

the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit and his 46 years of Christian ministry. Since accepting his call to the ministry in 1959, Dr. Tootikian has used his talents and unique skills to encourage and enlighten people around the world. He has earned the respect and admiration of the Armenian and the greater religious community in Michigan, throughout North America, and around the world for his pastoral leadership and his commitment and devotion to service.

Born in Kessab, Syria in 1935, Dr. Tootikian received his primary education at the Armenian Evangelical schools in Syria and his secondary education in Beirut, Lebanon. He simultaneously earned a bachelor of art degree with honors and a bachelor of theology degree with honors from the American University of Beirut and the Near East School of Theology, respectively. He then served as pastor of Armenian Evangelical Churches in Syria and Egypt before coming to the United States in 1965 to pursue religious studies at Hartford Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. While serving as minister of the Armenian Memorial Church in Watertown, MA, Dr. Tootikian earned a master of sacred theological degree in 1970, and a doctor of ministry degree cum laude in 1973.

In 1975, Dr. Tootikian was welcomed into the pastorate of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit. Under his spiritual guidance, the Church has flourished and undergone expansion, which has included a new Christian Education Building, the founding of an Armenian library, and the organizing of the Armenian Heritage Committee to preserve and perpetuate the Armenian Christian Heritage.

Over the years, Dr. Tootikian has also provided leadership to numerous organizations, including the Armenian Evangelical Union of America, Armenian Missionary Association of America, and the Armenian Evangelical World Council—AEWC. During his tenure with AEWC, the 1700th Anniversary of Armenian Christendom was celebrated by all Armenian Evangelical Unions in Yerevan, Armenia, and the first Armenian Evangelical Pastors' Conference was held in May 2003 in Evian, France. As a scholar and lecturer, Dr. Tootikian has provided instruction at the University of Michigan and at the Lawrence Technological University. Dr. Tootikian has authored 27 books, with 6 of them currently in use as college textbooks. In addition, he has been a frequent contributor to many magazines and papers, and currently writes bilingual articles for 12 Armenian papers and periodicals. His efforts in support of various educational, philanthropic, religious and cultural organizations have been recognized through many awards and the establishment of endowment funds in his honor.

I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Tootikian on his serv-

ice to the community, and on his many achievements in the pastoral ministry. I am pleased to offer my best wishes to him on his retirement, and for many more years of good health, happiness, and contribution to the spiritual well being of many people around the world. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3649) to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1340. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1718. A bill to provide special rules for disaster relief employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

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-3798. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (241)" ((RIN2120-AA65)(2005-0023)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3799. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Los Angeles Class B Airspace Area; CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2005-0195)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3800. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Surface Area, South Lake Tahoe, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2005-0193)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3801. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Legal Description of the Class D Airspace; and Class E Airspace; Topeka, Forbes Field, KS" ((RIN2120-

AA66)(2005-0194)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3802. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-100, 747-100B, 747-100B SUD, 747-200B, 747-200C, 747-200F, 747-300, 747SP, and 747SR Series Airplanes; Equipped with Pratt and Whitney Model JT9D-3 and -7 Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0398)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3803. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gulfstream Model G-IV, GIV-X, GV, and GV-SP Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0396)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3804. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model Galaxy and Gulfstream 200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0397)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3805. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Robinson Helicopter Company Model R-22 Series Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0401)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3806. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757-200, 757-200CB, and 757-200PF Series Airplanes Equipped with Rolls Royce Model RB211 Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0399)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3807. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Model BR700-715A1-30, BR700-715B1-30, and BR700-715C1-30 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0400)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3808. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6, PC-6-H1, PC-6-H2, PC-6/350, PC-6/350-H1, PC-6/350-H2, PC-6/A, PC-6/A-H1, PC-6/A-H2, PC-6/B-H2, PC-6/B1-H2, PC-6/B2-H2, PC-6/B2-H4, PC-6/C-H2, and PC-6/C1-H2 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0395)) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3809. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, there report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation General Amendments" (RIN2126-AA61) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3810. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service of Process on Foreign Manufacturers and Importers" (RIN2127-AJ69) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3811. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganize and Harmonize Controls and Displays" (RIN2127-AI09) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3812. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FMVSS No. 209, Emergency-Locking Retractors" (RIN2127-AI38) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3813. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securities of Nonmember Insured Banks" (RIN3064-AC88) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3814. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (12 CFR Part 345)" (RIN3064-AC89) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3815. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (20 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Environmental Restoration for Military Munitions Response Program") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3816. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (13 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "COBRA Installation Data for Buckley Annex (ARPC)") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3817. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (21 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Miscellaneous Medical Questions") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3818. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (14 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Comments on Cannon AFB") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3819. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (7 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "DUSD(I&E) Letter on Environmental Hearing QFRs from August 11, 2005") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3820. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Tech-

nology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (11 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Center for Fixed Wing Air Platform RDAT&E") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3821. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (21 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "DFAS Data Back-Up") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3822. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (1 subject on 1 disc entitled "Selfridge ARS-ARB MI MILCON") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3823. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (2 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "T38Cs From Moody AFB, GA Position Paper IFF (Rev)") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3824. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (1 subject on 1 disc entitled "DoD Technical Changes to Commission Recommendations") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3825. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (5 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "T38Cs From Moody AFB, GA") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3826. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (9 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Naval Support Activity New Orleans, LA") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3827. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (1 subject on 1 disc entitled "Issue Papers Provided to the Commission") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3828. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report (9 subjects on 1 disc beginning with "Inquiry Response Regarding COBRA Installation Data for Buckley Annex (ARPC)") relative to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. VITTER:

S. 1726. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, shall be known and designated as the "Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1727. A bill to provide grants for prosecutions of cases cleared through use of DNA backlog clearance fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1728. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the Indian employment credit and the depreciation rules for property used predominantly within an Indian reservation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1729. A bill to extend the time during which persons affected by Hurricane Katrina may appeal certain decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals that are rendered during the period beginning June 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1730. A bill to establish the Trust Fund Administration to invest in non-Federal Government debt instrument index funds all Federal trust fund revenues transferred to the Federal Government upon the issuance of special rate Treasury obligations to such trust funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1731. A bill to designate the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1732. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to conduct an inquiry into the retail prices of natural gas and gasoline; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1733. A bill to establish pilot projects under the medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1734. A bill to establish the Valle Vidal National Preserve in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1735. A bill to improve the Federal Trade Commission's ability to protect consumers from price-gouging during energy emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1736. A bill to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1737. A bill to prohibit entities that provide nuclear fuel assemblies to Iran from providing such assemblies to the United