

Our nation's postal employees are mothers and fathers, grandparents, sons and daughters and neighbors who, just like other Americans, go to work and earn a living. Unlike our men and women in uniform overseas, they did not sign up for this new battle. However, like their own predecessors in years gone by, they are serving our country with courage and distinction.

Mr. Curseen and Mr. Morris, two men who were dedicated to their jobs and never sidestepped their responsibilities even when there were risks, have inspired us all to live up to our responsibilities and face with determination and courage the obstacles that are placed before us. Their lives have become an inextricable part of our nation's history and their spirits live on.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION

• Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I am sure many Americans know of the Dell Computer Corporation because they use a Dell at work or at home. However, I would like to recognize Dell for the outstanding contribution the company's employees made in helping America respond to the terrorist attacks of September 11.

On the day after the attacks, Dell technicians were helping Department of Defense employees displaced from the Pentagon to set up computers in temporary offices. Dell employees also worked diligently to prioritize and facilitate orders critical to the rebuilding effort, intelligence gathering, and our Nation's military offensive. Shipments for financial services firms were also pushed to the head of the assembly line so they had needed computers to reopen for business when Wall Street and the financial markets resumed trading. On a personal level, Dell and its employees contributed more than \$3.4 million to the rebuilding and recovery effort, including equipment to the American Red Cross to help serve the families directly affected by those terrible attacks.

I am grateful for the hard work and generosity of the people at Dell, and I am proud of their efforts in the difficult and challenging time.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:28 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. 1408. An act to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2047. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1447) to improve aviation security, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETRI, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MICA, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. DEFAZIO, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that the House agrees to amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 768) to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2506) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. KOLBE, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. OBEY.

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

H.R. 852. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 2998. An act to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan.

H.R. 3167. An act to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance

articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 262. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President, at the WTO round of negotiations to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9-13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations, should preserve the ability of the United States to enforce rigorously its trade laws and should ensure that United States exports are not subject to the abusive use of trade laws by other countries.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 852. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1408. An act to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2047. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2998. An act to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3167. An act to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 262. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President, at the WTO round of negotiations to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9-13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations, should preserve the ability of the United States to enforce rigorously its trade laws and should ensure that United States exports are not subject to the abusive use of trade laws by other countries; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 942. A bill to authorize the supplemental grant for population increases in certain states under the temporary assistance to needy families program for fiscal year 2002. (Rept. No. 107-94).

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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BOND, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1643. A bill to provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use and retailers' occupation tax holiday; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1644. A bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1645. A bill to provide for the promotion of democracy and rule of law in Belarus and for the protection of Belarus' sovereignty and independence; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1646. A bill to identify certain routes in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico as part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1647. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to include any veterans' or survivors' compensation or pension in the determination of the yearly income disregard for purposes of the supplemental security income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1648. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an increase in the maximum annual rates of pension payable to surviving spouses of veterans of a period of war, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1649. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 1650. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to change provisions regarding emergencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1651. A bill to establish the United States Consensus Council to provide for a consensus building process in addressing national public policy issues, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1652. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to convert the price support program for sugarcane and sugar beets into a system of solely recourse loans and to provide for the gradual elimination of the program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 730

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the fair treatment of certain physician pathology services under the medicare program.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to prohibit the importation into the United States of diamonds unless the countries exporting the diamonds have in place a system of controls on rough diamonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1179

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1179, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to ensure an adequate level of commodity purchases under the school lunch program.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax with respect to incentive stock options exercised during 2000.

S. 1377

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1377, a bill to require the Attorney General to establish an office in the Department of Justice to monitor acts of inter-national terrorism alleged to have been committed by Palestinian individuals or individuals acting on behalf of Palestinian organizations and to carry out certain other related activities.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to impose sanctions against the PLO or the Palestinian Authority if the President determines that those entities have failed to substantially comply with commitments made to the State of Israel.

S. 1522

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1522, a bill to support community-based group homes for young mothers and their children.

S. 1523

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1548

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1548, a bill to allow the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award a grant to create and maintain a website with information regarding bioterrorism.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to provide for grants through the Small Business Administration for losses suffered by general aviation small business concerns as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 1570

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1570, a bill to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to preserve the continued viability of the United States travel industry.

S. 1615

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1615, a bill to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to enhance the security of the international borders of the United States.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is re-enacted.

AMENDMENT NO. 2107

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2107 proposed to H.R. 2944, a bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.