

the State of Georgia and our Nation are truly blessed to have his leadership.●

TRIBUTE TO THE POSTAL EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PERFORMANCE CLUSTER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster, a group of dedicated public servants who have been recognized for exemplary performance of service duties. On April 3rd of this year, The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster were recognized with the Postal Service's highest award, the Chief Operating Officer Award for overall excellence in the area of customer satisfaction.

New Hampshire Postal Employees have been honored along with four other districts in the nation receiving the Order of the Yellow Jersey Award for Excellence in customer service. This prestigious award is based on the percentage of residential customers who rated the postal service employees as excellent in four areas: overall performance, courteous and friendly clerks, consistency of mail delivery and accuracy of mail delivery.

The Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Cluster have provided dedicated service to the citizens of our state. The people of our state look upon them with tremendous gratitude for all that they have done.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Postal Employees of the New Hampshire Performance Center in the United States.●

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.)

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-1365. A communication from the General Counsel of the Central Intelligence

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General and the designation of an Acting Inspector General; to the Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1366. 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 "Certification of Evidence for Proof of Service" (RIN2900-AJ55) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1367. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report covering those cases in which equitable relief was granted in calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1368. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General Strategic Plan for 2001 through 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1369. 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 "Qualified Lessee Construction Allowances For Short-Term Leases" (Rev. Rul. 2001-20) received on April 11, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1370. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to Monitoring the Impact of Medicare Physician Payment Reform on Utilization and Access for 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1371. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relating to management performance for 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1372. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance" (Doc. No. FEMA-7750) received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1373. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the discontinuation of service in acting role of Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1374. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the return of the nomination for the position of Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1375. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual performance evaluation for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1376. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; Revision of Foreign Policy Controls" (RIN0694-AC39) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1377. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Items: Revisions to Microprocessors, Graphic Accelerators, and External Interconnects Equipment" (RIN0694-AC39) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1378. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entity List: Revisions and Additions" (RIN0694-AB60) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1379. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the EAR as a result of the addition of Brazil, Latvia and Ukraine to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), and Other Revisions" (RIN0694-AB50) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1380. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a report relating to the Imposition of Foreign Policy-Based Export Controls for Exports to Persons in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Inductees of the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1381. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Food Starch-Modified by Amyolytic Enzymes" (Doc. No. 99F-2082) received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1382. A communication from the President of the United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit of the Institute's accounts for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1383. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1384. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recreational Programs" (RIN1820-ZA12) received on April 16, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1385. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of Six Cardiovascular Preamendments Class III Devices into Class II" (Doc. No. 99N-0035) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1386. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department

of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food" (Doc. No. 94F-0008) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1387. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Animal Feed and Pet Food; Irradiation" (Doc. No. 99F-2799) received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1388. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Workforce Development, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 14-01—Treatment of Indian Tribes Under Federal Unemployment Compensation Law; UIPL 14-01, Change 1—Questions and Answers" received on April 18, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1389. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1390. A communication from the Chairman of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual financial reports for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1391. A communication from the Director of the Federal Judicial Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual performance evaluation report for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1392. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adding Colombia to the List of Countries Whose Citizens or Nationals are Ineligible for Transit Without Visa (TWOV) Privileges to the United States Under the TWOV Program" (RIN1115-AG16) received on April 3, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1393. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Attorneys' Office, Giglio Information Files" received on April 6, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1394. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relating to the Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1395. A communication from the Acting Deputy Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1396. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the intent to obligate funds for out-of-cycle Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Comparative Testing Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1397. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, a report relative to identifying, for each agency, the percentage of funds that are projected to be expanded during each of the next five fiscal years for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1398. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the withdrawal of the statutory report concerning UN peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Sierra Leone; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1399. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning activities relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1400. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning a multi-function cost comparison of the Base Operating Support functions at March Air Reserve Base, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1401. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report relating to the results of the Military Exit Survey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1402. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1403. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report required by the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 for the period February 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1404. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1405. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Discontinuation of service in an acting role as Assistant Administrator of the Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1406. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, Agency for International Development, a report relative to the nomination for the position of Administrator of the Agency for International Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1407. 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-1408. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1409. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 to Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1410. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1411. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1412. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1413. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with France; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1414. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1415. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report mandated by the PLO Commitments Compliance Act from June 16 to December 15, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1416. 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.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-9. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to the assistance with Gulf War Illness; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 members of the United States armed forces, including 7,500 Kansans, deployed to the Persian Gulf region during 1990 and 1991 to participate in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait; and

Whereas, These Gulf War veterans have been, and continue to be, afflicted by an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems. To date federal research efforts have not identified the prevalence, patterns,