

Sonja has been a local civic and political leader in her own right and was the first woman to be honored with a Golden Door Award by Cleveland's Nationality Services Center for her dedication as a social worker and interpreter.

In January 2004, the USAID's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia will honor Paul Unger with the Outstanding Citizen Achievement Award, which recognizes Americans who have made exceptional contributions to international development through volunteerism. I congratulate Mr. Unger for all his work at home and abroad and express my thanks to him and to his wife Sonja for their leadership, dedication, and commitment to democracy in Croatia.●

**HONORING DR. DONALD PINKEL
AND PROFESSOR DR. HANSJÖRG
RIEHM**

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to pay homage to the remarkable contributions of Dr. Donald Pinkel and Professor Dr. Hansjörg Riehm to the cure of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, once an invariably lethal disease. On December 4, 2003, distinguished colleagues from 12 nations will honor these outstanding physicians in San Diego, CA.

ALL is the most common cancer in children. Forty years ago, very few children were cured. Since that time, the cure rate has improved dramatically. I am informed that thanks in part to the leadership and vision of Dr. Pinkel and Professor Dr. Hansjörg Riehm, about 80 percent of ALL patients are now cured in developed nations. Dr. Pinkel's development of effective presymptomatic central nervous system therapy and Professor Dr. Hansjörg Riehm's development of effective post induction intensification halved the number of relapses and deaths. Tens of thousands of children, their families, friends and neighbors in many countries have benefitted. Dr. Pinkel and Professor Dr. Riehm stand united in their desire that effective therapy be available to children with ALL, both in the developed world and in the developing world.

I am informed that during his years at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in the 1960s, Dr. Pinkel introduced the concept of presymptomatic central nervous system therapy and cured one-half of children with ALL. Previously, many children had achieved temporary remission from leukemia, only to suffer return of leukemia or relapse in the central nervous system, subsequent bone marrow relapse, and death. Presymptomatic central nervous system therapy remains a cornerstone of ALL therapy throughout the world.

Professor Dr. Hansjörg Riehm and his colleagues in the Berlin Frankfurt Münster Group introduced effective postinduction intensification in the late 1970s. This concept involves implementing stronger therapy after the pa-

tient is in remission. Previously, patients received brief intensive induction therapy followed by presymptomatic central nervous system therapy and prolonged mild maintenance therapy. Most patients achieved remission, but many suffered leukemic relapse and death. With application of effective post induction intensification, the number of relapses fell and the chance for cure increased. Professor Riehm's strategy of post induction intensification has been applied throughout the world with similar success.

We know how tragic it is when children and their families struggle with life-threatening disease. The dramatic improvement in the cure rate of ALL gives children and those who cherish them just cause for greater hope. Literally tens of thousands of children in many nations have survived and grown up to realize their hopes and dreams due to the remarkable contributions of Dr. Pinkel and Professor Dr. Riehm. I am certain that children's lives are ample thanks, but I would like to add California's thanks for these physicians' lifetimes of accomplishments. Our Nation and world are fortunate to have benefitted from their work.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

At 2:27 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 117. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

S. 286. An act to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998;

S. 650. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients;

S. 1685. An act to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes; and

S. 1720. An act to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" and urging support for epilepsy research and service programs.

The message further announced that the House passed the following bills and joint resolution in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 421. An act to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1006. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species;

H.R. 2218. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2420. An act to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds;

H.R. 3140. An act to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3491. An act to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and for other purposes; and

H.J. Res. 78. An act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979;

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution honoring Seeds of Peace for its promotion of understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace among youth from the Middle East and other regions of conflict; and

H. Con. Res. 320. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports.

The message further announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2417) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

At 6:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2297) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution (H.J. Res. 63) to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the "Compact of Free Association, as

amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker, were signed on today, November 20, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 254. An act to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes:

S. 864. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building"; and

S. 1718. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office".

H.R. 23. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 1588. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2744. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building".

H.R. 2754. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

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".

H.R. 3379. An act 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".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2420. An act to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution honoring Seeds of Peace for its promotion of understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace among youth from

the Middle East and other regions of conflict; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 20, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 254. An act to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003;

S. 867. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building"; and

S. 1718. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office."

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5325. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a report relative to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5326. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Whiting Closure for the Catcher/Processor Sector" (ID101003F) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5327. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD07-02-160], Canaveral Barge Canal, Cape Canaveral, Brevard County, FL" (RIN1625-AA00) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5328. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD08-03-042], Mississippi River, Iowa, and Illinois" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5329. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD08-03-045], St. Croix River, Prescott, WI" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5330. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: (Including 2 Regulations), [CGD07-03-144], [COTP San Diego 03-033]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5331. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Naviga-

tion Area: (Including 2 Regulations), [CGD07-03-069], [CGD09-03-214]" (RIN1625-AA11) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5332. A communication from the Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 24, 2001; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5333. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the EA-18G; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5334. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to contracts involving the National Recreation Reservation System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5335. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Regulations" (RIN0560-AH04) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5336. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" (Doc. No. 03-017-2) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5337. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterinary Services User Fees; Pet Food Facility Inspection and Approval Fees" (Doc. No. 03-036-2) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5338. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretation of Rule 3b-3" (Release No. 34-48795) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5339. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Part 575—Authorization for U.S. Financial Institutions to Transfer Certain Claims Against the Government of Iraq" received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5340. A communication from the Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 24, 2001; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5342. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Rule on Decommissioning Trust Provisions" (RIN3150-AH32) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.