

working women continue to prove their excellence with the positive influence they have on America's growing economy.

These women are rightly concerned about the critical issues in Congress that affect their ability to work and provide for their families, at the same time they are often trying to balance the competing demands of business and family. The tax burden, for example, imposes a marriage penalty on women who choose to get married, which in turn often forces both spouses to take jobs just to meet their annual tax obligations. And that, of course, ultimately forces families to spend less time together. The estate tax, or "death tax," severely limits the ability of a business owner to pass along her business to her children, and often results in that business having to be sold upon her death. Social Security discriminates against women, especially those who are forced to return to the workforce after the death of a spouse, or who choose to work part time while raising a family. Obsolete federal laws restrict the ability of employers to offer flexible working arrangements. For example, a week in which a working mother must stay home with a sick child cannot legally be "balanced" with the hours of the following week, when a lighter home schedule means a worker could spend extra hours on the job.

At the urging of thousands of Minnesota's working women, these are concerns I have worked hard to address. We have made progress—the \$500 per-child tax credit I authored is helping ease the family tax burden—but much work remains.

The American Business Women's Association has recognized 10 influential women each year since 1953 for their stellar achievements and contributions to the American work force. I am proud to mention that Ms. Leslie Hall from Rochester, MN, is one of the 10 finalists for the year 2001. Ms. Hall is an associate of clinical microbiology at the Mayo Clinic, who was recognized in 1998, for her scientific work in mycology as the recipient of the Billy H. Cooper Memorial Award. I congratulate her for her many achievements.

Mr. President, I am honored to be able to stand here today and pay tribute to every woman in my home state of Minnesota and across America who has contributed to our nation's economic prosperity and innovation. They have my sincere thanks.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session, the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, transmitting a nomination, which was referred to the appropriate committee.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA)—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 129

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) is to continue in effect beyond September 26, 2000, to the *Federal Register* for publication.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on September 26, 1993, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions and policies of UNITA pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. United Nations Security Council Resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997), 1173 (1998), and 1176 (1998) continue to oblige all member states to maintain sanctions. Discontinuation of the sanctions would have a prejudicial effect on the prospects for peace in Angola. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to apply economic pressure on UNITA to reduce its ability to pursue its military operations.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 22, 2000.

NOTICE—CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO UNITA

On September 26, 1993, by Executive Order 12865, I declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), prohibiting the sale or supply by United States persons or from the United States, or using U.S. registered vessels or aircraft, of arms, related materiel of all types, petroleum, and petroleum products to the territory of Angola, other than through designated points of entry. The order also prohibits the sale or supply of such commodities to UNITA. On De-

cember 12, 1997, in order to take additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12865, I issued Executive Order 13069, closing all UNITA offices in the United States and imposing additional sanctions with regard to the sale or supply of aircraft or aircraft parts, the granting of take-off, landing and overflight permission, and the provision of certain aircraft-related services. On August 18, 1998, in order to take further steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12865, I issued Executive Order 13098, blocking all property and interests in property of UNITA and designated UNITA officials and adult members of their immediate families, prohibiting the importation of certain diamonds exported from Angola, and imposing additional sanctions with regard to the sale or supply of equipment used in mining, motorized vehicles, watercraft, spare parts for motorized vehicles or watercraft, mining services, and ground or waterborne transportation services.

Because of our continuing international obligations and because of the prejudicial effect that discontinuation of the sanctions would have on prospects for peace in Angola, the national emergency declared on September 26, 1993, and the measures adopted pursuant thereto to deal with that emergency, must continue in effect beyond September 26, 2000. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency with respect to UNITA.

This notice shall be published in the *Federal Register* and transmitted to the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 22, 2000.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:36 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5109. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5109. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S 3095. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in

the United States to obtain lawful permanent resident status.

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-10886. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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 (Blackduck and Kelliher, MN)" (MM Docket No. 99-78, RM-9487, RM-9646) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10887. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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 (Johannesburg, Edwards, California)" (MM Docket No. 99-239, RM-9658) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10888. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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, DTV Broadcast Stations, Monroe, LA" (MM Docket No. 99-265, RM-9660) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10889. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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, DTV Broadcast Stations, Klamath Falls, Oregon" (MM Docket No. 99-296, RM-9661) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10890. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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, Osceola, Sedalia and Wheatland, Missouri" (MM Docket No. 99-299) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10891. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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, DTV Broadcast Stations, Baton Rouge, LA" (MM Docket No. 99-317, RM-9743) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10892. A communication from the Special Assistant to the 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 Mertzon, Texas and Big Pine Key, Florida" (MM Docket No. 99-356 and 00-29) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10893. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, wireless Telecommuni-

cations Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Private Land Mobile Radio Services" (WT Docket No. 98-182, FCC 00-235, PR Doc. 92-235) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10894. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the 911 Act; The Use of N11 Codes and other abbreviated Dialing Arrangements" (FCC 00-327, WT Doc. 00-110, CC Doc. 92-105) received on September 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10895. A communication from the Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement a Previously Disapproved Measure Originally Contained in Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AM93) received on September 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10896. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 95 of the Commissions's Rules to Establish a Medical Implant communications Service in the 402-405 MHz Band" (WT Docket No. 99-66, FCC 99-363) received on September 20, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. ROTH):

S. 3096. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and modify the exclusion relating to qualified small business; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 3097. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on acrylic fiber tow; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3098. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase in a full estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 3099. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exemption from tax for small property and casualty insurance companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. ROTH):

S. 3096. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and modify the exclusion relating to qualified small business; to the Committee on Finance.

ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT IN SMALL BUSINESS ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Encouraging Investment in Small Business Act, legislation intended to stimulate private investment in the entrepreneurs who drive our economy. I am very pleased to be joined today by my good friend, the Senator from Georgia, Mr. CLELAND, and by the distinguished chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator ROTH, in introducing this important legislation. Senators CLELAND and ROTH both understand the importance of small businesses to our economy and have been tireless advocates on their behalf.

The bill we are introducing today will encourage long-term investment in small and emerging businesses by rewarding individuals who risk investment in such firms. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small firms account for three-quarters of the Nation's employment growth and almost all of our net new jobs.

Small businesses employ more than 50 percent of all private workers, provide 51 percent of our private sector output, and are responsible for a disproportionate share of innovations. Moreover, small businesses are avenues of opportunity for women and minorities, younger and older workers, and those making the transition from welfare to work.

At the same time, small businesses face unique financing challenges. I know this from my experience serving as the New England Administrator for the Small Business Administration. There are so many small entrepreneurs who have a wonderful idea for an innovative product but simply have great difficulty in getting the financing they need to get that idea off the ground.

Simply put, entrepreneurs need access to more capital to start and expand their businesses. Small businesses that cannot deliver "dot-com" rates of return are particularly having trouble raising needed funds. As the Small Business Administration noted earlier this year, "Adequate financing for rapidly growing firms will be America's greatest economic policy challenge of the new century."

A recent report by the National Commission on Entrepreneurship presented findings of 18 focus groups with more than 250 entrepreneurs from across the country. According to the report, these entrepreneurs were "nearly unanimous in identifying difficulties in obtaining seed capital investments." That is the early stage financing that helps get a business off the ground.

Moreover, minority-owned small businesses and research-intensive businesses that may take many years to develop a product find raising sufficient capital to be particularly difficult. Consider that it takes, on average, 14 years for a biotechnology company to develop a new pharmaceutical. This promising and growing sector of our economy requires patient capital—and lots of it.