

MR. JAMES JABARA INDUCTED INTO PLYMOUTH HALL OF FAME

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on April 18, 2000, the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, Michigan, with the assistance of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the District Library, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the City of Plymouth, will honor three men whose commitment to that community has earned them a place in the Plymouth Hall of Fame. These men are being recognized because over the years their dedication and many efforts have played a large role in making Plymouth the wonderful town that it is today. With this having been said, I rise today in honor of Mr. James Jabara, Mr. James B. McKeon, and Mr. Jack Wilcox, who are rightfully taking their place among the "Builders of Plymouth."

Mr. Jabara has been an outstanding leader in the Plymouth community since arriving there after his graduation from Michigan Technological University. He has served Plymouth as City Commissioner, Mayor, and Chairman of the 35th District Court Building. He is a board member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Fall Festival and the Ice Festival. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board, sits on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, and is a member of the Plymouth Library Board. He is a charter member of the Colonial Kiwanis Club, and its first president. In addition, his many successful business ventures have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the Plymouth community.

Mr. President, I applaud Mr. Jabara for his many efforts to better the quality of life for every resident of Plymouth, Michigan. His dedication to the town over the years is truly admirable, and I am glad that the Kiwanis Club has taken this opportunity to recognize his many contributions. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Mr. Jabara on his induction into the Plymouth Hall of Fame. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:21 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. 3767. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such act.

H.R. 4051. An act to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4067. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4163. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following con-

current resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1658) to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 503(b)(3) of the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 5933), and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House to the National Skill Standards Board for a 4-year term to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. William L. Lepley of Hershey, Pennsylvania.

At 5:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 303. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4067. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4163. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. 2163. A bill to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1838. An act to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

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-8437. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated April 6, 2000; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; and Foreign Relations.

EC-8438. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Performance Report of the General Services Administration" for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8439. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8440. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8441. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Annual Performance Plan and the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8442. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Report on Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8443. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8444. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability and Performance Report and the Commission's Inspector General's fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8445. A communication from the Trustee, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8446. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report and the fiscal year 2000 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8447. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8448. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Performance Plan and the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8449. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety

Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8450. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8451. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report for the National Archives and Records Administration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8452. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Annual Performance Plan and the fiscal year 1999 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8453. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Recent Inspection of Community Correctional Center No. 4 Confirms Overcrowded Condition and Building Code Violations"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8454. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to the Procurement List, received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8455. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Report of the United States Government for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8456. A communication from the administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy transmitting, pursuant to law, the financial statements and audit reports of the Federal Columbia River Power System; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8457. A communication from the President, U.S. Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit by independent certified public accountants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8458. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on progress under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8459. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Designated Journals; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. 99N-4957), received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8460. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Contracting, Small Business Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Contracting Programs-Contract Bundling Procurement Strategy" (RIN3245-AE04), received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-8461. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report on the Preservation of Minority Savings Institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8462. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, an interim report under the Grants for Special Diabetes Program for Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8463. A communication from the Vice President, Health, American Academy of Actuaries transmitting, the report of comments on the 2000 Annual Reports of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8464. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Old-Age, Survivor and Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Determining Disability and Blindness; Clarification of 'Age' as a Vocational Factor" (RIN0960-AE96) (55A736F), received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8465. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Gaming Industry—The Applicable Recovery Period Under I.R.C. Section 168(A) for Slot Machines, Video Lottery Terminals and Gaming Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment" (UIL 168.20-06), received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8466. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Installment Sales After Enactment of Section 453(a)(2)" (Notice 2000-26), received April 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8467. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8468. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the management of the Department; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8469. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to certain prototype projects for the next three years and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8470. A communication from the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative funding under the Stafford Act as a result of the response to Hurricane Floyd; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-454. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to the shipment of state-inspected meat and meat products and the number of poultry to be slaughtered at home for sale to the consumer; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5050

Whereas, All regulations for state inspected commercial meat plants must be equal to or more strict than the federal regulations; and

Whereas, Since state inspected meat and meat products must be equal to the federal regulations, meat and meat products should be allowed to be shipped across state lines; and

Whereas, Currently, annually, only 1,000 poultry may be slaughtered at home and offered for sale to the consumer; and

Whereas, To meet current consumer demand, such number should be increased to 3,000 poultry; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That Congress pass legislation allowing state-inspected meat and meat products to be shipped interstate; and

Be it further resolved: That Congress pass legislation increasing the number of poultry to be slaughtered at home from 1,000 to 3,000; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the State be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Vice-President of the United States; Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2: A bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 106-261).

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

S. 1705: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-262).

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

S. 1727: A bill to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-263).

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. 1797: A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-264).

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

S. 1836: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama (Rept. No. 106-265).

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

S. 1849: A bill to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 106-266).

S. 1892: A bill to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-267).