

Challenge Grants was the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, a new facility created by the Broward County Public Library to serve Broward County's growing and diverse population.

Through its Preservation Programs, the NEH is preserving the content of hundreds of thousands of brittle books, periodicals, and American newspapers—priceless sources for present and future historians and scholars. The Endowment's initiative to save such materials is now entering its tenth year, and will preserve nearly a million books and periodicals by the time it is completed. The U.S. Newspaper Project, an equally important effort to microfilm historic newspapers, is creating a comprehensive national database for scholars, students, and citizens who wish to research their community's history.

In November 1998, the First Lady and I joined the Endowment in honoring at the White House nine distinguished Americans with the National Medal of the Humanities. Through these awards and its grants programs, the National Endowment for the Humanities recognizes and promotes outstanding efforts to deepen public awareness and understanding of the humanities.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 22, 2000.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1666. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office."

H.R. 1680. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest.

H.R. 1725. An act to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

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. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National Family Day.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 8162(c)(3) of Public Law 106-79, the Speaker has appointed the following Members of the House to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. MOORE, and Mr. BOSWELL.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 101(f) of the Ticket

to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-170), the Minority Leader has appointed the following individuals on the part of the House to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Mr. Jerome Kleckley of New York, to a 4-year term and Ms. Frances Gracechild of California, to a 2-year term.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1666. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1680. An act to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National Family Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 2262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday.

S. 2263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to institute a Federal fuels tax holiday.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3081. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage, 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-8044. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8045. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the National Institutes of Health AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program for FY 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8046. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program for FY 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8047. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Requirements Applicable to Albumin (Human), Plasma Protein Fraction (Human), and Immune Globulin (Human); Confirmation in Part and Technical Amendment" (Docket No. 98N-0608), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8048. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket No. 99F-0461), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8049. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the FY 1999 annual performance report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8050. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on Business Practice Standards for Open Access Same-time Information Systems (OASIS) Transactions" (RIN1902-AB78), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8051. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excepted Service; The Career Conditional Employment System; Promotion and Internal Placement" (RIN3206-A151), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8052. A communication from the General Counsel, Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost Accounting Standards Board; Applicability, Thresholds and Waiver of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage; Interim Rule", received March 15, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8053. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia Sports and Entertainment Commission for Fiscal Years 1996 through 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8054. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for February 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8055. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the accomplishments of the Office for Victims of Crime for fiscal years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8056. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule