

to provide nutritious meals, social activities and an intergenerational program.

CFRC is also a leading advocate for government policies assisting low-income individuals and families. At a time when Food Stamp participation is declining nationwide, CFRC's Food Force project sends outreach workers with laptop computers to community-based sites to pre-screen thousands of needy New Yorkers. With TANF reauthorization approaching, CFRC's Welfare Made A Difference National Campaign is challenging the stereotypes that led to passage of the 1996 welfare law.

CFRC is not only committed to making a difference, it is also effective. Each year, tens of thousands of New Yorkers benefit from CFRC's programs, and its advocacy has made a difference to millions of Americans. I hope that 21 years from now, this country no longer needs groups like CFRC. But if there are still those among us who are poor or hungry, I hope that CFRC is still here keeping their needs in the national conscience.●

#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the annual celebration of Greek Independence Day that took place on Sunday, March 25 commemorated the independence of Greece after 400 years of oppression under the Ottoman Empire. The pages of our history books are filled with contributions that the Greeks have made to society. Our system of government, our literature, philosophy, religion, and mathematics all have their roots in Greek tradition. With the founding of the Olympic Games, the Greek people taught us that there is more to be gained through peaceful competition than armed conflict.

Perhaps the greatest contribution that the Greek people have made is a simple yet powerful idea that first conceived over 2,000 years ago. It is the idea that citizens possessed the power to determine the course of a nation. The Athenian republic was the world's first democratic state, a fact respected by all free states today.

The bonds that join the United States and Greece extend back to the founding of our country. When drafting our Constitution, our forefathers recognized the idealism and spirit of ancient Greece. Inspired by our own struggle for independence, Greece followed forty-five years later with its own struggle for independence. By celebrating this day, we pay tribute to those Greek men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the common cause of freedom. The United States has been able to proudly call Greece an ally in every major international conflict of the last century.

Those Americans that claim Greek heritage can be proud of the contributions made by their ancestors. The many Greek sons and daughters who

have come to the United States have served honorably in all walks of American life. Greek culture continues to flourish in American cities, thus contributing to the rich ethnic diversity of our country. It is with great honor that I commemorate the celebration of Greek independence. I look forward to the continuing cooperation and lasting friendship between the United States and Greece.●

#### DR. JOHN R. ARMSTRONG AND THE JOHN R. ARMSTRONG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools and their Superintendent, Dr. John R. Armstrong, for the opening and dedication of their beautiful new 999 seat auditorium. The L'Anse Creuse Public Schools have appropriately chosen to name this state of the art facility the John R. Armstrong Performing Arts Center in recognition for all Dr. Armstrong has done to support the arts, not only as the current Superintendent of the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools in Harrison Township, Michigan, but also as a teacher and principal.

Dr. John R. Armstrong has served his community, state, and country in countless ways. Since graduating from Bowling Green University thirty-four years ago, he has been a dedicated teacher and administrator in the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools. However, Doctor Armstrong's passion for education and youth has led him to take an active role not just in the school system, but in his community. He has held leadership positions in many civic organizations and institutions that seek to advance educational causes such as Director of the Kellogg Math/Science Grant Program at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. In addition, Dr. Armstrong has been a board member of the Mt. Clemens YMCA, the Mt. Clemens Art Center, the Macomb Literacy Project and the Traffic Safety Association of Macomb County.

Dr. Armstrong has worked extensively to increase funding for his school district. He has presided over several capital campaigns and bond proposals that have allowed this growing school district to provide an environment in which learning can flourish. While Dr. Armstrong has been superintendent, student achievement has soared, as evidenced by the fact that student's in his school district have improved their test scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program, the PSAT, SAT and ACT at a rate that has exceeded the county, state and national averages.

Just as importantly, Dr. Armstrong has worked to promote life-long learning opportunities that realize that education should not be confined within classroom walls. To that end, he has fostered cross-cultural exchanges, a cooperative art and design program with

General Motors and a dialogue on issues between students and senior citizens. In addition to supporting life-long learning for others, Dr. Armstrong has led by example. Since coming to the L'Anse Creuse School District, he has earned several teacher certificates, a master's degree and a doctorate in education.

The L'Anse Creuse School District can take pride in the opening of their new auditorium, and Dr. Armstrong can take pride in his long and honorable service to the students of not only the school district but of all Michigan. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting both the L'Anse Creuse School District and Dr. John R. Armstrong for their contributions to their community and the State of Michigan.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

#### REPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING COVERING CALENDAR YEAR 2000 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 14

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

##### To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 19(3) of the Public Telecommunications Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-356), I transmit herewith the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting covering calendar year 2000.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2001.

#### REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 15

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:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2001.

#### 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-1165. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Funding and Fiscal Affairs, Loan Policies and Operations, and Funding Operations; Stock Issuances" (RIN3052-AB91) received on March 22, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1166. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-B-7409) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1167. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Fair Act Commercial Activities Inventory for 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1168. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1169. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on February 16, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1170. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1171. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Shoulder Joint Metal/Polymer/Metal Non-constrained or Semi-Constrained Porous-Coated Uncemented Prosthesis" (Docket No. 97P-0354) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1172. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Devices; Classification of B-Type Natriuretic Peptide Test System" (Docket No. 00P-1675) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1173. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a delay of the report on the plan to provide chiropractic health care services and benefits for member of the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1174. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a delay of the annual report concerning cost savings resulting from workforce reductions for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1175. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Use of Employees of Non-Federal Entities to Provide Services to the Department of Defense"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1176. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on restructuring costs associated with business combinations for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1177. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Budget and Finance, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning the Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1178. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Part 70 Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL6956-9) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1179. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ferroalloys Production: Ferromanganese and Silicomanganese" (FRL6955-8) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1180. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rules for Nondiscrimination in Health Coverage in the Group Market" (RIN0938-AI08) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1181. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Expanded Coverage for Outpatient Diabetes Self-Management Training and Diabetes Outcome Measurement" (RIN0938-AI96) received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1182. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1183. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Na-

tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Northeast Multispecies Harvest Capacity and Impact of Northeast Fishing Capacity Reduction for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1184. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Regulations" (RIN0648-AM88) received on February 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1185. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska-Pollock Closure in the Statistical Area 610, Gulf of Alaska" received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Zone Off Alaska-Pollock Closure in the Statistical Area 630 Outside the Shelikof Strait, Gulf of Alaska" received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1187. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Zone Off Alaska-Pollock Closure in the West Yakutat District, Gulf of Alaska" received on March 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1188. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plans" (RIN0648-AO80) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1189. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-B-7409) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1190. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the development of electronic commerce and associated technology; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1191. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coniothyrium Minitans Strain CON/M/91-08; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6772-1) received on March 23, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1192. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Change in Application of Federal Financial Participation Limits; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0938-AK22) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.