

While she had to leave school early, as often happened at that time, Mrs. Lefevre places great value on education. One of her sources of pride is that all three of her children are college graduates. This is largely due to her strong encouragement. Russ has a Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering. Shirley has a B.S. in Education and teaches in the White Bear Lake, MN Elementary Schools. Robert has a Bachelors degree in Mathematics and worked in the Software industry for over 35 years.

A 99th birthday is a special occasion for her, as well as her family and friends. Over the course of her long life, Mrs. Lefevre has seen an amazing transition in our country and our culture. Such experience brings a wisdom and knowledge that enriches the lives of her loved ones.

Such a celebration is also a chance for each of us to take a moment to appreciate our own family and our own family traditions.●

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN JOHNSON

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and commitment of one of New Jersey's great leaders, John "J.J." Johnson. He has dedicated his life to protecting and promoting the rights of his fellow union members and has worked to help many others build on the promise of the American Dream.

J.J. first became active in the labor movement in 1960, when he organized the workers at the Peter Pan factory in East Newark, New Jersey. Since then, J.J. has worn many hats in his long and distinguished career of public service. For ten years, J.J. served as Secretary-Treasurer of Postal Union, Local #10. In 1975, J.J. co-founded Service Employees International Union Local 617, where he served for 25 years as Executive Vice President. Since then, Local 617 has become New Jersey's largest Public Employee Local, representing over 3,500 members.

Throughout the years, J.J. has been on the front line of progress for union members in New Jersey. In 1996, J.J. became the first African American from New Jersey to be elected to the Executive Board of the Service Employees International Union. As a member of the board, J.J. fought for fair wages, better health benefits, and safer working conditions, and was later elected president of the SEIU New Jersey State Council, which represents over 25,000 workers in the State of New Jersey.

In 1998, J.J. had the honor of being the first African American to serve as Grand Marshall of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council "Celebration of Labor Day Parade," and received the National Leadership Achievement Award from the SEIU Caucus of People of African Descent. In 2000, J.J. also became the first African American to receive the New Jersey AFL-CIO Labor Award, and later this month he will be

honored by the National African American Caucus of the SEIU for his outstanding leadership in the Union.

I am proud to recognize the accomplishments of J.J. Johnson, a man who for thirty years has been a standard bearer of the labor movement. His hard work, determination, and service are a model for our labor leaders, indeed all leaders, to follow and learn from.●

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 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 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, 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. 768. An act 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.

H.R. 974. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, to increase the number of interaccount transfer which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the prevention of shaken baby syndrome.

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

At 4:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 132. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Jacaranda Street in Lanai City, Hawaii, as the "Goro Hokama Post Office Building."

H.R. 395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office of West Melbourne, Florida."

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 768. An act 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; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 974. An act to increase the number of interaccount transfers which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Special Report entitled "Special Report entitled 'Legislative Activities of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions during the 106th Congress'." (Rept. No. 107-11).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Con. Res. 7: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to enhance national security and significantly further United States foreign policy and global competitiveness.

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. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a tax deduction for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 688. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to the airport noise and access review program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 689. A bill to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 690. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve

coverage of mental health services under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 691. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 692. A bill to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel EAGLE; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 693. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide additional safeguards for beneficiaries with representative payees under the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program or the Supplemental Security Income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. REID, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 694. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 695. A bill to provide parents, taxpayers, and educators with useful, understandable school report cards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 696. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from applying spectrum aggregation limits to spectrum assigned by auction after 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 697. A bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. REID):

S. 698. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to designate chromium-6 as a contaminant, to establish a maximum contaminant level for chromium-6, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 699. A bill to provide for substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 700. A bill to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordi-

nating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its 135 years of service to the people of the United States and their animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 128

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name and the name of and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, *supra*.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide

for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006, and encourage States to simplify their sales and use taxes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to provide for teacher liability protection.

S. 351

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting use of mercury fever thermometers and improving collection, recycling, and disposal of mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and title 10, United States Code, to maximize the access of uniformed services voters and recently separated uniformed services voters to the polls, to ensure that each vote cast by such a voter is duly counted, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 426

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 426, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit to holders of bonds financing new communications technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to provide grants and other incentives to promote new communications technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware