

COMMENDATION FOR JARED HOHN  
AND THE HOTSHOTS

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the Sawtooth Hotshots for their valiant efforts in fighting the recent forest fires that raged through the Black Hills of South Dakota and other western states. The Hotshots are U.S. Forest Service fire crews that specialize in putting out large forest fires. The work is tough, demanding and invaluable. The Hotshot crew is dedicated, spending countless hours training for situations like those faced this summer. Once the fires occur, they often literally work around the clock to save the forests.

Nowhere is this spirit more exemplified than by Jared Hohn, a 21-year old college student from Hill City, South Dakota. For the last four summers, Jared has worked as a member of the Hotshot crew, fighting fires all over the country to help put himself through college at the University of South Dakota. As a member of the crew, he often works 16 hour days and, in one instance, worked for 42 hours straight fighting desert fires.

The work is dangerous and many lives have been lost. But the 80 hours of training that the crew receives at the start of each summer greatly helps to minimize the danger that they face. The training teaches proper firefighter techniques and understanding of the forces that affect fires, like weather patterns.

The dedication to public service and to saving lives is reflected in Jared and the entire Hotshot crew. Jared and the Hotshots are a hard-working group who literally lay their lives on the line to improve the world around us and to protect us from fires. We owe a great deal to them and to the Forest Service for performing such a valuable public service.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2485. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

S. 3164. An act to protect seniors from fraud.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 154. Concurrent resolution to acknowledge and salute the contributions of coin collectors.

S. Con. Res. 156. Concurrent resolution to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 1474.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5239) to provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution (H.J. Res. 102) recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 4907. An act to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5461. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning.

H.R. 5537. An act to waive the period of Congressional review of the Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act of 2000.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, and requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 434. Concurrent resolution commending the men and women who fought the year 2000 wildfires for their heroic efforts in protecting human lives and safety and limiting property losses.

H. Con. Res. 439. Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 2614.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil

War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estate of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2060. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2300. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act 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.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in