

the Marine Environment, the Ozone Transport Commission, the New England Governors Conference Environment Committee, and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, just to name a few. In June 2000, his efforts to partner with the private sector were recognized when he was presented with the Paul Keough Environmental Award for Government Service by the Environmental Business Council of New England.

As former Chairman and current ranking member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and one time Chairman of the Superfund Sub-committee, I have had the pleasure of working quite closely with Mr. Varney on a wide range of issues. On numerous occasions I have depended on his far-reaching environmental expertise to testify before Congress on key issues such as the dangers of the fuel additive MTBE, the current status of superfund cleanup activities and on successful state environmental programs.

With the help of Mr. Varney's leadership, New Hampshire has become, and continues to be, a front-runner in exploring innovative, low-cost technologies while reaping the benefits of developing successful Federal and State relationships. I commend Mr. Varney for his exemplary service to New Hampshire, and look forward to watching the success that will follow him in this next endeavor. New Hampshire, New England and the Nation are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated environmental leader take on the vitally important role of EPA Regional Administrator, and I am certain he will execute this duty with comparable distinction. It is with pleasure that I extend my deepest congratulations and hope for future success.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:46 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 468. An act to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building."

H.R. 2131. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 1190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings accounts.

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

At 1:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2506. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mrs. TAUSCHER of California.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2506. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 25, 2001, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 468. An act to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building."

S. 1190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings account.

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-3055. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Building Project Survey for Jefferson City, MO; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3056. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Manufactured Housing Program User Fee Authority; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3057. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated July 24, 2001; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Foreign Relations.

EC-3058. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner of Social Security, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3059. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Rev. Proc. 2001-2" (Rev. Proc. 2001-41) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3060. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exxon v. Commissioner" received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Parity of Pay between Active and Reserve Component members of the Armed Forces based on length of time on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3062. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current unit cost of a major defense acquisition program that has increased by at least 15 percent; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3063. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans' Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AK40) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3065. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice: Medical Opinions from the Veterans Health Administration" (RIN2900-AK52) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3066. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,