

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, on Saturday, November 10, the Environmental Defense Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary of action to protect the environment in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. I would like to take this moment to reflect on EDC's wonderful work.

For the past quarter century, EDC has served as a powerful voice for the environment. We can look to natural places like the Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary and the Los Padres National Forest to see the impact of EDC's work. It has fought for clean air and water, the preservation of our precious wild heritage, and the clean up of military bases and toxic waste sites. It has also played a crucial role in the fight to stop oil drilling off our coast, an issue so important to California.

As a longtime supporter of our nation's environment, I know how crucial it is to protect our natural resources. We must continue to work to both safeguard our environment and maintain a healthy economy. EDC has helped us work toward this goal.

I am pleased to congratulate EDC on this important milestone and wish the staff continued success.●

THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT RAYMOND GRIFFITH

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to take this moment to reflect on Lieutenant Raymond Griffith's outstanding service on the occasion of his retirement from the Cathedral City Police Department. The Department will honor him on November 8, 2002.

Lieutenant Griffith has had a career devoted to public service spanning more than 33 years. After graduating as Valedictorian from the Los Angeles Police Academy, he began his career at the Orange Police Department and remained there for 15 years. He served the department in many areas, including patrol, training, internal affairs, detectives, juvenile, and nine years in the special weapons unit.

Lieutenant Griffith's expertise equipped him well for the next step in his career, Sergeant of the then-new Cathedral City Police Department. As one of the first employees of the department, Lieutenant Griffith helped get the operation off to a good start. He played a key role in developing policies and procedures, hiring staff and obtaining facilities and equipment. Throughout the agency's 18-year history, Lieutenant Griffith has been seen as a "founding father" of the department and an important leader in its operation.

In addition to serving on the police force, Lieutenant Griffith has served as a valued law enforcement instructor and trainer at the College of the Desert, Riverside Community College and at the Police Academy. He has also

served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps and the Coast Guard Reserves.

It is clear that Lieutenant Griffith deserves the praise he has received from his colleagues and peers. I extend to him my sincere congratulations for his service to the force, broader community and to our Nation. Although his presence will be missed, he has left a legacy of leadership that will be long remembered.●

OREGON HERO OF THE WEEK

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a community's extraordinary effort to improve their situation. In the past year, Oregonians have faced innumerable economic challenges. With unemployment rates surpassing all other States, Oregonians have been pushed to the limit. But in the relatively small eastern Oregon community of Baker County, the citizens refused to give in to economic pressures. The Baker Enterprise Growth Initiative, BEGIN, is helping Baker County grow, one business at a time.

BEGIN has helped community Entrepreneurs realize their dreams of running successful small businesses. BEGIN uses simple, yet effective models to help business owners understand the importance of a balance between product, marketing and financial stability. Management becomes a team effort and people are able to succeed at their strengths while relying on others as well.

BEGIN is a community effort and its successes lift the entire region. In August of 2001, the BEGIN Program was awarded the Kaufmann Foundation Pioneer Award for Leadership in Entrepreneurial Promotion at the National Association of Development Organizations' Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX. Members of the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District were also able to present the BEGIN program and accomplishments to the over 200 economic development professionals from across the Nation.

BEGIN has not only provided much needed economic development in Baker County, but has also shown Oregonians, and the entire Nation, that we will overcome this period of economic hardship. BEGIN truly exemplifies the pioneer heritage and nature of Baker County in searching for its own solutions to problems rather than waiting for someone else to come solve their problems for them. I am proud to salute the Baker Enterprise Growth Initiative as the Oregon Hero of the Week.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 11:02 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 and joint resolution:

H.R. 3295. An act to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5010. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5011. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res 123. An act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

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

The following enrolled bills and joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, October 17, 2002, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

S. 1339. An act to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 2558. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of data on benign brain-related tumors through the national program of cancer registries.

H.J. Res. 113. A joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

At 12:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the Senate amendment to House amendment to Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3253) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment within the Department of Veterans Affairs of improved emergency medical preparedness, research, and education programs to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the

Senate to the bill (H.R. 3801) to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4015) to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve employment, training and placement services furnished to veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 1533. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and strengthen the health centers program and the National Health Service Corps, and to establish the Healthy Communities Access Program, which will help coordinate services for the uninsured and underinsured, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, each without amendment:

S. 1210. An act to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

S. 1227. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

S. 1270. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse."

S. 1646. An act to identify certain routes in the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico as part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2155. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle with a drug or alcohol in the body of the driver at a land border port of entry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5596. An act to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5640. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the right of Federal employees to display the flag of the United States not be abridged.

H.R. 5647. An act to authorize the duration of the base contract of the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet contract to be more than five years but not more than seven years.

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

H. Con. Res. 349. Concurrent resolution calling for effective measures to end the sexual exploitation of refugees.

H. Con. Res. 437. Concurrent resolution recognizing the Republic of Turkey for its cooperation in the campaign against global terrorism, for its commitment of forces and assistance to Operation Enduring Freedom and subsequent missions in Afghanistan, and

for initiating important economic reforms to build a stable and prosperous economy in Turkey.

H. Con. Res. 479. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding Greece's contributions to the war against terrorism and its successful efforts against the November 17 terrorist organization.

H. Con. Res. 492. Concurrent resolution welcoming Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand upon her arrival in the United States.

H. Con. Res. 502. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 17, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1339. An act to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 2558. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of data on benign brain-related tumors through the national program of cancer registries.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which was referred as indicated:

EC-9394. A communication from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Family Court Transition Plan Progress Report; 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-358. A resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey relative to the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-359. A resolution adopted by the Township of Jackson, State of New Jersey relative to the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 606: A bill to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency. (Rept. No. 107-320).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2018: A bill to establish the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area within the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico to resolve a land claim involving the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-321).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2499: A Bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish labeling requirements regarding allergenic substances in food, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-322).

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2550: A bill to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration. (Rept. No. 107-323).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 107-15 Treaty with Honduras for Return of Stolen, Robbed, and Embezzled Vehicles and Aircraft, with Annexes and Exchange of Notes (Exec. Rept. No. 107-11)]

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Honduras for the Return of Stolen, Robbed, or Embezzled Vehicles and Aircraft, with Annexes and a related exchange of notes, signed at Tegucigalpa on November 23, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-15).

[Treaty Doc. 107-6 Extradition Treaty with Peru (Exec. Rept. No. 107-12)]

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Extradition Treaty with Peru, subject to an understanding and a condition.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Peru, signed at Lima on July 26, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-6; in this resolution referred to as the "Treaty"), subject to the understanding in section 2 and the condition in section 3.

Section 2. Understanding.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

PROHIBITION OF EXTRADITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.—The United States understands that the protections contained in Article XIII concerning the Rule of Speciality would preclude the resurrender of any person extradited to the Republic of Peru from the United States to the International Criminal Court, unless the United States consents to such resurrender; and the United States shall not consent to any such resurrender unless the Statute establishing that Court has entered into force for the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate in accordance with Article II, section 2 of the United States Constitution.

Section 3. Condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the condition that nothing in the Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the