

the Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Department immediately deployed to New York to cover station houses for New York firefighters while they worked at Ground Zero on the search and rescue efforts.

I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Edward Abbott and the citizens of Essex Fells on their centennial. May they have another hundred years of prosperity and community.●

TWO CALIFORNIA TEAMS ON CHAMPIONS DAY

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I would like to honor two national collegiate championship teams from my State of California. They are great examples of team spirit and co-operation: the Santa Clara University women's soccer team and the Stanford University women's volleyball team.

The Santa Clara University women's soccer team won the 2001 NCAA College Cup Championship this past fall. The team won its first national title in their fifth trip to the College Cup, and this is the first outright NCAA championship in the school's history.

The members of the 2001 Santa Clara University women's soccer team are: Holly Azevedo; Jessica Ballweg; Emma Borst; Lana Bowen; Jaclyn Campi; Kristi Candau; Ynez Carrasco; Kerry Cathcart; Devvyn Hawkins; Bree Horvath; Anna Kraus; Leslie Osborne; Erin Pearson; Chardonnay Poole; Erin Sharpe; Katie Sheppard; Danielle Slaton; Alyssa Sobolik; Taline Tahmassian; Allie Teague; Aly Wagner; and Veronica Zepeda.

I congratulate the team and their head coach, Jerry Smith.

The Stanford University women's volleyball team won the 2001 NCAA National Championship this past fall. The team won its fifth national championship, which is a record.

The members of the 2001 Stanford University women's volleyball team are: Michelle Chambers; Tara Conrad; Sara Dukes; Leah Hall; Jennifer Harvey; Jennifer Huckle; Ashley Ivy; Emily Lawrence; Robyn Lewis; Sara McGee; Ogonna Nnamani; Anna Robinson; Sara Sandrik; and Logan Tom.

I congratulate the team and their head coach, John Dunning.

Both teams are an inspiration to all, especially to young women and girls who are themselves members of sports teams. I wish all the team members the best in whatever road they find themselves on after this great accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by 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 a withdrawal and sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The following presidential message was laid before the Senate together with accompanying reports, which was referred as indicated:

PM-73. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of each provision. The Agreement was signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001.

The United States-Australia Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Australia Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Agreement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, a report on the effect of the Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Agreement. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-Australia Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2002.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The following presidential message was laid before the Senate together with accompanying reports, which was referred as indicated:

PM-74. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on Telecommunications Payments Made to Cuba pursuant to Treasury Department Specific Licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report prepared by my Administration detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2002.

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-5699. A communication from the Executive Officer, Civil Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001" ((RIN1105-AA79)(CIV104F)) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5700. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest" (RIN0572-AB60) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5701. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Rate Direct Loan Program" (RIN0572-AB71) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5702. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees" (FRL6774-3) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5703. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2,4-D: Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6827-1) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5704. 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 "Treatment of Community Income for Certain Individuals not Filing Joint Returns" (RIN1545-AY83) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5705. 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 "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—October 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2002-4) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5706. 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 "Funding Relief Contained in Section 112 of the Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001" (Notice 2002-7) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5707. 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 "Time for Performing Certain Acts Postponed by Reason of Service in a Combat Zone or a Presidentially Declared Disaster" (Rev. Rul. 2001-53) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5708. 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 "Equity Investment Prior to Section 45D9(f)(2) Allocation" (Notice 2001-75) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5709. 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 "Revenue Procedure—Update of Rev. Proc. 2001-11 (Adequate Disclosure)" (Rev. Rul. 2001-52) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5710. 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 "Mark-to-Market Election Under TRA '97 for Principal Residences" (Rev. Rul. 2001-57) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5711. 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 "Proposed Revenue Procedure Regarding the Cash Method" (Notice 2001-76) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5712. 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 "Rev. Proc. 2001-59—2002 Inflation-Adjusted Items" (Rev. Proc. 2001-59) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5713. 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 the Federal Designated Use for Shields Gulch in Idaho" (FRL7157-1) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5714. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation for Public Water Systems; Establishing of Reporting Date" (FRL7157-3) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5715. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonates; Significant New Use Rule" (FRL6823-6) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5716. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Solvent Extraction for Vegetable Oil Production" (FRL7155-9) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5717. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: General Provisions and Requirements for Control Technology Determinations for Major Sources in Accordance with Clean Air Act Sections, Sections 112(g) and 112(j)" (FRL7155-8) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5718. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management Systems; Definition of Solid Waste; Toxicity Characteristic" (FRL7157-2) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5719. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio; Technical Amendment" (FRL7155-2) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5720. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act Section 111 and 112 Delegation of Authority Updates to the Washington State Department of Ecology, Benton Clean Air Authority, Northwest Air Pollution Authority, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority" (FRL7153-2) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5721. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL7155-3) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5722. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Control of Gasoline Volatility" (FRL7152-1) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5723. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation: Administrative Changes and Technical Amendments" (7155-7) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Jeanette J. Clark, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Louis Kincannon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census.

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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 Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 2006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the eligibility of certain expenses for the low-income housing credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2007. A bill to provide economic relief to general aviation entities that have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2008. A bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2009. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide services for the prevention of family violence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2010. A bill to provide for criminal prosecution of persons who alter or destroy evidence in certain Federal investigations or defraud investors of publicly traded securities, to disallow debts incurred in violation of securities fraud laws from being discharged in bankruptcy, to protect whistleblowers against retaliation by their employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 532

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 532, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.