

adolescents. In terms of higher education, the Phoenix annually contributes \$250,000 to a matching gifts program. The company has also spearheaded a \$3 million "Legacy Campaign" to sustain and cultivate the Walter J. "Doc" Hurley Foundation. Phoenix's generous contribution to this worthy campaign will assist high school students in Connecticut and across the country through various scholarship and guidance programs.

In recent years, Phoenix has made a strong commitment toward promoting the Special Olympics. In 1995, the company pledged an eight-year commitment to Special Olympics International as its first Official Worldwide Partner, setting a new and unprecedented standard for civic responsibility, a standard that few corporations can match. When the Special Olympics World Games were held in New Haven, CN, six years ago, over 60 percent of Phoenix employees volunteered their time while field offices across the country raised money to assist local chapters with travel and lodging expenses.

Over the past decade, much of the Phoenix's financial vitality and community commitment can be attributed to the hard work and vision of Robert W. Fiondella, the company's President and Chief Executive Officer. Since taking the reigns of Phoenix in 1992, Mr. Fiondella has successfully undertaken the challenge of further molding and guiding the company in this new evolving era of business. With more than 30 years of experience, Bob Fiondella represents the epitome of the Phoenix tradition by dedicating himself to both the company and the surrounding community.

In its 150 years of existence, the Phoenix has become an indispensable asset to people and businesses of Connecticut and the country. Its contributions to both the business world and surrounding communities have been tremendous. It is therefore with great appreciation that I offer congratulations to the Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company on its 150th anniversary, and wish the company and all those associated with it continued success for many years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the President 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-2661. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2662. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and the designation of acting officer for the position of Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2663. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business 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 Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2664. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business 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 Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2665. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business 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 Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2666. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2667. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Administrator, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2668. A communication from the Public Printer of the United States Government Printing Office, transmitting, the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2669. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) on the administrative of elections for federal office during the preceding two-year period, 1999 through 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2670. 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 "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Establishment of Marketing Quantity and Allotment Percentages; Reformation of Sales Histories and Other Modifications Under the Cranberry Marketing Order" (FV01-929-2 FR and FV00-929-7 FR) received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2671. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aminoethoxyvinylglycine (AVG); Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6790-7) received on July 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2672. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aminoethoxyvinylglycine, Temporary Tolerance" (FRL6788-7) received on July 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2673. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIDRR—Rehabilitation of Persons who are Blind or Visually Impaired and Rehabilitation of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing" received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2674. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIDRR—Strategies for Promoting Information Technology—Based Educational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities; Strategies for Promoting Information Technology—Based Employment and Training Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities; and Wayfinding Technologies for Individuals who are Blind" received on July 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2675. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner of Rehabilitative Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2676. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, received on July 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2677. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant