

Staff Sergeant Hoskins was next assigned to Stuttgart, Germany. He developed an emergency vehicles operator's course that was adapted throughout the United States Army in Europe.

Over his long career Staff Sergeant Ronald Hoskins has received many awards and decorations, including the meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon with numeral two device, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral four device and Drivers Badge.

I congratulate Staff Sergeant Hoskins on his lengthy and dedicated career in the United States Army. I also want to recognize the efforts of his wife Susan without whom none of these accomplishments would be possible. Moreover, I extend to Staff Sergeant Hoskins my profound appreciation for his service to the nation. I am honored to share his success with my colleagues and I wish him and his family all the best for the future.●

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding group of public servants—the Girl Scouts of the USA—who today celebrate the 92nd birthday of their organization.

Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, GA, Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where they can build character and skills for success in the real world. Partnered with committed adult volunteers, Girl Scouts cultivate their full individual potential through learning and experience. The qualities they develop in Girl Scouting—leadership, values, social conscience, and conviction about their own self-worth—serve and benefit them all their lives.

Nationwide today there are more than 3.7 million Girl Scouts—2.8 million girl members and 942,000 adult members. Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 8.5 million girls and adults in 140 countries.

Today's Girl Scouts receive interactive training and experience in such areas as: leadership; math; science and technology; diversity; financial literacy; health, fitness and sports; environmental education; the arts; global awareness; and safety. Our children's safety is a matter of great concern to me. You may remember a wave of child abductions not too long ago, including the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart in my own home State of Utah, which highlighted the need to enhance our ability to protect our Nation's children. Last year, I introduced the PRO-

TECT Act of 2003, an Act to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, which was signed into law by President Bush in April. This legislation included the AMBER Alert system program, which has proven to be a valuable tool in the rescue of abducted children. AMBER Alert systems are critical to successful search and recovery efforts because they enable law enforcement authorities to galvanize entire communities to assist in the safe recovery of child victims.

Elizabeth's disappearance raised awareness of this type of crime nationwide. Our entire Nation rejoiced with the Smart family after Elizabeth was found alive and reunited with her loved ones. Her discovery, facilitated by everyday citizens who had followed this case, demonstrates the importance of getting information about these disappearances out to the public quickly, and what accomplishments can be achieved when communities partner together.

Today, Girl Scouts of Utah will be celebrating the miracle of Elizabeth Smart's return to her family, and the Girl Scouts of the USA's 92nd birthday, by organizing a statewide safety awareness campaign—Partners In Safety. Ed and Lois Smart, Elizabeth's parents, are the honorary chairs of this campaign. Although today kicks off an ongoing focus on safety rather than just a one-day event, Utah communities are invited to open house events on that date. Currently there are more than 25 open house locations in the state of Utah; and a variety of organizations state-wide have enlisted to participate as community sponsors in company with law enforcement and local governments. There will be a variety of safety-related activities at each site, and each participating agency will have a pledge poster so everyone in the community can sign and pledge safety on behalf of those they love.

We all care about the safety of our youth. The goal of Partners In Safety is to bring us all together to deliver the message of safety. I encourage everyone dedicated to safety to pledge to make a difference in your community by reaching the youth you know—talk to your children, grandchildren, students, teammates, troops, packs and church groups.

Begun by Ogden volunteers, Girl Scouts of Utah has been in existence since 1920 and has been committed to principles of pluralism, respect, and community service since inception. Utah Girl Scouts have delivered handmade quilts to hospitals around Utah, decorated Christmas trees for the Festival of Trees, organized and attended hundreds of community service projects, increased their knowledge of finance during the Girl Scout cookie sale, learned about themselves and others, gained more respect for diversity, and participated in initiatives in science, sports, leadership, environmental education, and outdoor exploration. Recently, Girl Scouts of Utah

was named a proud recipient of the 2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award from the Utah Human Rights Commission in recognition of their steadfast devotion to diversity. Utah Girl Scouts have gotten a jump start on their way to becoming happy, committed, and resourceful citizens.

Throughout its long history, Girl Scouts experienced many milestones made possible by the strength and dedication of countless farsighted individuals—mostly volunteers—who tirelessly served girls and promoted Girl Scouting. We simply have no greater resource than our children; they represent our Nation's future. I commend the Girl Scouts of the USA for their tireless efforts on behalf of our children and families.●

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, treaties, and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2207. A bill to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services.

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-6679. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 or March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6680. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 C.F.R. Parts 703 and 704, Investment and Deposit Activities; Corporate Credit Unions" received on March 8, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6681. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, the Department of Commerce's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6682. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to fiscal year 2005 appropriations for the United States Coast Guard and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6683. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FNVSS No. 213, Response to Campbell Petition" (RIN2127-AJ15) received on March 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6684. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Standards; Child Restraint Systems; Interim Final Rule on Seat-Mounted Vests" (RIN2127-AI88) received on March 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6685. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation of Household Goods; Consumer Protection Regulations; Interim Final Rule; Technical Amendments" (RIN2126-AA32) received on March 9, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6686. 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: Three Mile Island Generating Station, Susquehanna River, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania [COTP Philadelphia 03-007]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on March 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6687. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (Including 4 Regulations): [CGD09-04-003], [CGD08-04-011], [CGD05-04-041]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6688. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: Commercial Boulevard Bridge (870), Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1059.0, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Broward County, FL. [CGD07-02-17]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on March 4, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6689. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of

the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the San Miguel Island Fox, Santa Rosa Island Fox, Santa Cruz Island Fox, and Santa Catalina Island Fox as Endangered; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AI28) received on March 3, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6690. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maryland Regulatory Program" (MD-051-FOR) received on March 3, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6691. A communication from the Chair, Good Neighbor Environmental Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to children's environmental health in the U.S.-Mexico border region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6692. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of Birmingham Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL#7634-9) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6693. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Massachusetts: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program; Revisions; State-Specific Modification to Federal Hazardous Waste Regulations, pursuant to ECOS Program Proposal; Extension of Site-Specific Regulations for New England Universities' Laboratories XL Project" (FRL#7634-4) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6694. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL#7634-3) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6695. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arizona: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL#7633-2) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6696. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Revisions to Regulations for General Compliance Activities and Source Surveillance" (FRL#7635-9) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6697. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; Puerto Rico" (FRL#7634-2) received on March 11, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6698. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled Fiscal Year 2003 Annual Federal Equal Op-

portunity Recruitment Program Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6699. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management, Budget, and Evaluation, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6700. A communication from the Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Government in Sunshine Act for the Mississippi River Commission; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6701. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6702. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6703. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-199, "Government Employer-Assisted Housing Program Teacher, Police Officer, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician Incentive Amendment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6704. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-369, "Emmaus Rehabilitation Project Real Property Exemption Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6705. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education Calendar Year 2002 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6706. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for September/October 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6707. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, a report relative to minority small business and capital ownership development; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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. GREGG (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2207. A bill to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2208. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reduce the amounts of reclamation fees, to modify requirements relating to transfers from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation