

war and persecution for many years, and Libya, whose dictator has supported the most nefarious and subversive kinds of terrorism), Tunisia has been a quiet and wonderful success. In fact, Tunisia became the first nation south of the Mediterranean to formally associate itself with the European Union.

Mr. President, Tunisia has been a model for developing countries. It has sustained remarkable economic growth, and undertaken reforms toward political pluralism. It has been a steadfast ally of the United States and has consistently fought for democratic goals and ideals. Tunisia has responded to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's request to consider the U.S. as "friends and partner" in the most effective way—by its actions.

In commemoration of 44 years of independence for Tunisia, I urge my colleagues to reflect on our strong commitment to Tunisian people, who are still our friends and partners in North Africa.●

VI HILBERT, WINNER OF THE "POWER OF ONE" AWARD

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, today I am delighted to honor the achievements of a remarkable Washingtonian for her work in preserving the culture and traditions of the Pacific Northwest. For all her efforts, Upper Skagit elder Vi Hilbert is one of the Washington Women 2000 "Power of One" Award recipients.

A native speaker of Lushootseed, Vi has worked tirelessly to preserve the indigenous language of the Puget Sound area as well as the stories and history of the Pacific Northwest tribes.

In 1983, Vi founded Lushootseed Research which is a non-profit organization to preserve the Lushootseed language through audio and printed materials as well as education. Vi taught Lushootseed language and literature classes at the University of Washington for 15 years.

In addition to preserving her own native tongue, Vi has served to preserve art, artifacts and cultural heritage of tribes from all of the Pacific Northwest. She serves on the advisory board for the Burke Museum and the Seattle Art Museum and is an active board member of United Indians of All Tribes and Tillicum Village.

On behalf of all of us who treasure the heritage of the Pacific Northwest, I thank Vi for all her efforts. She is a tremendous example of the "Power of One."●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Wanda 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

THE ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 92

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As provided by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C., App. 2, 6(c)), I hereby submit the *Twenty-seventh Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees*, covering fiscal year 1998.

In keeping with my commitment to create a more responsive government, the executive branch continues to implement my policy of maintaining the number of advisory committees within the ceiling of 534 required by Executive Order 12838 of February 10, 1993. Accordingly, the number of discretionary advisory committees (established under general congressional authorizations) was again held to substantially below that number. During fiscal year 1998, 460 discretionary committees advised executive branch officials. The number of discretionary committees supported represents a 43 percent reduction in the 801 in existence at the beginning of my Administration.

Through the planning process required by Executive Order 12838, the total number of advisory committees specified mandated by statute also continues to decline. The 388 such groups supported at the end of fiscal year 1998 represents a modest decrease from the 391 in existence at the end of fiscal year 1997. However, compared to the 439 advisory committees mandated by statute at the beginning of my Administration, the net total for fiscal year 1998 reflects nearly a 12 percent decrease since 1993.

The executive branch has worked jointly with the Congress to establish a partnership whereby all advisory committees that are required by statute are regularly reviewed through the legislative reauthorization process and that any such new committees proposed through legislation are closely linked to compelling national interests. Furthermore, my Administration will continue to direct the estimated costs to fund required statutory groups in fiscal year 1999, or \$45.8 million, toward supporting initiatives that reflect the highest priority public involvement efforts.

Combined savings achieved through actions taken during fiscal year 1998 to eliminate all advisory committees that are no longer needed, or that have com-

pleted their missions, totaled \$7.6 million. This reflects the termination of 47 committees, originally established under both congressional authorities or implemented by executive agency decisions. Agencies will continue to review and eliminate advisory committees that are obsolete, duplicative, or of a lesser priority than those that would serve a well-defined national interest. New committees will be established only when they are essential to the conduct of necessary business, are clearly in the public's best interests, and when they serve to enhance Federal decisionmaking through an open and collaborative process with the American people.

I urge the Congress to work closely with the General Services Administration and each department and agency to examine additional opportunities for strengthening the contributions made by Federal advisory committees.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 9, 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Republic of Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the establishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1827. An act to improve the economy and efficiency of Government operations by requiring the use of recovery audits by Federal agencies.

H.R. 2952. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station."

H.R. 3018. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 557 East Bay Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "Marybelle H. Howe Post Office."

H.J. Res. 86. A joint resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1827. An act to improve the economy and efficiency of Government operations by requiring the use of recovery audits by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2952. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orchard Park Drive in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Keith D. Oglesby Station"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3018. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 557 East Bay

Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "Marybelle H. Howe Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.J. Res. 86. A joint resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-7933. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to Hawaiian National Parks and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7934. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the National Historic Trails System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7935. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (RIN1090-AA71), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7936. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a report relative to a cost comparison conducted at Tinker Air Force Base, OK; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7937. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Operation Stabilise; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7938. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to plans for establishing and deploying Rapid Assessment and Initial Detection teams; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7939. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Producers' Good Versus Consumers' Good Test in Determining Country of Origin Marking" (T.D. 00-15), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7940. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Subsidiaries and Operating Subsidiaries", received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7941. A communication from the Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the building project survey for the Food and Drug Administration consolidation in suburban Maryland; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7942. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NIDRR-NFP-Model Spinal Cord Injury Cen-

ter and Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" (84.133), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7943. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; Final Rule Correction" (FRL # 6549-3), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7944. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the List of Regulated Substances and Thresholds for Accidental Release Prevention; Flammable Substances Used as Fuel or Held for Sale as Fuel at Retail Facilities" (FRL # 6550-1), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7945. A communication from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass 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: Pleasanton, Bandera, Hondo, and Schertz, TX" (MM Docket No. 98-55, RM-9255, RM-9237), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7946. A communication from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass 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: Denmark and Kaukana, WI" (MM Docket No. 99-36), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7947. A communication from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass 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: Colony and Weatherford, OK" (MM Docket No. 99-190, RM-9631, RM-9689), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7948. A communication from the Special Assistant to Bureau Chief, Mass 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: Paxton, Overton, Hershey, Sutherland, and Ravenna, NE" (MM Docket Nos. 99-159, RM-9616, MM99-160, RM-9617, MM99-161 RM-9565, MM99-162, RM-9566, MM99-192, and RM-9633), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7949. A communication from the Legal Adviser, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Horizontal Ownership Limits, Third Report and Order" (MM Docket No. 92-964, FCC 99-289), received March 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 2042. A bill to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency (Rept. No. 106-231).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 397. A bill to authorize the Secretary of energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials (Rept. No. 106-232).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 503. A bill designating certain land in the San Isabel National forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness" (Rept. No. 106-233).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1694. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii (Rept. No. 106-234).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1167. A bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (Rept. No. 106-235).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 150. A bill to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-236).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 150. A bill to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-236).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 834. A bill to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-237).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1231. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National forestlands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery (Rept. No. 106-238).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1444. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho (Rept. No. 106-239).

The following reports of committees were submitted: