

Robert Levine has served the people of the State of New Hampshire with dedication and generosity. His contributions to the business and charitable communities of our State have been exemplary. I commend him for his philanthropy to our State and country. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the United States Senate.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NEIGHBOR DAY

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the endeavors of the citizens and Town Council of Westerly, RI, in establishing and promoting Neighbor Day. Neighbor Day is an opportunity to learn more about others in our communities. It is also a celebration of friendship, civility, peace and cooperation. Since 1993, when a dispute between two teenagers left one youth dead and another charged with murder, Westerly has celebrated Neighbor Day in an effort to prevent similar tragedies at home and throughout the world.

Westerly's tradition has been adopted throughout my state. The Rhode Island General Assembly in 1999 designated the Sunday before Memorial Day as Neighbor Day for annual statewide observance. It is the hope of the citizens of Westerly that Neighbor Day will gain nationwide and worldwide recognition, and that its ideals—community, tolerance, and nonviolence—will one day become a reality for all.

I hope my colleagues will join with me in recognizing Westerly's achievement in encouraging friendship and respect among all people.

I ask that following this statement the resolution of the Rhode Island General Assembly, declaring statewide recognition of Neighbor Day, be printed in the RECORD.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 19, 1996 TO BE NEIGHBOR DAY IN RHODE ISLAND

Whereas, Go out of your way to get in touch with your neighbors. Ring doorbells and say "Hello." These are but some of the things we each can do to learn more about the people in our communities; and

Whereas, In 1993, Westerly became the first town in the Ocean State to declare the Sunday before Memorial Day to be Neighbor Day, and the State of Rhode Island swiftly followed its splendid example. Hopefully national and international recognition of this special day will make its ideals a reality for all; and

Whereas, While respect and justice for all is often upon our lips, it will take a strong personal commitment by each and every one of us to actualize this dream; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby declares May 19, 1996 to be Neighbor Day in Rhode Island. It is so important that all Rhode Islanders learn that the most important moral obligation we all share is to "Love Thy Neighbor"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mary Jane DiMaio, MJD Enterprises.●

#### 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 3:17 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. 586. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1696. An act to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 1727. An act to amend the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to provide for consistent treatment of survivor benefits for public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 428) concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), as amended by Public Law 106-55, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term of 2 years: Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, DC.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803), the Majority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

At 4:21 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1836. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1836. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002.

#### 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-1860. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the Department's enforcement activities under statute during calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1861. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Chief Information Officer Annual Information Assurance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1862. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Interim Approval Requirements" (FRL6980-6) received on May 10, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1863. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance; Public Assistance Program Community Disaster Loan Program" (RIN3067-AD20) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1864. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Health Standards Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Cotton Dust—Amendment; Partial Exemption for Batch-Kier Washed Cotton" (RIN1218-AB90) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1865. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (Doc. No. 00F-1487) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1866. A communication from the General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and a change in the previously submitted report information for the position of Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1867. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.