suppressing enemy fire. Once the perimeter was finally secured, Lieutenant Ray assisted in collecting the remains of the soldiers killed in the helicopter crash.

Shortly afterwards, the stillness was broken by yet another attack and a firefight resumed. During the next 30 minutes of battle and under fire, Lieutenant Ray ran to and from each gun vehicle’s position, directing counter fire and ensuring adequate ammunition. The mission was complete and all personnel were safely evacuated.

I commend Major Ray for his heroic efforts in Operation Restoration Hope and I am proud that he receives the Silver Star today. He exemplifies valor, bravery, and courage. Major Ray put his life on the line to defend our country. He put his life on the line to save his men. For that, we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

We are proud to call MAJ Firman Ray a Montanan. And as Montanans and Americans, we are eternally grateful for his selfless service to our country, which has made our Nation a safer place and has helped to promote and defend democracy across the globe. Firman, as you know, receiving a Silver Star Medal is quite an accomplishment. I can think of no one more deserving than you. From one Montanan to another, thank you for your commitment to your country, service to your community, and for making America safer for each and every one of us.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

THE MESSAGE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT THE HOUSE HAS AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, IN WHICH IT REQUESTS THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SENATE:

H.R. 280. An act to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1189. An act to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Commonwealth of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church.
of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

**ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED**

At 7:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:


S. 867. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”.

S. 1715. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”.

H.R. 22. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured parks.

H.R. 2744. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2754. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue NW in Canton, Ohio, as the “Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the “Francis X. McClosey Post Office Building”.

**MEASURES REFERRED**

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

H.R. 280. An act to establish the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1709. An act to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1204. An act to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System with concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1651. An act to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1658. An act to amend the Railroad-Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands, including lands that are a part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2130. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 650 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the “New Bridge Landing Post Office”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3300. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the “Walner F. Ehrenfeld, Jr., Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 69. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground-breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice in her sports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED**

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 2006. An act to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System;

S. 1590. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building”;

S. Res. 18. Joint resolution commending the inspiration and efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government in the next four years; and

S. Res. 22. Joint resolution recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research.

**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 5258. A communication from the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC 5259. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes,” Doc. No. 202-MM-271; (RIN2120-AA64) received on November 19, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5260. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes,” Doc. No. 02-ASO-19; (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5264. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes,” Doc. No. 202-MM-271; (RIN2120-AA64) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5265. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Class E Airspace, Holyoke, Co Doc. No. 00-NM-32” (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5266. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Class E Airspace, Augusta, GA Doc. No. 02-ASO-19” (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5267. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Class E Airspace, Dunkirk, NY Doc. No. 02-AA-08” (RIN2121-5B15) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5268. A communication from the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Class E Airspace, Holyoke, Co Doc. No. 00-NM-32” (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

EC 5269. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to Class E Airspace, Dunkirk, NY Doc. No. 02-ASO-19” (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC 5270. A communication from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes,” Doc. No. 02-ASO-19; (RIN2120-AA66) received on November 17, 2003, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.