

by the professionals and staff at Mountain Valley Medical Clinic.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER  
ROBERT W. VARNEY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an esteemed colleague and dear friend, Robert W. Varney, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, NHDES, on being appointed Regional Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA—New England.

Mr. Varney has served the Granite State as Commissioner of NHDES since July of 1989, having been appointed by three Governors, JUDD GREGG, Steve Merrill and Jeanne Shaheen, with the unanimous approval of the Executive Council. Mr. Varney was responsible for the great task of overseeing all of New Hampshire's air, water and waste programs issues. He is recognized nationally as an environmental leader, and has presided over countless prestigious environmental committees and organizations, including President of the Environmental Council of the States, ECOS, the National Organization of State Environmental Commissioners and has served on the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

While his national recognition is commendable, Mr. Varney's prowess in the New England region has been demonstrated by his high ranking positions on numerous regional organizations such as the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, the Ozone Transport Commission, the New England Governors Conference Environment Committee, and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, just to name a few. In June 2000, his efforts to partner with the private sector were recognized when he was presented with the Paul Keough Environmental Award for Government Service by the Environmental Business Council of New England.

As former Chairman and current ranking member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and one time Chairman of the Superfund Sub-committee, I have had the pleasure of working quite closely with Mr. Varney on a wide range of issues. On numerous occasions I have depended on his far-reaching environmental expertise to testify before Congress on key issues such as the dangers of the fuel additive MTBE, the current status of superfund cleanup activities and on successful state environmental programs.

With the help of Mr. Varney's leadership, New Hampshire has become, and continues to be, a front-runner in exploring innovative, low-cost technologies while reaping the benefits of developing successful Federal and State relationships. I commend Mr. Varney for his exemplary service to New Hampshire, and look forward to

watching the success that will follow him in this next endeavor. New Hampshire, New England and the Nation are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated environmental leader take on the vitally important role of EPA Regional Administrator, and I am certain he will execute this duty with comparable distinction. It is with pleasure that I extend my deepest congratulations and hope for future success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:46 a.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:

S. 468. An act to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building."

H.R. 2131. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 1190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings accounts.

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

At 1:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 2506. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mrs. TAUSCHER of California.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2506. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and

related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 25, 2001, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 468. An act to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building."

S. 1190. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings account.

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-3055. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Building Project Survey for Jefferson City, MO; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3056. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Manufactured Housing Program User Fee Authority; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-3057. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated July 24, 2001; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Foreign Relations.

EC-3058. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner of Social Security, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3059. 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 "Revision to Rev. Proc. 2001-2" (Rev. Proc. 2001-41) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3060. 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 "Exxon v. Commissioner" received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Parity of Pay between Active and Reserve Component members of the Armed Forces based on length of time on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3062. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the current unit cost of a major defense acquisition program that has increased by at least 15 percent; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3063. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3064. 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 "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AK40) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3065. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice: Medical Opinions from the Veterans Health Administration" (RIN2900-AK52) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3066. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator for Prevent, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for International Activities, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period beginning October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3072. 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; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3073. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the United States Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Director, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3074. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3075. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a vacancy and the designation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3076. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and the designation of acting officer for the position of Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3077. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3078. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3079. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3080. A communication from the White House Liaison for the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement, received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3081. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3082. A communication from the Chairman of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3083. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the evaluation of driver licensing information programs and assessment of technologies dated July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3084. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the withdrawal of certification for Indonesia pursuant to the present sea turtle protection program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3085. A communication from the Executive Director of the Amtrak Reform Council, transmitting, a report relative to institutional and management changes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3086. 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—Closes Pacific Ocean Perch Fishery in the West Yakutat District, Gulf of

Alaska" received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3087. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Laundering Procedures in (1) the Standard for Flammability of Children's Sleepwear; (2) the Standard for Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads; and (3) the Standard for Flammability of Carpets and Rugs" (RIN3041-AB69) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3088. A communication from the General Counsel of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Automatic Residential Garage Door Operator Standard" (RIN3041-AB86) received on July 23, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3089. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Mass Media Bureau Chief, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; West Hurley, Rosendale and Rhinebeck, New York, and North Canaan and Sharon, Connecticut" (Doc. No. 97-178) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3090. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Mass Media Bureau Chief, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Wallace, Idaho and Bigfork, Montana" (Doc. No. 98-159) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3091. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Mass Media Bureau Chief, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Kingman and Dolan Springs, Arizona" (Doc. No. 01-63) received on July 24, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3093. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Kazakhstan and Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3094. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the fifteen percent danger pay allowance for Belgrade and Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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