

his wife of 40 years, are the proud parents of four children: Wendy, Lori, Mark and Shane. John enjoys leisure time pursuing his personal hobbies which include politics, reading, chess, exercising and traveling.

I commend John Vattes and wish him the best upon his retirement. It has been a pleasure to work with him in the years past, and it is truly an honor to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

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-418. A communication from the Trial Attorney of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Power Brake Regulations: Freight Power Brake Revisions" (RIN2130-AB16) received on January 8, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-419. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to smokeless tobacco health education for the years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-420. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technology Opportunities Program" (RIN0660-ZA06) received on January 9, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-421. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Removal of Groundfish Closure (to allow small-scale fixed-gear Pacific cod fisheries to continue for a limited time period)" (RIN0648-AO44) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-422. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Large Coastal, Pelagic, and Small Coastal Shark Species, Fishing Season Notification" (I.D. 111400A) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-423. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Implementation of ICCAT Recommendations" (RIN0648-AN52) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-424. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Adjustment to the 2000 Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Commercial Quotas" received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-425. A communication from the Trial Attorney for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criminal Penalty Safe Harbor Provision" (RIN2127-AI24) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-426. A communication from the Trial Attorney for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting the Sale or Lease of Defective of Noncompliant Tires" (RIN2127-AI23) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-427. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Memorial Bridge, across the Intercostal Waterway, mile 830.6, Volusia County, Daytona Beach, FL (CGD07-00-135)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0006)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-428. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Lower Grand River, LA (CGD08-00-032)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0005)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-429. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois (CGD08-00-029)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0004)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-430. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois (CGD08-00-033)" ((RIN2115-

AE47)(2001-0007)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-431. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; Hillsborough Bay, Tampa, Florida (CGD07-00-124)" ((RIN2115-AE46)(2001-0002)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-432. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Great Egg Harbor Bay, New Jersey (CGD05-00-055)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0008)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-433. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allowing Alternative Source to Incandescent Light in Private Aids to Navigation (USG-2000-7466)" ((RIN2115-AF98)(2001-0001)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-434. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Cortez Bridge (SR 684), across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, mile 87.4 Sarasota County, Cortez, FL (CGD07-00-132)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0002)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-435. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Siesta Key Bridge, across the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, mile 71.6, Sarasota County, Florida (CGD07-00-133)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0003)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-436. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Iliamna, Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0023)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-437. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Albia, Iowa" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0021)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-438. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend Legal Description of Jet Route J-501" (RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0022)) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.