of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing in Missouri, and later commanded two ICBM wings in Wyoming and North Dakota. In California, General Lord commanded the 30th Space Wing responsible for satellite launch and ballistic missile test launch operations. Leading professional development and educational programs was a hallmark of General Lord's career. He led Air Force's education and training programs as commandant of Squadron Officer School, commander of Second Air Force in Mississippi, and commander of Air University in Alabama. Prior to assuming his current position, General Lord served as the assistant vice chief of staff for Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

During General Lord's tenure as commander, Air Force Space Command, he provided inspirational leadership to over 39,000 service men and women responsible for a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning, space launch, and ensured the combat readiness of America's ICBM force. General Lord guided the command to a number of historic firsts: 44 successful consecutive operational space launches, establishment of National Security Space Institute, the launch of the last Titan IV, and transition to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, deactivation of the Peacekeeper ICBM weapon system, and the establishment of the quarterly High Frontier, Air Force Space Command's first scholarly space and missile journal. General Lord has been a stellar Air Force advocate for the creation of the Space Power Caucus, orchestrated the ''50 Years of Air Force Space and Missiles'' celebration, and developed the Space Professional Development Strategy. Most recently, he answered the President's call to service with the creation of the High Frontier Adventures, a program designed to inspire students to explore space, mathematics, science, engineering and technology.

General Lord's impeccable service is characterized by his Command Space Badge, Space Professional Level III certification, operational space experience in nuclear operations and spacelift, weapon systems expertise in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III, and Peacekeeper ICBMs, and the Atlas E, Delta II, Titan II, and Titan IV Boosters. General Lord is the recipient of numerous prestigious recognitions: Space Champion Award, General Bernard A. Schriever Award, General Jimmy Doolittle Fellow Award, General James V. Hartinger Award, and the General Thomas D. White Space Trophy.

Today, I have mentioned but a few of GEN Lance W. Lord's many achievements. General Lord is a visionary, steadfast military leader, and honorable man. I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to him and his wife Beccy and their two sons, Jason and Joshua, for the years they have dedicated to our country and to the betterment of the U.S. Armed Forces. As a distinguished space pioneer, General Lord widely proclaimed the mandate, ''If you're not in space, you're not in the race.'' General Lord, we wish you well.

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1259. An act to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

H.R. 4911. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 30, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2116. An act to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court.

S. 2120. An act to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain nonfederally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas, and for other purposes.

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–6186. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Process for Requesting Waiver of Mandatory Separation Age for Certain Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Controllers'' (RIN2120–AI18) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6187. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Flight Rules Area and Flight Free Zones'' (RIN2120–AI71) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6188. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Port Isabel, Texas)'' (MB Docket No. 04–274) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6189. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cuba and Knoxville, Illinois)'' (MB Docket No. 05–118) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6190. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lancaster, Pickerington, and Westerville, Ohio)'' (MB Docket No. 03–238) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6191. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Old Forge and Black River, New York)'' (MB Docket No. 05–279) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6192. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Matagorda, Texas)'' (MB Docket No. 04–215) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6193. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Otter Creek, Florida)'' (MB Docket No. 05–54) received on March 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6194. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tomahawk, Wisconsin; Waynoka, Oklahoma; Wasco, California; Richland Springs,