

designed facility provides housing, food, health care, education, training, and counseling for the orphaned children and single-parent families in their care. With 70 buildings, 36 individual family homes, a community center, a guest lodge, and a chapel, the National Home is well-equipped to serve VFW-connected children from around the country.

The VFW National Home for Children provides two distinct programs for its residents: the Residential Program and the Single Parent Family Program. Children without a parent or guardian are placed in the Residential Program and live with professional childcare workers until they graduate from high school or are reunited with a family member. Single parent families are placed in a 3-year program that helps the parent or guardian develop the skills necessary to become self-sufficient. Both programs strive to ensure that the children maintain as normal a living arrangement as possible. Therefore, the community is structured as a typical American neighborhood and is fully integrated into the surrounding community. Children attend public school, live in brick homes instead of dormitories, and are encouraged to participate in community-wide events. Most importantly, both of these programs provide the children involved with what they need the most—a normal childhood.

The VFW National Home for Children is the only organization of its kind in the United States. Their innumerable services have touched the lives of thousands of children and families. Whether it is an orphaned child who has lived at the National Home since infancy, or a struggling family that needs help getting on their feet, virtually everyone leaves the National Home stronger and in a better position than when they arrived.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in offering our congratulations and sincere appreciation to the VFW National Home for Children. We applaud and admire the valuable work of the dedicated donors, staff, and volunteers. We commend the VFW National Home for Children as they continue to improve the lives of these families.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 147. Resolution electing members to the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 1268. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1268. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1294. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and Subpart D—2005-2006 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Shellfish Regulations" (RIN1018-AT46) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1295. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Investment Management, Office of Regulatory Policy, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Redemption Fees for Redeemable Securities" (RIN3235-AJ17) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1296. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1297. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Competitive Sourcing Official, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Department's 2004 Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and 2004 Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1298. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the monthly report on the status of licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1299. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 7884-4) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1300. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Ohio" (FRL No. 7886-7) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1301. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Control of Total Reduced Sulfur From Kraft Pulp Mills: Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule; and Correction" (FRL No. 7884-7) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1302. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Oregon Visibility Protection Plan" (FRL No. 7881-4) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1303. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Failure to Submit Section 110 State Implementation Plans; for Interstate Transport for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for 8-hour Ozone and PM2.5" (FRL No. 7885-7) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1304. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Delegation of Authority of Texas" (FRL No. 7886-4) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1305. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Altering the Jurat to Avoid Tax" (Rev. Rul. 2005-18) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1306. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruivolous Arguments Regarding Waiver of Social Security Benefits Used to Avoid Tax" (Rev. Rul. 2005-17) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1307. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruivolous Arguments Regarding Opposition to Government Policies and Programs Used to Avoid Tax"