

being named as New Hampshire High Technology Council's Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient.

As a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I applaud Morton's exemplary achievements as President of M.E. Goulder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for our country from 1973 to 1977, and founder of Sanders Associates, a company which specializes in military electronics research and development.

His contributions to the economic environment of New Hampshire are to be applauded. The citizens of our State have benefitted greatly from Morton's selfless dedication to business, education and community affairs in New Hampshire. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. GERLING

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael J. Gerling of Lebanon, NH, on being named as New Hampshire High Technology Council's 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year.

As a former small business owner, I applaud the achievements of Michael and his company, Geographic Data Technology, Inc., in the wireless technology market that have resulted in his company's map databases being used for in-car navigation systems for Lexus and Toyota.

I commend your staff of over 700 employees for their contribution to the success of Geographic Data Technology, Inc. Working in tandem with his employees, he has created a workplace which promotes open communication allowing employees to discuss important issues directly with you.

The citizens of Lebanon and our entire state have benefitted greatly from the economic and civic contributions of your company. Michael's astute approach to high technology opportunities is an asset to the business community in New Hampshire. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:19 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. 643. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

H.R. 700. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

H.R. 1831. An act to provide certain relief for small businesses from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 313(2)(a) of Public Law 106-554, and upon the rec-

ommendation of the majority leader, the Speaker has appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Center for Russian Leadership Development: Mr. AMO HOUGHTON of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 228(d)(1) of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (Public Law 106-181), the Speaker has appointed the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Commission To Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry: Mr. Gerald J. Roper of Illinois and Mr. Paul M. Ruden of Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 643. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 700. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1831. An act to provide certain relief for small businesses from liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-2367. 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 "Petitioning Requirements for the H-1C Nonimmigrant Classification Under Public Law 106-95" (RIN115-AF76) received on June 12, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2368. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2369. 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 "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2001-36) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2370. A communication from the Chairman of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Medicare in Rural America for June 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2371. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and

Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Mangoes from the Philippines" (Doc. No. 93-131-2) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2372. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Regulated Areas" (Doc. No. 01-058-1) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2373. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California; Undersized Regulation for the 2001-02 Crop Year" (Doc. No. FV01-933-1 FR) received on June 12, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2374. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Rail Consolidation Procedures" (STB 582) received on June 12, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2375. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Station; Little Rock, AR" (Doc. No. 01-50) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2376. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Temple, TX" (Doc. No. 01-46) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2377. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotment, DTV Broadcast Stations; Salinas, CA" (Doc. No. 99-269) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2378. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Merced, CA" (Doc. No. 01-41) received on June 11, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2379. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2001" (RIN3150-AG73) received on June 12, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.