

### ALBUQUERQUE HISPANO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRAND OPENING

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce in my home state of New Mexico, as they continue their work to serve the community, with the opening of their Barelás Job Opportunity Center.

The Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce was founded in May 1975 and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens, by promoting economic and education activities, with an emphasis on small business.

In those many years, the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce has helped small business people by providing much needed services and informing them of business opportunities. It also serves as an advocate for issues affecting the small businessperson.

Through the Chamber, the entrepreneur also has access to a portal through which they can contribute to the economic and civic development of the community.

The Chamber just moved into a new building in an area of Albuquerque that is not affluent or wealthy, but one that is predominately Hispanic, and with history and pride: the South Valley. It is a fitting location for the Chamber, since it has always worked to protect, perpetuate and promote the Hispanic Culture, language and tradition.

The Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce will now be able to take their assistance a step further with the opening of their Barelás Job Opportunity Center within their new building.

The Opportunity Center, to be dedicated on August 10, 2001, will allow the Chamber to provide even more services individually designed to help members and small businesspersons with their business needs.

The Barelás Job Opportunity Center will serve the neighborhood, community, State and Nation for generations to come.

I applaud the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce as it opens its new Barelás Job Opportunity Center. The Chamber has made a great impact on our community and with the new Job Opportunity Center, will continue and further its contribution. We wish them much continued success in the future.●

### 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.)

### REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIERRA LEONE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 17, 2001.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 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, without amendment:

S. 360. An act to honor Paul D. Coverdell.

S. 560. An act for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe).

At 3:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 360. An act to honor Paul D. Coverdell.

S. 560. An act for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe).

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

### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 17, 2001, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 360. An act to honor Paul D. Coverdell.

S. 560. An act for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe).

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Allan Rutter, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

\*Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation.

\*Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

\*Wade F. Horn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

\*Kevin Keane, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*William Henry Lash, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

\*Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Allen Frederick Johnson, of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it 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 times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated, on July 13, 2001, during the recess of the Senate:

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1178. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated, on July 17, 2001:

By Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 1184. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2853 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia, as the "Earl T. Shinhoster Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1185. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access of medicare beneficiaries to prescription drug coverage through the SPICE drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1186. A bill to provide a budgetary mechanism to ensure that funds will be available to satisfy the Federal Government's responsibilities with respect to negotiated settlements of disputes related to Indian water rights claims and Indian land claims; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports,