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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 1002(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (50 U.S.C. 401 note), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Mr. HOEKSTRA of Michigan; from private life on the part of the House of Representatives: Mr. K Stuart Shea of Virginia, and Mr. Gardner G. Peckham of Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 103(c) of Public Law 108-83 (2 U.S.C. 130-2), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints Ms. Martha C. Morrison as Director of the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs of the United States House of Representatives.

At 4:17 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. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW, in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 926) to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies, without amendment.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 28, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3. An act to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1757. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Rept. No. 108-174).

#### 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. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1786. A bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1787. A bill to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1788. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to lease and redevelop certain Federal property on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER:

S. 1789. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1790. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1792. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1793. A bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Con. Res. 76. A concurrent resolution recognizing that November 2, 2003, shall be dedicated to "A Tribute to Survivors" at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. Con. Res. 77. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 377

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to leave no child behind.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr.

LEVIN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 950, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to provide assistance to train teachers of children with autism spectrum disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distilled spirits wholesalers a credit against income tax for their cost of carrying Federal excise taxes prior to the sale of the product bearing the tax.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend selected statutes to clarify existing Federal law as to the treatment of students privately educated at home under state law.

S. 1586

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1586, a bill to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency and currency manipulations are not successful.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1645, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1706, a bill to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide extended unemployment benefits to displaced workers, and to make other improvements in the unemployment insurance system.

S. 1746

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1746, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building".

S. 1751

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1751, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 1757

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1757, a bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize ap-

propriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

S. RES. 244

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 244, a resolution congratulating Shirin Ebadi for winning the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize and commending her for her lifetime of work to promote democracy and human rights.

AMENDMENT NO. 1966

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1966 proposed to H.R. 2800, a bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1968

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1968 proposed to H.R. 2800, a bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1969

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1969 proposed to H.R. 2800, a bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1970

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1970 proposed to H.R. 2800, a bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1786. A bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, today Senator DODD and I are introducing the Poverty Reduction and Prevention Act of 2003. This bi-partisan