

creation and support of an auxiliary organization of former attorneys general called the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus, SAGE. SAGE members could always rely on Lynne's prompt and responsive counsel and advice.

Mr. President, what I have provided today is just a mere sampling of Lynne Ross's professional accomplishments. One could easily fill up a large book with the things she has done and yet still not do her career justice. Perhaps it best to simply say: Thank you, Lynne Ross, for helping to make NAAG the organization it is today. All our country's attorneys general and the people they serve are better off because of you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building".

H.R. 3325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 235 Mountain Road in Suffield, Connecticut, as the "Corporal Stephen R. Bixler Post Office".

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

S. 474: An act to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 1612. An act to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 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. 185. Concurrent resolution commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States ground combat military unit in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. MILLER of Florida.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2276. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 203 North Main Street in Vassar, Michigan, as the "Corporal Christopher E. Esckelson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2779. An act to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 3233. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Highway 49 South in Piney Woods, Mississippi, as the "Lawrence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 185. Concurrent resolution commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team/34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard upon its completion of the longest continuous deployment of any United States military unit during Operation Iraqi Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2128. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent.

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-3468. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory functions at Kirtland Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3469. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Environmental function at Robins Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3470. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Test Tract Instrument functions at Holloman Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3471. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the initiation of a multi-function standard competition of the Transportation and Supply functions at Hanscom Air Force Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3472. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of materials supporting the construction of a mobile offshore oil rig in Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3473. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Documentation: Lease Financing for Vessels Engaged in the Coastwise Trade" ((RIN1625-AA28)(Docket No. USCG-2005-20258)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3474. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License" (RIN1652-AA41) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3475. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations, Amendments" ((RIN1652-AA36) (USCG-2001-10881)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3476. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Winnetka Fireworks, Lake Michigan, Winnetka, IL" ((RIN1652-AA00) (CGD09-06-116)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3477. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 3 regulations beginning with CGD05-07-080)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3478. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Spa Creek and Severn River, Annapolis, MD" ((RIN1652-AA08) (CG05-07-063)) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3479. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones (including 2 regulations beginning with COTP San Juan 05-007)" (RIN1652-AA87) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3480. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone (including 10 regulations beginning with COTP Miami 07-065)" (RIN1625-AA00) received on September 28, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3481. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (Docket No. PA-149-FOR) received on September 28, 2007; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3482. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Ceanothus ophiocilus* and *Fremontodendron mexicanum*" (RIN1018-AU77) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3483. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Nonessential Experimental Population Status for 15 Freshwater Mussels, 1 Freshwater Snail, and 5 Fishes in the Lower French Broad River and in the Lower Holston River, TN" (RIN1018-AU01) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3484. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AV12) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3485. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Frameworks for Late Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AV12) received on September 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3486. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report entitled, "The Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3487. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mining Industry Overview Guide" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0407-033) received on September 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3488. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the Department of the Army, case number 06-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3489. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Board; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3490. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the launch of satellites from Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3491. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the co-development of the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program for Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3492. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services related to the launch of satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3493. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-192-2007-200); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3494. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board of the International Fund for Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3495. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to support the manufacture of the Korean Commander's Panoramic Sight; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3496. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, technical data, and defense services to Japan in support of the MK 41 Vertical Launching System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3497. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B for Fiscal Year 2005 Through 2007, as of March 31, 2007"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Paul J. Hutter, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. KOHL:

S. 2125. A bill to improve public awareness in the United States among older individuals and their families and caregivers about the impending Digital Television Transition through the establishment of a Federal interagency taskforce between the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration on Aging, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and the outside advice of appropriate members of the aging network and industry groups; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. JOHN-SON, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2126. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2127. A bill to provide assistance to families of miners involved in mining accidents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2128. A bill to make the moratorium on Internet access taxes and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce permanent; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 341. A resolution concerning the recent forest fires in Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 343. A resolution designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to authorize the