

hours for many different families under the care of the Hospice. They are both retired and have dedicated themselves to helping others in the community. Those at the Hospice of Eastern Idaho are fortunate to be able to call upon these outstanding individuals at any time to help patients and their families.

Larry and Evelyn Miller are Mormon missionaries, assigned to the Hospice of Eastern Idaho by the LDS Church. They serve as volunteer spiritual liaisons for patients and families, but also are available to give families respite care when needed. These volunteers have given hundreds of hours of respite care to many in need.

Donna Meyer has been a Hospice Volunteer since 1994 and has put in over a 100 hours helping patients. Since 2002, she has been visiting and reading to one particular patient who does not speak. Donna reads to her and puts cream on her face and hands to let her know that someone cares. Recently she purchased a bird feeder to place outside the patient's window so she might enjoy watching the birds. Donna connects with this woman, even though there is not a word spoken during the visit.

Dorothy Wayne has been a Hospice Volunteer since 1989 and has given over 100 hours to a variety of patients. She has traveled extra miles to stay with patients when necessary, often during the evening hours or even on weekends when needed. She is a retired nurse and uses her excellent training and experience to the benefit of all involved with the Hospice.

Fern Jones has been a Hospice Volunteer for 10 years while continuing to work full time. She has spent over 100 hours visiting patients during her lunch hour, after work, or on weekends when necessary. Soon she will retire. I am confident that her self-sacrificing spirit will continue to shine as she carries on with her important work.

Bob Siedelmann has been a Hospice Volunteer since 1999, and has volunteered for over 100 hours of service. He is always willing to stay with a patient, even if he has to change his plans to make the time work. Recently he attended the early service at his church so that he could be with a patient by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Bob's help and caring have improved the lives of many of the Hospice's male patients.

Vince Aquino has always been willing to visit with any patient, even if that patient did not know he was there and could not communicate with him. He has spent many hours in the secure units of more than one nursing home to be with patients suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's. He has been a Hospice Volunteer since 1999, putting in over 100 hours of service.

Connie Staffel is a professional counselor who works full-time at Eastern Idaho Technical College. Since becoming a volunteer last October, Connie has worked many Saturdays to facili-

tate a support group for grieving family members. In addition she has been available for patient care when her schedule permits. With her specialized training and experience, Connie has been a valuable resource for the Hospice.

Leora Cornia, a volunteer first with District 7 and now with Hospice of Eastern Idaho, has given 100 hours to a variety of patients. She is willing to give of her time to any and all that need her, though I am told her favorite activity is conversing with patients. Leora's service is invaluable to the Hospice and its patients.

Jim McCue is a volunteer who began with District 7 and now works with Hospice of Eastern Idaho. Jim has spent countless volunteer hours listening intently to his patients. He prefers to report on his visits in poetic form, and after visiting his most recent patient wrote: "I can already see it getting harder, I can already see it ending hard. I can already see it lasting too long, and not long enough." The Hospice Staff appreciates his insight and poetry as they work to assist the Hospice's patients.

When the Hospice had patients in the St. Anthony, Rexburg area, Barry Leeck of Chester was, for an extended period, the only volunteer close enough to be of assistance. He has always been willing to fit patients into his work schedule, and often visits patients after work or on his days off. His volunteer hours also include helping the Hospice office with clerical matters. I commend him for his service.

Domestic violence is a terribly destructive, hurtful thing. The victims of this horror need help and protection. The Family Service Alliance of Pocatello provides this support. Many women and children in southeast Idaho have been the beneficiaries of the safe haven provided by the Alliance. This organization also provides counseling to victims of rape. This important organization is truly representative of the "Spirit of Idaho."

It was an honor to present the Spirit of Idaho award to a group of dialysis patients from Coeur d'Alene. This group rides stationary bicycles to remain healthy during treatment. The group collectively set a goal to ride the miles equivalent to a biking trip across the United States. Their journey had a special destination for me—they were pedaling to Crapo, Maryland. As a result, this group is affectionately called the "Crapo Bikers." Day after day, these dedicated individuals biked for miles, moving a pin across the map of the United States. Despite adversity this group reached their goal. Their resolute determination stands as an example for all.

Jenny Busdon, a world champion gold medal recipient in cross country skiing, has worked on multiple fundraising projects over the past decade to benefit the Harriman Trail system and Galena Lodge in Sun Valley. She promotes increased participation in cross

country skiing and overall awareness of the sport. As a strong supporter of healthy living, and an avid sportsman, I applaud Jenny's efforts.

Carol Harlig of Ketchum is a two-time breast cancer survivor who mentors others with the disease and serves on numerous community boards for breast cancer awareness. She also serves at the Ketchum Library. Recently she also put together care packages for Blaine County troops stationed in Iraq. Even with all of these important responsibilities, Carol finds time to mentor at-risk elementary school children. She is a great example for others in Idaho.

I honor all Spirit of Idaho recipients, past and future, for their exceptional contributions and accomplishments. It is a privilege to pay tribute to these individuals for their important efforts on behalf of the citizens and communities of the great State of Idaho.●

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-5951. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two documents related to the Agency's regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5952. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2003 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5953. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Adjudicatory Process" (RIN3150-AG49) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5954. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting several documents related to the Agency's regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5955. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS-24P, -52B, -61BT, -32PT, and -24PHB Revision" (RIN3150-AH28) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5956. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting copies of Reports of Building Project Survey for Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Benton, IL, Greensboro, NC, and Sioux Falls, SD; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5957. A communication from the Program Analyst, Directorate Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Navy Restricted Area Cooper River and Tributaries, Naval Weapons Station Charleston, Charleston, SC" received on December 30, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5958. A communication from the Program Analyst, Directorate Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Navy Restricted Area, Naval Weapons Statin Earle, Sandy Hook Bay, New Jersey" received on December 30, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5959. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Solicitor, Department of the Interior, received on December 30, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5960. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) for documents that the Agency has recently issued; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5961. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Phase 2 Requirements for Spark-Ignition Nonroad Engines at or Below 19 Kilowatts" (FRL#7606-1) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5962. 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; Kentucky Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL#7601-2) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5963. 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; State of Iowa; Correction" (FRL#7608-3) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5964. 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; State of Kansas" (FRL#7608-9) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5965. 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; State of Missouri" (FRL#7608-8) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5966. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revisions, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL#7607-6) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5967. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL#7600-9) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5968. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Implementation Plans; States of Arizona, California, and Nevada; Correction" (FRL#7609-4) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5969. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Biscayne Aquifer Storage and Recovery Program located in Miami-Dade County, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5970. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 71—Compatibility with IAEA Transportation Safety Standards (TS-R-1) and Other Transportation Safety Amendments" (RIN3150-AG71) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5971. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Standardized NUHOMS-24P, -52B, -61BT, -32PT, -24PHB, and -32PT Revision" (RIN3150-AH36) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5972. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-UMS Revision" (RIN3150-AH25) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5973. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1998, 1999, and 2000 Annual Reports compiled by the Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species by Federal and State agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification that the Deputy Secretary of State has determined that the export to Iraq of composite armor panels for uses other than body armor is in the national interest of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5975. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the lack United Nations' grants of official status, accreditation, or recognition to any nation which promotes, condones, or seeks the legalization of pedophilia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5976. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning an amendment to Part 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, promulgated pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5977. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5978. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a copy of Presidential Determination

2004-07 relative to military assistance under the Rome Statute and an accompanying report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5979. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5980. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a copy of Presidential Determination 2004-17 relative to military assistance under the Rome Statute and an accompanying report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5981. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of vacancy for the position of Assistant Administrator, Agency for International Development received on December 30, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5982. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice" (Notice 2004-3) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5983. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Letter Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2004-1) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5984. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2003-4" (Rev. Proc. 2004-4) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5985. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting With Respect to Foreign Disregarded Entities" (Announcement 2004-4) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5986. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abusive Roth IRAs" (Notice 2004-8) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5987. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Income for Trust Purposes" (RIN1545-AX96) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5988. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit for Increasing Research Activities" (RIN1545-AY82) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5989. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Deduction and Capitalization of Expenditures" (RIN1545-BA00) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5990. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores" (Rev. Rule 2004-7) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5991. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Agent for Certain Purposes" (RIN1545-AY94) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5992. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous" (Rev. Proc. 2004-13) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5993. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Agent for Certain Purposes" (RIN1545-AY94) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5994. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous" (Rev. Proc. 2004-13) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5995. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2003-6" (Rev. Proc. 2004-6) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5996. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2003-5" received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5997. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improper to Proper Depreciation Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2004-11) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5998. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 2004-7) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5999. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 2003-8" (Rev. Proc. 2003-8) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6000. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Computing Depreciation" (RIN1545-BC17) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6001. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 42 Carryover and Stacking Rule Amendments" (RIN1545-BA85) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6002. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Video Teleconferencing Appeal" (RIN0960-AE97) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6003. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to outpatient dialysis payment rates; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6004. A communication, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Medical Devices: Classification of the Dental Sonography Device and Jaw Tracking Device" (Doc. No. 200N-0305) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6005. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to increasing health care to non-elderly, low-income populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6006. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Administrator for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule on Head Start Transportation" (RIN097-AC16) received on January 20, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6007. A communication from the President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact, transmitting, the report of a resolution regarding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 129. A bill to provide for reform relating to Federal employment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-223).

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. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2031. A bill to authorize the States to implement such mechanisms as are necessary in a time of national crisis to ensure the continuity of the Senate in the event that a quorum of the Senate is not present due to the inability of members of the Senate to discharge the powers and duties of their office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2032. A bill to provide assistance and security for women and children in Afghanistan and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2033. A bill to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2004, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 664

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to ensure the continuation of non-homeland security functions of Federal agencies transferred to the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to ensure an appropriate balance between resources and accountability under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1326

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to establish the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce.

S. 1354

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1398, a bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes.