

was. He quickly jumped into the legislative fires with both feet.

John also quickly became involved in the demands of Washington's political world, but he never lost his Mississippi style. Or his Mississippi perspective.

Mississippians have told me for years how much they enjoy coming to Washington to see John. He makes everyone feel comfortable—no formalities, no pretenses. John can comfortably sit next to a farmer from the Delta or a banker from the coast and listen to his or her concerns. Visitors from the State are delighted to have one of their own paying attention to their needs, knowing that the message is not going to fade away the moment they leave. Mississippians knew that John was an able steward of their concerns, that telling John was as good as telling me.

There isn't a farmer in the State of Mississippi that doesn't know John Lundy, either personally or by reputation. John's knowledge of our State's many agriculture communities is unmatched in Washington. He is respected for his understanding of the issues and his dedication to finding a fair and equitable solution for all.

Mississippi's agriculture community was indeed fortunate to have John Lundy in Washington during the 1996 farm bill debate. I found that, although John was my staff member, other Senators had adopted him as their key advisor on this bill. His tireless work on this very difficult and complex legislation brought him the respect of both the State and national agriculture community.

Most importantly, John has always put Mississippi first. No matter what the situation or how high the stakes, the needs of the State came first. We all know how easy it is to get caught up in both the glitter and the rat race of Washington, DC, but John's focus has always been hundreds of miles south of the beltway.

Mississippians brought him problems, and he found them solutions. Many years have gone by since John joined my staff, but my admiration for him has grown with each passing day.

Now the time has come for him to return to Mississippi, to take his young family back home. This past summer, he and his beautiful wife Hayley was blessed with a baby girl, Eliza, who John says "was born to be in Mississippi."

As the Lundy family makes their way back to Mississippi, I would like to thank them for being such an important part of my life. I cannot thank John enough for his many years of hard work and dedication. He certainly leaves big shoes to fill. His quiet humility and generous spirit will be missed by my entire staff. I will miss his guidance and friendship.

John, I wish you nothing but the best of luck in the future, May you and your family be richly blessed in the coming years.

NOMINATION OF RAYMOND C. FISHER TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I remain frustrated by the Republican leadership's unwillingness to consider and approve the President's nomination of Ray Fisher to the third-highest ranking position at the U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. Fisher has been stalled on the Senate Calendar for a month since being reported unanimously by the Judiciary Committee on October 9.

Ray Fisher is an outstanding lawyer and public servant. His record is exemplary.

Is this another example of a secret hold? There has been no explanation of justification for this delay and lack of action.

I recall when the Senate Republican leadership delayed the vote on the nomination of Eric Holder to the Deputy Attorney General position that we were told there were Senators with problems. I also remember that when I insisted on a rollcall vote on that nomination, after it had been stalled on the Senate Calendar for more than 3 weeks, the problems had all been resolved and the Senate confirmed Mr. Holder unanimously. One hundred Senators voted for that nomination.

I urge the Republican leadership to allow the Senate to confirm Ray Fisher to be Associate Attorney General of the United States.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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 withdrawals and nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bill:

S. 858. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 4:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2534. An act to reform, extend, and repeal certain agricultural research, extension, and education programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2631. An act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 813. An act to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries.

S. 1377. An act to amend the act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction.

At 4:54 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 bill:

H.R. 2264. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2647. An act to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the United States are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of September 2, 1997, the following bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works for a period not to exceed 20 session days:

H.R. 1658. An act to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2631. An act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 1414. A bill to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 8, 1997 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 858. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-145).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 156. A bill to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-146).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 758. A bill to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Rept. No. 105-147).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

H.R. 1658. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws (Rept. No. 105-148).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

H.R. 1658. A bill to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws (Rept. No. 105-149).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 927. A bill to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program (Rept. No. 105-150).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 1213. A bill to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-151).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1354. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably one nomination list in the Navy which was printed in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of October 29, 1997, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators:

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORD of October 29, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Navy there are 1,304 appointments to the grade of lieutenant commander (list begins with Matthew B. Aaron) (Reference No. 789.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN:

S. 1457. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to extend to certain fine jewelry certain trade benefits of insular possessions of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 1458. A bill to restrict the use of the exchange stabilization fund; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERREY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1459. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind and closed-loop biomass; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1460. A bill for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son Vladimir Malofienko; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. COATS):

S. 1461. A bill to establish a youth mentoring program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1462. A bill to reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1463. A bill to change the date for regularly scheduled Federal elections and establish polling place hours; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MACK, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1464. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1465. A bill to consolidate in a single independent agency in the executive branch the responsibilities regarding food safety, labeling, and inspection currently divided among several Federal agencies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. COATS):

S. 1466. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to permit faith-based substance abuse treatment centers to receive Federal assistance, to permit individuals receiving Federal drug treatment assistance to select

private and religiously oriented treatment, and to protect the rights of individuals from being required to receive religiously oriented treatment; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 1467. A bill to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1468. A bill to provide for the conveyance of one (1) acre of land from Santa Fe National Forest to the Village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, as the site of a fire sub-station; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1469. A bill to provide for the expansion of the historic community of El Rito, New Mexico, through the special designation of five acres of Carson National Forest adjacent to the cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1470. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that certain school bus contractors and drivers are not employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1471. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from treating any medicaid-related funds recovered as part of State litigation from one or more tobacco companies as an overpayment under the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1472. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for public elementary and secondary school construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK):

S. 1473. A bill to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1474. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain high tenacity single yarn of viscose rayon; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1475. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain twisted yarn of viscose rayon; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1476. A bill to authorize the President to enter into a trade agreement concerning Northern Ireland and certain border counties of the Republic of Ireland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1477. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide that certain goods may be reimported into the United States without additional duty; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1478. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain viscose rayon yarn; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1479. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain other single viscose rayon yarn; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 1480. A bill to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of