

Recently, Narragansett High School dedicated its yearbook to Andy Robinson. Several students wrote tributes to him and they all had common themes, students looked forward to Mr. Robinson's class, he made the material interesting and easy to learn, and he cared. Andy Robinson is an uncommon teacher. I think one student, Melissa Deluca, spoke for everyone when she wrote, "Mr. Robinson, our teacher, our guide, my friend. Thank you."

Andy Robinson is an inspiration not only to his students, but to all who have the pleasure of knowing him. On behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island, I want to thank Andy for his years of hard work and selfless dedication and congratulate him on a well deserved retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.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. 10. An act to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. PETRI of Wisconsin and Mr. GALLEGLY of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1404 of Public Law 99-661 (20 U.S.C. 4703), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Mr. RALPH M. HALL of Texas.

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-1712. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Premerger Notification Office, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule to Amend the Premerger Notification and Report Form and Instructions" (16 CFR 801, 802, 803) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1713. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, Second Order on Reconsideration" (Fcc 01-126; Doc. 97-213) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1714. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Amendment of Part 97

of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order" (Fcc 01-108; Doc. 98-143) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1715. A communication from the Attorney of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Temporary Reduction of Registration Fees" (RIN2137-AD53) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1716. 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; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1717. 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—Closes Pacific Cod by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area, Gulf of Alaska" received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1718. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plant Protection Act; Revisions to Authority Citations" (Doc. No. 00-063-2) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1719. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program and Apple Market Loss Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AG35) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1720. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Opting Out of Segregation" (RIN3038-AB67) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1721. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy of Consumer Financial Information" (RIN3038-AB68) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1722. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forchlorfenuron; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6781-4) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1723. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surcroglycerides; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6778-9) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1724. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1725. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "240.17Ad-7 Record Retention" (RIN3235-AH74) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1726. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records to Be Preserved By Certain Exchange Members, Brokers and Dealers" (17 CFR 240.17a-4) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1727. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1728. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1729. A communication from the Chairman of the Commission on International Religious Freedom, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the Commission's findings and recommendations for 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1730. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs (Management), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law and Order on Indian Reservations" (RIN1076-AE15) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1731. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "April-June 2001 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2001-19) received on April 28, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1732. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Benefit Claims Decisions" (RIN2990-AJ99) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1733. A communication from the Director of Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1734. 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 "Revision of Requirements for Licensed Anti-Human Globulin and Blood Grouping Reagents; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Doc. No. 00N-1586) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1735. 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 "Additional Safeguards for Children in Clinical Investigations of FDA-Regulated Products; Interim Rule" (RIN0910-AC07) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1736. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to case management and custodial care program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1737. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1738. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1739. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Department of Defense General Counsel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1740. A communication from the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2000 Wiretap Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1741. A communication from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1742. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and official commentary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1743. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a project for flood control, environmental restoration and recreation for Salt Creek, Graham Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1744. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Determination of Critical Habitat for the Great Lakes Breeding Population of the Piping Plover" (RIN1018-AG14) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1745. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Storage, Treatment, Transportation, and Disposal of Mixed Waste" (FRL6975-1) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1746. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR): Revisions to the Mixture and Derived-From Rules" (FRL6975-2) received on May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1747. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Capital Investment and Leasing Program for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1748. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Office of Acquisition Policy, General Service Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 97-27 consisting of FAR Case 1999-607, Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility, Final Rule" (FAC 97-27) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1749. 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 May 2, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1750. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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-46. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Commonwealth relative to an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning Judicial taxation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-33

Whereas, the separation of powers is fundamental to the United States Constitution and the power of the federal government is strictly limited; and

Whereas, under the United States Constitution, the states are to determine public policy; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the judiciary to interpret law, not to create law; and

Whereas, our present federal government has strayed from the interest of our founding fathers and the United States Constitution through inappropriate federal mandates; and

Whereas, these mandates by the way of statute, rule or judicial decision have forced state governments to serve as the mere administrative arm of the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal district courts with the acquiescence of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes to comply with federal mandates; and

Whereas, these court actions violate the United States Constitution and the legislative process; and

Whereas, the time has come for the people of this great nation and their duly elected representatives in state government, to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms that the authority to tax under the Constitution of the United States is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to those duly elected representatives in the legislative branch of government whom they chose, such representatives being directly responsible and accountable to those who have elected them; and

Whereas, the lawmakers of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have

petitioned the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the amendment was previously introduced in Congress; and

Whereas, the amendment seeks to prevent federal courts from levying or increasing taxes without representation of the people against the people's wishes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twelfth Northern Mariana Commonwealth Legislature:

1. That the Congress of the United States prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new article providing as follows: "Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or political subdivision thereof, or an official of such state or subdivision to levy or increase taxes."

2. That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

3. That the legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands also proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States that have not yet made a similar request apply to the United States Congress requesting enactment of an appropriate amendment to the United States Constitution, and apply to the United States Congress to propose such an amendment to the United States Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the Senate shall certify and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and certified copies shall thereafter be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding officer in each house of the legislature in each of the States in the Union; President Pro Temp of the United States Senate, and to the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

POM-47. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to Airfare Pricing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, In recent years, mergers among airlines have significantly changed air transportation throughout our country. There are two pending mergers involving major carriers that, if completed, will result in two airlines controlling half of the entire United States airline market; and

Whereas, While there have been increasing concerns over the quality of air services, the prospect of even more communities facing a market situation with little or no competition has many observers calling for actions that would ensure that there is fairness in pricing and acceptable standards of performance. Certain communities and regions of the country face the possibility of losing air services entirely or dealing with prices that do not have to respond to competition; and

Whereas, Our nation's air transportation network represents an enormous investment and a public-private partnership through the airports, air traffic control systems, and infrastructures that are maintained; and

Whereas, There are discussions underway in congress and in the United States Justice Department on the impact of mergers, whether or not airlines are fulfilling previous agreements, and relevant antitrust