

country and his duties as a Naval Officer.

On Monday I visited Jennifer, Liam and members of the Vauk family. Jennifer is a remarkable woman, who bears the burden of this tragedy with tremendous grace and dignity. I am very proud to recognize LDCR Ronald Vauk and tell him and his family, Thank you from a grateful Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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

At 12:58 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 bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 169. An act to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws, to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

H.R. 203. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1161. An act to authorize the Government of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

H.R. 1456. An act to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2385. An act to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2666. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program.

H.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the

American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The message also announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2904) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes and has agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. HOBSON, Mr. WALSH, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ADERHOLT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. VITTEK, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. OLVER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. OBEY.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:08 p.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:

H.R. 1860. An act to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1583. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

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

NOTE: In the RECORD of September 19, 2001, on page S9503, the following items were inadvertently omitted:

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:18 p.m., message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 231. A concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1424. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for the admission of "S" visa non-immigrants.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 169. An act to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower pro-

tection laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 203. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1456. An act to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2385. An act to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2666. An act to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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-4217. A communication from the Associate General for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Cost Limits for Native American Housing" (RIN2577-AC14) received on October 1, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4218. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of General Counsel, Department of Education, received on September 26, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4219. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on October 1, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4220. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the Operations of the Office of Workers Compensation Programs for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4221. A communication from the Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the commercial inventory report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4222. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Office of Insurance Programs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled