

station in life. In the future, we will only be as strong as our children. As Pearl Buck said, "If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all."

As I think back to where we have been and once again focus on the glorious horizon, I cannot help but feel optimistic about our future knowing that men and women like those working with the Georgia Early Learning Initiative continue to fight for a better tomorrow for all of our children.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE JULIO FUENTES

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize one of New Jersey's extremely talented and humble public servants, the Honorable Judge Julio Fuentes. This distinguished member of my State is being honored with the dedication of the 25th Hispanic-American Parade of New Jersey Annual Banquet in his name, and it gives me great pleasure to recognize his accomplishments.

Judge Fuentes is a man of great intellect and a distinguished record of public service. He is constantly seeking to improve himself, as can be attested to by his pursuit of master's degrees in Latin American affairs and liberal arts during his time as a sitting judge. Those who have had the opportunity to work with Judge Fuentes universally praise his integrity as well as the depth and breadth of his knowledge of the law.

Through a great internal drive and determination, Judge Fuentes has risen from Newark Municipal Court Judge to his current post of judge for the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Fuentes also has the distinction of being the first Hispanic-American to sit on this prestigious court, an honor he has truly earned.

Judge Fuentes is a good, honest, decent man. He is an exemplar of the coveted American ideal of public service. It was truly an honor to be able to recommend his nomination to President Clinton. We are truly fortunate to have someone of his immense capabilities and desire for public service sitting as a judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:10 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, without amendment:

S. 1295. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1795. An act to require that before issuing an order, the President shall cite the authority for the order, conduct a cost benefit analysis, provide for public comment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2346. An act to authorize the enforcement by State and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment.

H.R. 3100. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5272. An act to provide for a United States response in the event of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4365) to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 1324. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Will House, and for other purposes.

H.R. 999. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4700. An act to grant the consent of the Congress to the Kansas and Missouri Metropolitan Culture District Compact.

H.J. Res. 72. An act granting the consent of the Congress to the Red River Boundary Compact.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 12:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4733) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:18 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the Speaker has signed following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 1295. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office."

H.R. 2647. An Act to amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community" to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 109. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5272. An act to provide for a United States response in the event of a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 28, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1324. An act to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Wills House, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-10949. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of delay relative to the report on secondary inventory and parts shortages; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10950. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Human Rights Abusers Act of 2000"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10951. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Flood Insurance Act Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10952. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a copy of a report entitled "Audit of the Accounts And Operations of the Washington Convention Center Authority for Fiscal Years 1997 Through 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10953. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10954. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Increase in the Minimum Size Requirements for Dancy, Robinson, and Sunburst Tangerines" (Docket Number: FV00-905-3 FR) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10955. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules entitled "Triallate, (S-2, 3, 3-trichloroallyl diisopropylthiocarbamate); Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #674408), "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6747-8), "Propamacarb hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6745-8), "Dimethomorph, (E,Z) 4-[3-(4-Cholophenyl)-3-(3, 4-dimethoxyphenyl)-1-oxo-2-propenyl]morpholine; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6747-9), and "Flucarbazone-sodium; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL #6745-9) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10956. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 2000-46-BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—August 2000" (Rev. Rul. 2000-46) received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10957. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Amendments" (FRL #6878-9), "Consolidated Federal Air Rule (CAR): Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry" (FRL #6576-9), and "Grant Conditions for Indian Tribes and Insular Area Recipients" received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10958. A communication from the Director of the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN3150-AG43) received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2000-01 Late Season" (RIN1018-AG08) received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-10960. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Workforce Investment Act" (RIN1205-AB20) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10961. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; In-

terest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10962. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the mailing of truthful information or advertisements concerning certain lawful gambling operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10963. A communication from the Director of Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fingerprinting certain applicants for a replacement permanent resident card (Form I-551)" (RIN1115-AF74) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10964. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Belgium, Greece, Japan, The Netherlands, and The United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-625. a resolution adopted by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Ocean (New Jersey) relative to mud dumping; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3129: An original bill to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions (Rept. No. 106-425).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2962: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-426).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2594: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of non-project water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-427).

S. 2691: A bill to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-428).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2848: A bill to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Histor-

ical Park in New Mexico (Rept. No. 106-429).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 2942: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia (Rept. No. 106-430).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2951: A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River. (Rept. No. 106-431).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3000: A bill to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 106-432).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1235: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-433).

H.R. 3236: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-434).

H.R. 3577: A bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho (Rept. No. 106-435).

H.R. 4115: A bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-436).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1162: A bill to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

H.R. 1605: To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

H.R. 2442: A bill to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgment of such injustices by the President.

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4806: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building".

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble: