

counselor in 1981, assuming overall responsibility for the activities that make up the California Boys State program. The 2003 California Boys State session will be Mr. Cenoz's 23rd serving as chief counselor.

In 1980, Mr. Cenoz was invited to join the staff of Boys Nation. Boys Nation is an extension of the Boys State program. Annually, two boys from each Boys State program around the country are selected to represent their home States at the 10-day Boys Nation program in Washington, DC.

Mr. Cenoz has been a leader outside of the California Boys State program as well, serving in the U.S. Navy and the Navy Reserve as a submariner from 1941 to 1953. He served in both World War II and the Korean war. Additionally, Mr. Cenoz served as a police officer with the city of Pomona, beginning in 1951, and retiring at the rank of lieutenant in 1980.

Mr. Cenoz's actions demonstrate his dedication to serving his country and the State of California, and I offer my hearty congratulations to him for his 50 years of service to the California Boys State program.●

RECOGNIZING OFFICER CLAYTON HARMSTON, RECIPIENT OF THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR VALOR AWARD

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the Senate's attention the exemplary achievements and outstanding service of Officer Clayton Harmston of the San Francisco Police Department.

The American Legion, Department of California has chosen Officer Clayton Harmston as its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Valor. Officer Harmston is receiving this award for the extraordinary heroism he displayed in the line of duty on July 7, 2002.

On that day, Officer Harmston and his partner stopped a vehicle that was operating in a suspicious manner. During the vehicle stop, Officer Harmston approached the passenger, who was just paroled from State prison. The passenger refused to submit to a search and immediately attacked Officer Harmston. A struggle ensued, Officer Harmston was knocked to the ground face-first, and then the parolee drew his loaded weapon on Officer Harmston. Although injured and dazed, Officer Harmston demonstrated great presence of mind and warned his partner of the gun. When Harmston's partner distracted the parolee, Officer Harmston displayed remarkable courage by attempting to pull the gun away from the parolee. During the struggle, the parolee shot Officer Harmston who was able to roll away to cover, where a gun battle began. The gunman was struck and fell to the ground, refusing to release his weapon until it was taken from his grip.

Officer Clayton Harmston, despite his injuries, used all his abilities and re-

sources to protect his partner and ultimately end this dangerous situation. Officer Harmston is an inspiration to all. It is because of the courage and valor of police officers such as Clayton Harmston that our streets are safer.

Californians are extremely proud of Officer Harmston. He is most deserving of the American Legion, Department of California's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Valor award and of the admiration that he receives from colleagues and friends. I am honored to pay tribute to him, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer Harmston much continued success in his law enforcement career.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN CHARLES A. BUSH

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding officer, CPT Charles A. Bush, on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of the Navy. It is a great honor for me to take this opportunity to thank Captain Bush and his family for his 27 years of distinguished and dedicated service to our Nation. Over the last quarter of a century, he has proudly and selflessly served his Nation in defense of freedom.

Few of us can appreciate the true awe of the U.S. aircraft carrier as well as Captain Bush can. During his career he served the aircraft carrier community in many facets: naval aviator, engineer officer, maintenance coordinator, and most recently as program manager for in-service aircraft carriers.

During his tenure as program manager, Captain Bush oversaw the construction of the USS *Harry S Truman*, CVN 75, and *Ronald Reagan*, CVN 76, the complete refueling and complex overhaul of the first Nimitz-class carrier, USS *Nimitz*, CVN 68, the commencement of the second Nimitz-class carrier to undergo a refueling and overhaul—the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, CVN 69, as well as the maintenance planning for the in-service carrier force at the highest possible level of readiness.

His innovative concepts, motivational leadership, and personal energy have produced exactly what was required to support these national assets—dramatic streamlining of processes and organizations, reduced maintenance cost and cycle time, and a government and commercial workforce trained for and ready to take these concepts forward. The culmination of his efforts can be no better illustrated than by the successful surge of carriers in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Bush's son, Nicholas, now has the distinct honor to continue the family's great service to our Nation on-board the USS *Nimitz*. Nicholas is a naval flight officer assigned to VAQ-135, NAS Whidbey Island, WA, and was recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It is my honor to recognize Captain Bush for his distinguished service to our Nation. As a veteran of World War II and Korea, I have the highest respect for those who serve in uniform, and I appreciate and honor all the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in defense of freedom. Recalling our national anthem, to our veterans and Armed Forces, I say, we would not be "the land of the free" were we not also the "home of the brave." My colleagues and I wish Captain Bush and his family continued success and the traditional naval wish of "Fair winds and Following seas" as he closes out his military career.●

TRIBUTE TO COMPANY C 5TH BATTALION 112TH ARMOR

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I stand before you today in tribute of the Company C 5th Battalion 112th Armor currently stationed at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. Along with the people of my State as well as those across the Nation. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation and farewell to this group of 238 personnel that will be relieved of their duty at the Arsenal in a transfer of authority on June 11, 2003.

This exceptional group of young men and women hailing from Arkansas and Texas came together in an unusual display of diversity in September of 2002 in order to provide extensive base security as a Chemical Site Defense Force. Under the creed, "One flag, One Team, One Fight," this company is a combination of 169 men and women from five Army Companies in Northeast Texas, as well as 69 personnel from my home State of Arkansas. For those not schooled in the procedures of the National Guard, this interstate combination is rare. On top of this is the fact that within "Tank Fantillery," which is the adopted nickname of the company, there is also an unusual mixture of tankers, infantrymen and an artillery battery. Under the direction of CDR Robert Eason, "Tank Fantillery" has shown their dedication, unity, and diversity as they have joined in the fight against terrorism by successfully fulfilling their protective duties at the Pine Bluff Arsenal Chemical Munitions facility. Now, coming to the end of their term of duty, I feel that it is appropriate for us to offer them our gratitude and congratulations on the completion of their objective.

Later this month the transfer of authority will take place, and this group of personnel will be relieved of the protective duties that they have held for the last 10½ months. Such an occasion offers the chance to honor these men and women that display a level of dedication to their country that too few of us share. All of the world should be so lucky as to have such dedicated and honorable soldiers committed to their protection. It is with a warm heart that I salute these men and women and wish them luck in all of their future endeavors.●

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 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 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 361. An act to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission.

H.R. 1954. An act to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 177. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leaders, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations.

The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S.3) to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion, an asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House: From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. NADLER.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 192. An act to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:10 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. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people.

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

S. 222. An act to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

S. 273. An act to provide for expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 361. An act to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 177. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leader, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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-2547. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Transportation, case number 02-08, in the amount of \$5,380,764, received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2548. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 01-03, in the amount of \$1,919,682, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 00-02, in the amount of \$1,321,000, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2550. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Division of Transportation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Fiscal Year 2003 Indian Reservation Roads Funds (RIN 1076-AE34)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2551. A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the submission of 7 recommendations for legislative action, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2552. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Second Report of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2553. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities Evaluation of Tinnitus (2900-AK86)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2554. A communication from the Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Minority Small Business and Capitol Ownership Development, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2555. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Job Corps Centers (3245-AF02)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2556. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claimant Identification Pilot Projects (0960-AF79)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2557. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guideline: Leasing Promotions—Lease Stripping Transactions (UIL 9300.03-00)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.