

innovation and experimentation was greeted with skepticism by many within the industry, Robert O. persevered and soon moved on to larger refineries, eventually becoming Chairman and CEO of Arco, the Atlantic-Richfield Company, all the while bringing robust economic development and hundreds of jobs to New Mexico.

At Arco, Robert O. was instrumental in bringing Alaska into the twentieth century. In fact, Alaska's history is closely intertwined with Arco and with Robert O. Anderson. Under his leadership, Arco discovered one of Alaska's greatest natural resources: the Prudhoe Bay oil field. As Arco developed the Prudhoe Bay, Robert O. surprised the environmental community by working with them to ensure that the pipeline was completed in an environmentally responsible manner. Throughout his career, Robert O. Anderson has brought economic prosperity to Alaska, while respecting and preserving its natural treasures.

In fact, the United States owes Robert O. Anderson a special debt of gratitude in our current era of energy crises. The U.S. depends heavily on the Prudhoe Bay oil field, which provides 25 percent of our domestic oil supply. When Prudhoe Bay was first discovered, skeptics claimed that the U.S. could do without its oil supply. They also claimed that the local wildlife would be irreparably harmed. And now, three decades later, the Prudhoe Bay area provides us with over 1.4 million barrels of oil a day. And virtually every study has concluded that not one of the local species of wildlife has declined. Rather, every single species has thrived. Imagine the position the U.S. would be in if Robert O. had listened to these skeptics. Everyone agrees that we are too dependent on foreign sources of energy, but imagine how dependent we would be if it were not for Robert O. Anderson.

In addition to oil, Robert O. Anderson's other business interests have included cattle ranching, mining and milling, and general manufacturing. He has served on the board of directors of the National Petroleum Council since 1951 and has received numerous honors and titles recognizing his extensive charitable and community work. He has also served on the Board of Regents of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and currently serves on the National Advisory Board of the University of New Mexico Anderson Schools of Management, two fine institutions in my home state. Robert O. Anderson also founded the International Institute for Environmental Development to further his lifelong passion of preserving and protecting the environment.

Once again I thank Robert O. Anderson for his years of service to our State of New Mexico and to our Nation. He has a true American story. His hard

work and determination have produced a proud legacy of accomplishments and public service.●

#### 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.

I was proud to have attended the awards ceremony in New Hampshire last weekend, and was inspired by the dedication and commitment of the award recipients.

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 Senate.●

#### 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-1645. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Departmental activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1646. A communication from the President of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1648. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Energy Conservation Standards" (RIN1904-AA77) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1649. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1650. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1651. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Commissioner of Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1652. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "HCFA Claims Processing User Fee Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1653. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Community Relations Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1655. A communication from the Chief of Staff to the Acting Deputy Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, Office for Victims of Crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1656. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1657. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a

nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1658. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1659. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a confirmed nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1660. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Solicitor General of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1661. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1662. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1663. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1664. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Chair, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1665. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination returned for the position of Member, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1666. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1667. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1668. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination returned for the position of United States Parole Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1669. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's operations and developments for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1670. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, the designation of acting officer, the discontinuation of service in acting role, and a nomina-

tion confirmed for the position of Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1671. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1672. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1673. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resource Management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1674. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1675. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of General Counsel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1677. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1678. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1679. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant for Research and Development; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1680. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Administrator for International Activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1681. A communication from the Fisheries Biologist, Candidate Plus Team Leader, Office of Protected Resources, Department of

Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species: Puget Sound Populations of Copper Rockfish, Quillback Rockfish, Brown Rockfish, and Pacific Herring" (RIN0648-XA63) received on April 10, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1682. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal-Gila Counties Air Quality Control District and Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL6967-8) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Butte County Air Quality Management District" (FRL6958-1) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1684. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1685. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulator Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Abnormal Occurrences for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1686. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to internal accounting and financial controls for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1687. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Red Mountain Viticultural Area" (RIN1512-AA07) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Origin for Textile and Apparel Products" (RIN1515-AC80) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1689. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licenses for Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics Subject to Tariff-Rate Quota" (RIN1515-AC83) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1690. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shark Drift Gillnet Fishery, Interim Final Rule; Request for Comments" (RIN0648-A076) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1691. A communication from the Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Incentive Grants for Use of Seat Belts" (RIN2127-AH38) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1692. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Bowling Green, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0076)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Bay City, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0075)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1694. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0185)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1695. A communication from the Acting Director of the Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance report for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Interim Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Budget and Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1698. A communication from the Regulatory Contact for the National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Rules; Correction" (RIN3095-AB00) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the General Counsel for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan, Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1700. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan; Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### 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-29. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Electoral College; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 651

Whereas, the remarkable events of the presidential election of 2000 summon all Virginians, of whatever political party or persuasion, to a renewed reflection on the principles of republican government and its ability to extend political liberty to a diverse and complex society; and

Whereas, the United States consists of one democratic people whose passion for political liberty is best preserved through republican and federal forms of government—including the election of the President; and

Whereas, the democratic interest is exercised through the ballot and the federal structure of our government is represented by the Electoral College; and

Whereas, the genius of the Electoral College was admirably defined by Virginia's James Madison in the *Federalist*, number 39:

"The executive power will be derived from a very compound source. The immediate election of the President is to be made by the States in their political characters. The votes allotted to them are in a compound ratio, which considers them partly as distinct and coequal societies, partly as unequal members of the same society."; and

Whereas, the dynamics of the Electoral College reflect the diversity of the nation and the healthy tension between the less populous vast regions of the United States and the urban centers embracing denser concentrations of its populations; and

Whereas, the Electoral College and the federal structure of government ensure a balance of power among the states and between the states and the federal government; and

Whereas, this complex and finely balanced structure serves to protect the nation's republican form of government and permits its citizens to enjoy an unequalled degree of democratic liberty; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring*, That the General Assembly of Virginia express its commitment to the principles represented by the Electoral College, for its embodiment of the well-balanced framework of this nation's state and federal governments, and for its role in assuring the presentation of the liberty enjoyed by all citizens; and, be it

*Resolved further*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

*Resolved further*, That the Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the legislatures of the other states that they may be informed of this action by the General Assembly and requested to adopt a similar resolve; and, be it

*Resolved finally*, That the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for circulation to the teachers of history and government in the Commonwealth's schools so that Virginia's students may be acquainted with the principles of this nation's republican and federal form of government and the role of this Commonwealth's leaders in the framing of the Electoral College and this nation's well-designed system of ordered liberty.

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the Virginia Congressional Delegation; and

Whereas, more than 80 United States senators, including Senator John W. Warner and Senator Charles S. Robb, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and

Whereas, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the Railroad Retirement System for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 21,500 in Virginia; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

Whereas, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter lines; and

Whereas, this legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees; now, therefore be it

*Resolved* by the House of Delegates, That the Congress of the United States be urged to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act in the 107th Congress; and be it

*Resolved further*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution for presentation to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia House of Delegates in this matter.

POM-31. A joint resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Nevada relative to sports wagering; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Illegal gambling on college sports has been identified as a serious national problem, particularly illegal gambling by college students and other underage persons; and

Whereas, According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, there are student bookmakers on virtually every college campus in the United States; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada, pursuant to an express provision of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act enacted by Congress in 1992, has licensed and regulated a sports wagering industry and has enacted controls that serve to assist its sports books in maintaining honest operations; and

Whereas, The sports books in this state have demonstrated their effectiveness in providing a defense against illegal gambling on college sports through the identification of suspicious wagering activities and the discovery of point-shaving schemes in college sports; and

Whereas, Without the vigilance of the sports books in this state and their notification of law enforcement authorities, certain point-shaving scandals in college sports might not have been uncovered and certainly would not have been discovered so quickly; and

Whereas, The sports books in this state operate under the strictest regulatory controls