

And that team—including those of us who cheered on our native son from Las Vegas—is proud of its driver. He showed us all a passion for racing and a loyalty to those who got him to this point. And he has proven that it is okay to dream big. From go carts in the Las Vegas desert to top racing machines on professional tracks, Kurt Busch is an inspiration. As Co-Chair of the Congressional Motorsports Caucus and a true race fan, I congratulate Kurt Busch on all his accomplishments, including this championship. Kurt, you have made us proud in Las Vegas, and we look forward to watching you continue to shine in the future. God bless you.●

HONORING DELBERT V. GROBERG

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a civic leader in Idaho who passed away this week at the age of 98. Delbert V. Groberg was so active in community efforts in eastern Idaho that the local newspaper reported “it would take the best part of a newspaper page to list” his accomplishments. But I knew him best as a close family friend; the father of one of my best friends, Dr. George Groberg; and a man who held a place of trust and honor in the community for decades.

Delbert and his late wife, Jennie Holbrooke, were married nearly 74 years and are the parents of eleven children, all born and reared in Idaho Falls. His family was his proudest accomplishment, and he leaves behind Mary Jane, Richard who is currently serving an LDS mission in Finland, Joseph, Lewis, George, Julia, John, David, Delbert, Elizabeth, and Gloria, along with 64 grandchildren, 116 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. What a legacy he has fostered!

His business accomplishments began in 1929 in real estate when he founded the D. V. Groberg Company in Idaho Falls. The company expanded into real estate sales, appraisals, property management and development, building subdivisions throughout the area. He served as the president of the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board and of the Idaho Real Estate Association. He was also the chairman of the Idaho Real Estate Commission and vice-president of the National Association of Realtors. Not surprisingly, he was selected as the Idaho Realtor of the Year. He was the first in southern Idaho to receive the professional designation from the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, which awarded him a lifetime membership. He was the founding president of its southern Idaho chapter.

His interest in real estate led to an achievement that is a landmark in Idaho Falls—the siting and building of an LDS temple on the banks of the Snake River. He later served as president of the Idaho Falls LDS Temple from 1975 to 1980 and authored a book about the temple, “The Idaho Falls Temple: The First LDS Temple in Idaho.”

His service to his religion took many forms as well. He served as a bishop of the Idaho Falls Third Ward, a member of the South Idaho Falls Stake high council, and a stake patriarch. He set an example of Christian living throughout his life.

Delbert’s business accomplishments moved outside of real estate into banking and broadcasting. He was a director and vice president of the Bank of Commerce and founded KID Broadcasting Corporation. He and his wife Jennie were honored pioneers of the Bonneville County Historical Society. He was also inducted into the Idaho Hall of Fame. His civic positions included president or chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, the Selective Service Board, the United Way, and the Bonneville Bicentennial Commission. He was given the Idaho 7th District Bar Association Liberty Bell Award, the BYU Alumni Service to Family Award, and the Presidential Citation Award from Brigham Young University.

While I have presented a long list of accomplishments, what I want to share with you most is that Delbert V. Groberg was a man of great integrity. I learned much from him in my childhood, lessons that continue to serve me well today. He was thoughtful, sensitive, and considerate. He was patriotic and civic-minded. Although his accomplishments are legion, he remained humble and interested. Despite his busy schedule, his children say they never felt neglected. Delbert served his community, his church, and his family and managed to do it all through difficult times in our country’s history. His life is an outstanding example for all. He will be missed by his family, his community, and so many whose lives he has touched over nearly a century of living. I was privileged to know him and to have his influence in my life. For that, I will always be grateful.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES LEROY WILLIAMS

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a fellow Montanan who represents the embodiment of many of us who stand in steadfast and determined support of our armed forces both yesterday and today. James LeRoy Williams was born just south of Montana, in Sheridan, WY and now makes his home in beautiful Columbus, MT.

At a time many recall in the late sixties, men were volunteering to serve in Vietnam, and being drafted to serve. For some, service wasn’t an option due to medical complications, in this case a back injury kept Mr. Williams from fulfilling what he felt was his duty to our Nation, and our future generations, and he stayed here in the States as a civilian.

This did not hinder his determination to make a difference to those who did serve in our armed forces, and Mr. Williams made it his mission to ensure

Veterans received that handshake and ‘thank you’, and did so by creating a repository in Columbus of military history that spans the history of our great Nation. Mr. Williams believes, as I do, that we must remember our history, as it is our roadmap to the future, and that we owe it to our children and grandchildren to provide them the proud history of our armed forces, and their defense of our freedoms these so many years.

Mr. Williams has become a historian of our military, and keeps an authentic World War One Doughboy’s uniform that he wears when giving talks on both the vast history of our services, and the individual tales of bravery and sacrifice one learns when taking the time to listen to the men who climbed the cliffs at Pointe Du Hoc, froze in both the Ardennes and the Chosin, or made one more climb up a numbered hill in the jungles of Vietnam.

To Mr. Williams and those like him, I can only say thank you, both as a Veteran, and as an American, for keeping alive the history that shapes our Nation. He may not have served directly in our armed forces, but he has served his Nation by honoring the sacrifice of the thousands of men and women who did wear the uniform, and I know that if circumstances had been different, he would have made our Nation proud in that capacity as well.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.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. 4116. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, to America’s lands, waterways, and skies and the great importance of the designation of the American bald eagle as an “endangered” species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5426. An act to make technical corrections relating to the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004.

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. 531. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

H. Con. Res. 532. Concurrent resolution commending the Aero Squad After School Program at Tomorrow’s Aeronautical Museum in Compton, California, as well as other youth aviation programs that expose young minorities to the field of civil aviation.

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 House to the bill (S. 2845) to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and

intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

The message also 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. 4548) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 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.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5426. An act to make technical corrections relating to the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

H. Con. Res. 430. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 532. Concurrent resolution commending the Aero Squad After School Program at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum in Compton, California, as well as other youth aviation programs that expose young minorities to the field of civil aviation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-10072. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL7685-1) received on September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10073. 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 "Oriental Fruit Fly: Designation of Quarantined Area" (Doc. No. 04-105-1) received November 9, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10074. 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 "Mexican Avocado Import Program" (Doc. No. 03-022-5) received November 30, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10075. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Depart-

ment of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Melons Grown in South Texas; Temporary Suspension of Handling and Assessment Collection Regulations" (Doc. No. FV05-979-1 IFR) received December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10076. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Change in Assessment Requirements" (Doc. No. FV04-955-1 IFR) received December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10077. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the periodic report on the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for February 19, 2004 to August 19, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10078. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10079. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, the report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to Taiwan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10080. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary (Management); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10081. A communication from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the U. S. Department of the Treasury Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10082. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment and income tax treatment of amounts paid to a baseball player as a signing bonus and amounts paid to an employee pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) upon ratification of the CBA by the union" (Rev. Rul. 2004-109) received on December 5, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10083. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment and income tax treatment of amounts paid to an employee as consideration for cancellation of an employment contract and relinquishment of contract rights" (Rev. Rul. 2004-110) received on December 5, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10084. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions of Dependent under section 106 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2004-79) received on December 5, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10085. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of

Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preferential Treatment of Brassieres Under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act" (RIN1505-AB42) received on December 5, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10086. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Expedited Determination Procedures for Provider Service Terminations" (RIN0938-AL67) received on December 5, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10087. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual inventory report for 2004 listing commercial activities based on OMB guidance; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10088. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Year 2004 Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10089. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-141-FOR) received on December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10090. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-143-FOR) received on December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10091. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (IN-141-FOR) received on December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conferring Designated Port Status for Houston, Texas; Louisville, Kentucky; and Memphis, Tennessee" (RIN1018-AT59) received on December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10093. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the California Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) in Santa Barbara County" (RIN1018-AT44) received on December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-10094. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10095. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the Refugee Resettlement Program for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10096. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities: Community Economic