

laptop computers to all middle-schoolers in Towns County would greatly enhance learning. We obtained a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission and local donations to make this happen, and the program has succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. Test scores and attendance have increased, while discipline referrals have dropped. In addition, parents have become more involved in the school and more of them are earning their GEDs, and borrowing their kids' computers for assignments.

I am very proud of the achievements at Towns County Middle School, and I congratulate Principal Smith, his teachers and all the students and parents on this national recognition.●

FREEDOM TOWER

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, today, the Cuban American National Foundation will dedicate Miami's "Freedom Tower" in celebration of Cuban Independence Day. This historic landmark is known to many Cuban political refugees as the "Ellis Island of the South." The Freedom Tower served as an immigration processing center in the 1960's and 1970's and became a symbol of democracy and freedom to Cubans fleeing from tyranny and oppression. I rise today to recognize not only this dedication, but the hard work and sacrifice of the Cuban Americans in Florida who have added so much to our Nation, and who, through their work to restore the Freedom Tower, have given us yet another gift.●

HONORING ALBERT GAMPER, GEORGE RING, AND ROSE CALI

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President I rise today to recognize Albert R. Gamper, George M. Ring, and Rose Cali as they are honored by the New Jersey Network for their outstanding commitment to the young citizens of New Jersey, education and community-building.

Mr. Ring, a lifelong resident of New Jersey, has been an extremely active and generous citizen with public institutions, from the NJN Foundation to St. Barnabas Health Care Systems to Rutgers University, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Mr. Gamper has devoted countless hours and tremendous energy to organizations that touch the lives of thousands of New Jersey's families.

I also wanted to salute Mr. Ring for his commitment to our Nation. He put his life on the line for this country when he served in the military and has received various distinguished medals for his many achievements, valor and dedicated service to America.

Ms. Cali, founder of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, has invested much of her time into education and the arts. As a board member of a major State educational institution of higher learning and as a board member

of her community's museum, she has made critical contributions in both of these areas and continues to do so. I applaud her efforts.

New Jersey has been blessed with residents such as Mr. Gamper, Mr. Ring, and Ms. Cali who have made a great effort to make a difference. It is both an honor and an inspiration to recognize the dedication of these individuals and the impact they have on the community at large. I commend all three for their commitment and generosity to New Jersey and her residents.●

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.)

REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY TOWARD SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 21

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 Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 106 of title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-200), I transmit herewith the 2001 Comprehensive Report of the President on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 18, 2001.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1696. An act to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and doc-

uments, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1920. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Administration For Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Runaway and Homeless Youth Program" (RIN0970-AC04) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1921. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, the Commission's Report on Licensing Activities and Regulatory Duties for March 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1922. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 Report on National Defense Stockpile (NDS) Requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1923. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer Alternate, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conversion from Stock Form Depository Institution to Federal Stock Association" (RIN1550-AB45) received on May 3, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1924. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of the Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1925. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hydroelectric Licensing Policies, Procedures, and Regulations Comprehensive Review and Recommendations"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1926. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing Oil Value for Royalty Due on Federal Leases" (RIN1010-AC09) received on May 9, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1927. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; Arsenic and Clarifications to Compliance and New Source Contaminants Monitoring; Delay of Effective Date" (FRL6983-8) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1928. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability of Funds for Source Water Protection" (FRL6984-2) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1929. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California and Arizona State Implementation Plans, Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District and Maricopa County Environmental Services Department" (FRL6982-6) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1930. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule, Guidelines Establishing test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations; Methods Update" (FRL6974-7) received on May 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1931. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—June 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2001-27) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1932. 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 "TD 8945; Taxable Fuel Measurements" (RIN1545-AY85) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1933. 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 "U.S. Flags for Burials of Certain Members of the Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AK56) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1934. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parachute Operations" (RIN2120-AG52) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1935. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flight Crewmember Flight Time Limitations and Rest Requirements; Notice of Enforcement Policy" (RIN2120-ZZ35) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1936. A communication from the Associate Chief of the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2000 Biennial Review—Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumer Long Distance Carriers; Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers" (Doc. Nos. 00-257 and 94-129) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1937. 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; Sharpchin and Northern Rockfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1938. 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 off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Corrections; Trip Limit Ad-

justment" received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1939. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Secretary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1940. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Sweden; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1942. 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 17, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1943. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1944. A communication from the Executive Director for 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 17, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1945. 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; Medical Reporting Regulations; Technical Amendment" (Doc. No. 98N-0170) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-56. A joint memorial adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8006

Whereas, The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery located on the Icicle River, a tributary of the Wenatchee River, and operated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, performs the admirable function of producing spring chinook salmon, providing benefits to the entire Columbia River region; and

Whereas, The Icicle River is a watershed that is home to three fish species, chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and bull trout, that are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species act; and

Whereas, Watershed restoration efforts are being undertaken on a large scale by the State of Washington, treaty Indian tribes, public utility districts, county, local, and city governments, and local volunteer

groups, to assist the recovery of Icicle River and Wenatchee River salmon and trout; and

Whereas, The Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery currently utilizes a water withdrawal design that does not provide proper protection for salmon and trout, some of which are naturally spawned endangered steelhead trout, endangered spring run chinook salmon, or threatened bull trout; and

Whereas, Operation of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery could be modified with construction of fish passage devices that would result in no jeopardy to listed salmon and trout;

Now, therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will make the proper modifications, in a timely manner, to the water withdrawal structure at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery so that its operation will be consistent with the federal endangered species act.

Be it resolved, That the United States Fish and Wildlife Service apply for sufficient funding to construct the fish passage modifications necessary at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, and that Congress shall see fit to appropriate the necessary funds;

Be it further resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-57. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana relative to the reduction of Forest Fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United States Forest Service was first organized to protect the national forests from fire and to provide a sustainable supply of timber, water, goods, and services for the people of the United States; and

Whereas, citizens of Montana and communities throughout the western United States still depend on the prudent stewardship, the sustained utilization of resources, and the steady production of goods and services from the multiple use management of public lands in those western states; and

Whereas, the April 1999 U.S. General Accounting Office report, "Western National Forests, a Cohesive Strategy is Needed to Address Catastrophic Wildfire Threats" states, "the most extensive and serious problem related to the health of national forests in the interior West is the overaccumulation of vegetation, which has caused an increasing number of large, intense, uncontrollable, and catastrophically destructive wildfires"; and

Whereas, the April 2000 U.S. Forest Service report, "Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems: A Cohesive Strategy" in response to the General Accounting Office report, confirmed the conclusion stated above and further warns "Without increased restoration treatments in these ecosystems wildland fire suppression costs, natural resource losses, private property losses, and environmental damage are certain to escalate as fuels continue to accumulate and more acres become high-risk.", and the report also specifies that, at a low intensity, fire is ecologically beneficial and has positive effects on biodiversity, soil productivity, and water quality; and

Whereas, the U.S. Forest Service further acknowledges that 39 million acres of national forest are at significant risk of catastrophic wildfire and an additional 26 million acres will be at similar risk due to increases