

point was forced to move his family to a homeless shelter in Vermont. Yet, even while his family relied on social services to get by, he volunteered for multiple organizations just as he had always done in Florida. Sergio has since returned to college to work on his psychology degree and is currently looking for a job in human services so he can continue to help people who are struggling.

Borgi von Trapp has been a leader in her community for many years. In 1993, Borgi, a mother of six children, founded Children First, an organization devoted to designing and implementing creative educational environments for children. A year later, she helped develop the Mad River Green Farmers' Market, a successful incubator for locally owned, innovative, healthy, and creative businesses. Since then it has grown to include more than 50 full time vendors and over 12,000 customers per season. Borgi is a model of community leadership and creative learning.

Sherrie Pomainville was a single mother for 22 years, raising four children on a minimum-wage salary. She knew the value of education and worked to obtain it. With the help of the Reach Up Program, she was one of the first clients to successfully complete the postsecondary Education program and earn a bachelor's degree in social work. In 2002, Sherrie graduated cum laude and was on the National Association for Social Workers Board for 3 years. This has allowed her to make a better life for herself and her children, while at the same time giving back to the community that helped her. She currently works for various community organizations in southwestern Vermont.

Jessica Kelley has been actively involved as a parent volunteer in Head Start and an important advocate for children and families in her community. She has served on the Head Start Policy Council for the past 2 years and last year was elected the parent representative of the Vermont Head Start Association. In this role, Jessica attends statewide meetings and participates in policy discussions and initiatives, such as parent leadership, Head Start reauthorization, and No Child Left Behind legislation.

Lydia Chartier is a tireless community leader in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. Presently, she donates most of her time to Lincoln Center Child Care, where she uses her own vast experience to assist support staff and other volunteers. She also serves as an invaluable resource to the Lincoln Center's staff. In addition, Lydia volunteers at her church, her son's school, and on many other community projects. If there is a good community event happening, there can be little doubt that Lydia is aware of it and promoting it. But most of all, Lydia is dedicated to ending poverty and doing whatever it takes to help those in need.

The quality of life in Vermont, and in our Nation, is strengthened by individ-

uals like these five community leaders, men and women who work to improve our communities and who strive to give back to the places in which they live. I commend their great contributions and the contributions of many like them across the nation to our American society.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) announced that on today, December 13, 2007, he had signed the following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 365. An act to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4252. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through May 23, 2008, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4343. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 12:07 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4404(c)(2) of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 (2 U.S.C. 1161), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following member to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program for a term of four years: Mr. JAMES P. MCGOVERN of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The message further announced that the House being in possession of the official papers, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes,

shall be, and they are hereby, discharged to the end that H.R. 3093 and its accompanying papers, be, and they are hereby, laid on the table.

At 2:55 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2082) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 7:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H. J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4299. An act to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 2461. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2483. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service,

the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 388. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 396. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 1829. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2344. A bill to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

*Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*Charles E.F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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

*James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary 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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BAYH (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2463. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and title 18, United States Code, to combat the crime of alien smuggling and related activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2464. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of federally recommended vaccines under Medicare part B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2465. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include all public clinics for the distribution of pediatric vaccines under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2466. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the availability of vaccines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2467. A bill to amend the Social Security Act, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the Public Health Service Act to ensure a sufficient supply of vaccines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2468. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of Wyoming to allow the State of Wyoming to conduct certain forest and watershed restoration services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2469. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of regulatory forbearance by default; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2470. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dehydroepiandrosterone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2471. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2472. A bill to amend the U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 2473. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide special reporting and disclosure rules for individual account plans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2474. A bill to provide additional resources and funding to address inspection delays at United States ports of entry on the Southern border, open additional inspection lanes, hire more inspectors, and provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Northern and Southern borders; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2475. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide an exception for certain States with respect to the distribution of amounts by the Secretary of the Interior from the Aban-

doned Mine Reclamation Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2476. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the supply of vaccines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2477. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2478. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2479. A bill to catalyze change in the care and treatment of diabetes in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2480. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publicly disclose the identity of long-term care facilities listed under the Special Focus Facility Program of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2481. A bill to prohibit racial profiling; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2482. A bill to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2483. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2484. A bill to rename the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 404. A resolution congratulating all member states of the International Commission for the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 protocol granting open access to a vast archives on the Holocaust and other World War II materials, located at Bad Arolsen, Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.