

and nobody knows South Dakota agriculture better than Jim Woster.

Jim has always exhibited a strong commitment to public service. Throughout his career, he has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to worthy causes such as the American Cancer Society, the Arthritis Foundation, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. All this while serving our Nation for eight years as a member of the South Dakota National Guard.

The great honor to be bestowed on Mr. Woster is exceptionally well deserved, as he has contributed so much to our State while at the same time serving as a model for other talented South Dakotans to emulate. I join my fellow South Dakotans on extending congratulations and a "job well done" to Jim Woster. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:29 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. 1866. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to clarify the basis for granting requests for reexamination of patents.

H.R. 1886. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings.

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2277. An act to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of treaty traders and treaty investors.

H.R. 2278. An act to provide for work authorization for nonimmigrant spouses of intracompany transferees, and to reduce the period of time during which certain intracompany transferees have to be continuously employed before applying for admission to the United States.

H.R. 2291. An act to extend the authorization of Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional 5 years, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2510. An act to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 234. Resolution stating that the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Floyd Spence, a Representative from the State of South Carolina.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1866. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to clarify the basis for granting requests for reexamination of patents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1886. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2510. An act to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 2563. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

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-3578. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to military personnel accounts; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Armed Services.

EC-3579. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the appropriations report; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3580. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3581. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the funding of the Foreign Comparative Testing Program Projects for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3582. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for Department purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3583. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3584. A communication from the Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Conversion of Department of Defense Commercial Activity to a Private Contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3585. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2001-02 Early Season" (RIN1018-AH79) received on August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3586. A communication from the Executive Director of the National Commission on

Libraries and Information Science, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3587. A communication from the General Counsel for the National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-Governmental Antarctic Expeditions" (RIN3145-AA36) received on August 15, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solid Minerals Reporting Requirements" received on August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3589. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2001-2002 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AG58) received on August 22, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3590. A communication from the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DMCA Section 104 Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3591. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Gulf War Veterans for Calendar Years 1999 and 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3592. 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 "Veterans Benefits Administration Nomenclature Changes" received on August 16, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3593. 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 "Duty to Assist" (RIN2900-AK69) received on August 23, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3594. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Brazil; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3595. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3596. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3597. A communication from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit by Brokers and Dealers (Regulation T); List of Foreign Margin Stocks" received on August 20, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.