Year" by Thomson Gale and Library Journal. The Library of the Year Award honors the library that is most dedicated to community service through its creativity and leadership. Thompson Gale and Library Journal will present a check for \$10,000 to the Fayetteville Public Library later this month during the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago, IL.

I would like to recognize Louise Schapter, executive director of the Fayetteville Public Library, and her outstanding staff, for their commitment to providing such a quality community resource to the citizens of Northwest Arkansas. During Ms. Schapter's tenure, library usage has soared. Visits have increased from 192,179 to 576,773, checkouts have risen from 271,187 to 718,159, program attendance has grown from 14,448 to 41,658, and cardholders have leaped from 15,662 to 48,419. What a remarkable accomplishment.

I would also like to mention that the library has more than 160 regular volunteers, who deliver books to the homebound, shelve and cover books, staff the computer lab and conduct various programs. This involvement by the community is truly commendable and makes all of us in Arkansas proud.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fayetteville Public Library on receiving this well-deserved honor.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, 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. 38. An act to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 481. An act to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.

H.R. 1084. An act to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1412. An act to amend the Ports and Waterways Safety Act to require notification of the Coast Guard regarding obstructions to navigation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1428. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1512. 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. 2346. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 2362. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

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. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year.

H. Con. Res. 155. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of the Republic of Albania to ensure that the parliamentary elections to be held on July 3, 2005, are conducted in accordance with international standards for free and fair elections.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution honoring the members of the United States Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the British-American Inter-parliamentary Group: Mr. PETRI, Chairman, and Mr. BOOZMAN, Vice Chairman.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 714. An act to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions.

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. 458. An act to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 38. An act to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 458. An act to prevent the sale of abusive insurance and investment products to military personnel; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 481. An act to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1084. An act to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1412. An act to amend the Ports and Waterways Safety Act to require notification of the Coast Guard regarding obstructions to navigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1428. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1512. 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; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2346. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2362. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a Caribbean-American Heritage Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 152. Concurrent resolution commemorating Mystic Seaport: the Museum of America and the Sea in recognition of its 75th year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 155. Concurrent resolution urging the Government of the Republic of Albania to ensure that the parliamentary elections to be held on July 3, 2005, are conducted in accordance with international standards for free and fair elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution honoring the members of the United States

Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### 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-2792. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a report relative to a recommended change to 38 U.S.C. 8110(a); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2793. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the waiver of certain provisions of the Trade Act with respect to Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2794. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for Several Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AG27) received on June 23, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2795. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff Treatment Related to Disassembly Operations Under the North American Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB41) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2796. A communication from the Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, a report of the Environmental Review of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, a report of the United States Employment Impact Review of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and the Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua Labor Rights Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2797. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Annual Earnings Test for Retirement Beneficiaries" (RIN0960-AF62) received on June 23, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2798. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Revenue Procedure 90-11" (Rev. Proc. 2005-40) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2799. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Network Upgrade Payments Made to Utilities" (Rev. Proc. 2005-35) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2800. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Tobacco Quotas and Price Support Programs" (Rev. Proc. 2005-51) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2801. A communication from the counsel for the National Tropical Botanical Garden ("Garden"), transmitting, pursuant to law, the audit report for the Garden for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2802. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2803. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve covering calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2804. A communication from the Chairman, Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, transmitting, the Commission's 2003-2004 Annual Report including the Annual Audit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2805. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Programs" received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2806. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, the designation of an Acting General Counsel, and the name of a nominee to fill the vacancy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2807. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy and the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2808. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the designation of an Acting Director for the position; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2809. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary and the designation of an Acting Under Secretary; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### 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. CORNYN:

S. 1318. A bill to protect States and Federal judges by clarifying that Federal judicial immunity covers all acts undertaken by judges pursuant to legal authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1319. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1320. A bill to provide multilateral debt cancellation for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1321. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1322. A bill to allow for the prosecution of members of criminal street gangs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1323. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1324. A bill to reduce and prevent childhood obesity by encouraging schools and school districts to develop and implement local, school-based programs designed to reduce and prevent childhood obesity, promote increased physical activity, and improve nutritional choices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1325. A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity and eating disorder prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1326. A bill to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 182. A resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 183. A resolution recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Migratory Bird Commission on the occasion of its 72nd anniversary and the first day of sale of the 2005-2006 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama