

in far too many cases, the reason is simply lack of awareness of the need, or misunderstanding of the process.

In building the national organ donation and transplantation system, we have taken great care to ensure that individuals and families are not coerced into decisions to donate their organs. We have a strong shared commitment to respect personal and religious beliefs. Congress has made it illegal for organs to be sold—another measure to ensure freedom of choice. The Secretary of HHS has proposed a rule to encourage donation by training hospital personnel to explain the process. This rule, which I support, specifies that only trained hospital personnel are permitted to approach families of potential organ donors. But the most effective measure to increase organ donation is open discussion, long before a time of crisis. Families need to explore their beliefs and opinions, make personal commitments, and have an opportunity to honor the beliefs and commitments of loved ones who die.

In closing, I commend the First Family Pledge Campaign for all it has done to encourage and support these important efforts. Congress must continue to pursue legislation and policies to assure that all Americans in need have access to life-saving transplantation. Adequate funding is essential to support these services. We need to be sure that the distribution system is fair and effective. And we need to continue our nationwide efforts to educate the public about the need for and value of organ donation.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, 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. 46. An act to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.

H.R. 769. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1189. An act to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws.

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

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999.

At 2:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, 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 resolution (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 46. An act to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 769. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1189. An act to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal States of Micronesia.

Nominee: Diane E. Watson.
Post: Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Nominated: January 4, 1999.
The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
 1. Self: (see Attachment).
 2. Spouse: None.
 3. Children and Spouses Names: None.
 4. Parents Names: Dorothy Watson/None; William Allen Watson/"Deceased."
 5. Grandparents Names: Lyle and Belle O'Neal/"Deceased"; William and Edith Watson/"Deceased."

6. Brothers and Spouses Names: William Watson/None; Chatera Watson/None.

7. Sisters and Spouses Names: Barbara Coleman/None; Patsy Bradfield/None; David Bradfield/None.

8. Political Contributions:

State Senator Diane Watson Schedule of Political Contributions—1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998

Date and payee	Amount
1994:	
Kay Ciniceros	\$500
California Democratic Caucus	2,000
California Democratic Party	174
Legislative Black Caucus	500
California Democratic Party	400
Valerie Lynn Shaw	200
Friends of Gwen Moore	1,000
David Roberti	1,000
Cewaer	500
Senate Victory Campaign	300
Congressional Black Caucus	230
Dorothy Ehrhart Morrison	500
Democratic National Committee	200
Paulette Riley Irons	200
Margelo Farrand	500
Sandy Hester	200
Ralph Dills	1,000
Art Torres	1,000
Hollywood Womens Pac	250
Golden State Victory	300
Delaine Eastin	1,000
Total	10,954

1995:	
Legislative Black Caucus	500
State of California Moretti Funds	500
Friends of Paul Horcher	1,000
Friends of Lois Hill Hale	1,000
California Now	350
California Democratic Party	129
Democratic National Convention California Democratic Committee	300
Democratic National Committee	100
Lois Hill Hale	1,000
U.N. 50 Committee	125
Mary Landrieu	1,500
Willie Brown for Mayor	500
Barbara Lee for Senate	309
Congressional Black Women LDF	1,000
Barbara Lee for Senate	500
Dezzie Wood	500
California Democratic Victory Fund	300
Total	9,813

1996:	
California Democratic Party	300
California Democratic Party	150

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr.