

Mr. Castillo, originally hired in 1953, was recruited as an Inventory Management Specialist Intern for the United States Air Force in 1959, where his assignments included Inventory Manager and Weapon System Logistics Officer (WSLO), supporting the Atlas ICBM Missile Squadrons assigned to the Strategic Air Command. His subsequent assignments were with the United States Army, where he worked for the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command (USASAC) in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania for 24 years. In 1997, he received a promotion to Division Chief of the Asia, Pacific and Americas Case Management Division.

Mr. Castillo has consistently received Sustained Superior Performance awards or promotions throughout his career, and has established a reputation of outstanding service among his superiors and colleagues.

Mr. Castillo will be honored at a retirement luncheon on Thursday, March 30, 2000. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate John Castillo for his 47 years of dedicated service to the Department of Defense, and I wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.●

RECOGNITION OF DR. MICHAEL AND SHAINIE SCHUFFLER

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I take the floor today to recognize the contributions of two remarkable residents of my state, Dr. Michael and Shainie Schuffler, who have dedicated their lives to strengthening their community, fostering leadership qualities in our young people and working tirelessly to improve the health of countless people.

Michael and Shainie met during their college years in Chicago where they both shared a keen interest in medicine. In 1970, the couple moved to Seattle and have since continued to make the Seattle area a better place. After their move to Seattle, Shainie became actively involved in the Hadassah Hospital. Hadassah is a volunteer women's organization that works to strengthen a partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society. In Seattle and around the United States, Hadassah enhances the quality of American and Jewish life through its education and Zionist youth programs, promotes health awareness, and provides personal enrichment and growth for its members.

After joining Hadassah, Shainie found herself inspired by its founder, Henrietta Szold, and has worked tirelessly for the past fifteen years on specific projects at both the chapter and regional levels including the Women's Symposium and last year's Bigger Gifts dinner and has served as the President of Hadassah's Seattle Chapter.

Shainie's dedication to the Seattle community is also evident in her many other involvements such as the Council

of Women's Presidents for the Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Service, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle.

I believe that one of the most important aspects of Shainie's work is her dedication to today's youth. Under her leadership as the Seattle area's Director of Admissions for the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, hundreds of local students have been given the opportunity to attend the Alexander Muss High School in Israel and has become one of the most successful youth programs in Seattle. I applaud her tireless efforts and believe that her work has directly impacted the lives of thousands of people throughout our state.

Michael has been equally dedicated to both his career as a leading doctor of Gastroenterology and as a volunteer in his community. Michael is a world authority on the pathology and clinical manifestations of neurological disorders of the intestinal tract and has been recognized by his colleagues for his many accomplishments.

Michael's work does not end, however, when he leaves the hospital. Like his wife, he has dedicated countless hours to Hadassah by serving as a visiting professor of Gastroenterology and as an Hadassah associate. He has also worked to encourage leadership qualities in our children through the Jewish Federation's Young Leadership Program, serving as its co-chair for three years.

One of his greatest loves in life is pro-Israel activism and has dedicated his time to furthering this cause through American Israel Public Affairs Committee otherwise known as AIPAC. He served as the Chairman of AIPAC from 1986 to 1994, strengthening the support of AIPAC across Washington state and furthering its reputation as the leading organization on United States-Israel relations.

Throughout their different commitments Michael and Shainie have always supported one another and recognized the importance of each other's work. Theirs is a true partnership and one that has positively impacted the people of our state. I ask my colleagues to join me as I applaud the outstanding and inspiring work of Dr. Michael and Shainie Schuffler.●

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2366. An act to provide small business certain protections from litigation excesses and to limit the product liability of nonmanufacturer product sellers.

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-8199. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April 2000 Applicable Federal Rates" (Rev. Rul. 2000-19), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8200. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z, Truth in Lending" (R-1050), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8201. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer and Repurchase of Government Securities" (RIN1550-AB38), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8202. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Circular 97-16" (FAC 97-16), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8203. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Government Ethics transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption Under 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(2)" (RIN3209-AA09), received March 14, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8204. 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 "Glufosinate Ammonium, Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6498-1), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8205. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Deterioration Factors for Nonroad Engines"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8206. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Choosing a Percentile of Acute Dietary Exposure as a Threshold of Regulatory Concern"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8207. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Revision, NUHOMS 24-P and NUHOMS 52-B", received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8208. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas, Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds Vent Gas Control and Offset Lithographic Printing Rules" (FRL # 6567-5), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8209. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Atlantic Striped Bass Studies—1999 Biennial Report to Congress"; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8210. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (RIN1018-AF54), received March 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8211. A communication from the Attorney-Adviser, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third Extension of Computer Reservations Systems (CRS) Regulations" (RIN2105-AC75), received March 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8212. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999; Retransmission Consent Issues; Good Faith Negotiation and Exclusivity" (CS Docket No. 99-363, FCC 00-99), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8213. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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; Lufkin and Corrigan, TX" (MM Docket No. 98-135; RM-9300, 9383), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8214. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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; Refugio and Taft, TX" (MM Docket No. 98-256), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8215. A communication from the Chief, Legal Branch, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 1" (FCC 00-78; CC Doc. 99-253), received March 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8216. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appliance Labeling Rule, 16 CFR Part 305" (RIN3084-AA74), received March 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-447. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri relative to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1034

Whereas, the Congress of the United States enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-142), now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), to ensure that all chil-

dren with disabilities in the United States have available to them a free and appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs, to assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents or guardians are protected, to assist states and localities to provide for the education of all children with disabilities, and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate children with disabilities; and

Whereas, since 1975, federal law has authorized appropriation levels for grants to states under the IDEA at forty percent of the average per-pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, Congress continued the forty-percent funding authority in Public Law 105-17, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997; and

Whereas, Congress has never appropriated funds equivalent to the authorized level, has never exceeded the fifteen-percent level, and has usually only appropriated funding at about the eight-percent level; and

Whereas, the Missouri State Plan for Special Education was approved for statewide implementation on the basis of the anticipated federal commitment to fund special education programs at the federally authorized level; and

Whereas, Missouri appropriated approximately \$240 million for the 2000 fiscal year in support for the state share of funding for special education programs; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri received approximately \$105 million in federal special education funds under IDEA for the 1999-2000 school year, even though the federally authorized level of funding would provide over \$313 million annually to Missouri; and

Whereas, local educational agencies in Missouri are required to pay for the underfunded federal mandates for special education programs, at a statewide total cost approaching \$208 million annually, from regular education program money, thereby reducing the funding that is available for other education programs; and

Whereas, the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Cedar Rapids Community School District v. Garret F. ((1999) 143 L.Ed 2d 154), has had the effect of creating an additional mandate for providing specialized health care, and will significantly increase the costs associated with providing special education services; and

Whereas, whether or not Missouri participates in the IDEA grant program, the state has to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 701) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. 104), which prohibit recipients of federal financial assistance, including educational institutions, from discriminating on the basis of disability, yet no federal funds are available under that act for state grants; and

Whereas, Missouri is committed to providing a free and appropriate public education to children and youth with disabilities, in order to meet their unique needs; and

Whereas, the Missouri General Assembly is extremely concerned that, since 1978, Congress has not provided states with the full amount of financial assistance necessary to achieve its goal of ensuring children and youth with disabilities equal protection of the laws: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Missouri Senate, Second Regular Session, Ninetieth General Assembly, That the President and Congress of the United States are respectfully requested to provide the full forty-percent federal share of funding for special education program so that

Missouri and other states participating in these critical programs will not be required to take funding from other vital state and local programs in order to fund this underfunded federal mandate; and be it further

Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Budget, to the Chair of the House Committee on the Budget, to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, to the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, to each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and to the United States Secretary of Education.

POM-448. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio relative to the Physical Education for Progress Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-449. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relative to taxation mandated by U.S. Courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 216

Whereas, Unfunded mandates by the United States Congress and the executive branch of the federal government increasingly strain already tight state government budgets if the states are to comply; and

Whereas, To further compound this assault on state revenues, federal district courts, with the blessing of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes to supplement their budgets to comply with federal mandates; and

Whereas, The court's actions are an intrusion into a legitimate legislative debate over state spending priorities and not a response to a constitutional directive; and

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America does not allow, nor do the states need, judicial intervention requiring tax levies or increases as solutions to potentially serious problems; and

Whereas, This usurpation of legislative authority begins a process that over time could threaten the fundamental concept of separation of powers that is precious to the preservation of the form of our government embodied by the Constitution of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Fifteen states, including Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Utah, have petitioned the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America that reads as follows:

"Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or political subdivision thereof, or an official of such state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes."; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That this legislative body respectfully requests and petitions the Congress of the United States to propose submission to the states for their ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America to restrict the ability of the United States Supreme Court or any inferior court of the United States to mandate any state or political subdivision of the state to levy or increase taxes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United