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this historic legislation a reality upon
our return early next year.

FIRST YEAR IN THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, as the first
session of the 106th Congress comes to a close, I cannot help but
think of what an interesting and exciting first year it has been for me in
the United States Senate. The experience has been a wonderful one, to
say the least. As my colleagues all well know from their first days in the Senate, set-
ting up a Senate office is a daunting task, and setting one up right does not
happen by accident. Many have helped make my transition from the House to
the Senate a smooth one, and I would like to take a moment to stop and thank,
in particular, the dedicated and loyal employees of the Architect of the
Capitol, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Senate Sergeant at Arms who
played an integral role in making sure that my staff and I could serve the citi-
zens of New York as effectively as possible.

From the Architect of the Capitol’s office, a special thanks goes to the fol-
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Jerry Coates, David Cox, Darvin Davis, Andre DeVore, Reggie Donahue, Ed
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Martin, Dwight Mc Bride, Alpha McGee, Richard Muriel, Randy Naylor, J ames
Outlaw, Albert Price, Lindwood Simmons, Sally Tassler, Doug
Whittington, Jr., Clarence Williams, Carroll Woods, and Greg Young.

Kim Brinkman, Timothy O’ Kee fe, J ohn Trimble, and Timothy Wineman
from the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

And, from the Senate Sergeant at Arms office, I would like to point out:
Roosevelt Allen, Sterret Carter, Robert Croson, Val Fisher, Denise Gresham,
Kenneth Lloy d, Michael Lussier, Stacy Norris, Therese Peck, Dan Templeton,
Jean Te rri, and Deanne Weeber.

The professionalism that each of these individuals displayed should be a
source of great pride to their bosses, and if I wore a hat, I would tip it to
them. But, for now, I hope they will ac-
cept my thanks and praise for a job
well done.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the
Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 pro-
cedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.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. 2541. An act to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands Seashore to
include Cat Island, Mississippi.
H.R. 2818. An act to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland,
Ohio.
H.R. 2962. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests
in the leasehold interest in a parcel of land in Washington County, Utah, to fa-
cilitate an anticipated land exchange.
H.R. 2963. An act to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a
parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Re-
serve in the State of Utah.
H.R. 3063. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acre-
age of Federal leases for sodium that may be
held by an entity in any one State, and for
other purposes.
H.R. 3257. An act to amend the Congress-
ional Budget Act of 1974 to establish the Congres-
sional Budget Office with the scoring of
state and local mandates.
H.R. 3258. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction
with the minting of coins by the Republic of
Iceland in commemoration of the millenni-
um of the Discovery of the New World by
Lief Ericson.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following con-
current resolutions, in which it re-
requests the concurrence of the Senate:
H.Con. Res. 206. Concurrent resolution ex-
pressing grave concern regarding armed con-
flict in the North Caucasus region of the
Russian Federation which has resulted in ci-
vilian casualties and internally displaced persons, and urging all sides to pursue dialog for peaceful resolution of the conflict.
H.Con. Res. 211. Concurrent resolution ex-
pressing the strong support of the Congress for the recent elections in the
Republic of India and urging the President to
travel to India.
H.Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution con-
demning the assassination of Armenian
Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other
officials of the Armenian Government and
expressing the sense of the Congress in
mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the com-
mittee of conference on the dis-
agreeing votes of the Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2116) to amend title 38,
United States Code, to establish a pro-
gram of extended care services for vet-
erans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Depart-
ment of Veterans Affairs.

The message also reported that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2112) to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is trans-
ferred to attend a trial continued after cer-
tain multidistrict litigation cases for
trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdic-
tion of certain multiparty, multi-
form civil actions, and asks a con-
ference with the Senate on the dis-
agreeing votes of the two houses there-
on; and appoints Mr. HYDE, Mr. SEN-
SENBERNRE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CONYERS,
and Mr. BERNAN, as managers of the con-
ference on the part of the House.

At 11:20 a.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 joint resolutions, in
which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:
H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution making fur-
ther continuing appropriations for the fiscal
year 2000, and for other purposes.

A message from the House of Repre-
sentatives, received during the recess
of the Senate, announced that the House has passed the following bills,
without amendment:
S. 278. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the coun-
ty of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.
S. 382. An act to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of
South Dakota, and for other purposes.
S. 1238. An act to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
Act of 1966 to allow law enforcement officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
tion National Academy for law enforcement
training.
S. 1396. An act to clarify certain bound-
aries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill,
without amendment:
H.R. 3381. An act to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade
and Development Agency, and for
other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the
House of Representatives, delivered by
Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks,
announced that the Speaker had signed
the following enrolled joint resolution:
H.R. 3381. An act to reauthorize the Over-
seas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade
and Development Agency, and for
other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were
lodged before the Senate, together with
accompanying papers, reports, and doc-
uments, which were referred as indi-
cated:
EC-68BL. A communication from the Presi-
dent of the United States, transmitting, pur-
suant to law, a report relative to the export