

IN RECOGNITION OF DAN TERRY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I today honor of Dan Terry, who will be retiring this May after 31 years of service as president of the California Professional Firefighters, CPF, a statewide organization representing more than 30,000 career firefighters in over 150 affiliated local unions.

America's firefighters are the heroes of our times. We know that they are always going to be there protecting us through any challenge.

For more than three decades, as firefighters have protected us, Dan Terry has been protecting them. He has fought for safer working conditions and worked to increase firefighter education, training, and staffing.

Thanks largely to his extraordinary efforts, California firefighters are now covered by statewide legislation that guarantees binding interest arbitration, enhanced retirement benefits, survivor benefits, and firefighter illness presumption laws. Dan Terry has also fought to protect firefighters' right to earn overtime pay as well as disability and workers' compensation benefits.

A retired fire captain with more than 20 years of service on the front lines, Dan Terry was elected CPF president in May 1973. After 31 years in office, he remains passionate and dedicated to the cause of improving the lives of California firefighters and their families. Even after leaving the presidency of CPF, he will remain active in the organization and in the service of California families and the courageous firefighters who protect them every day.

On behalf of the people of California, I express our profound gratitude and admiration to Dan Terry for his outstanding service to our State. •

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

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-6708. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerances Fees; Suspension of Collec-

tion" (FRL#7349-7) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6709. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of the Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of desktop computer management services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6710. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6711. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, Department Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a project for ecosystem restoration for Villas and Vicinity, Cape May County, New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6712. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act within the Research and Education account and the Extension Activities account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6713. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of all expenditures during the period April 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003 from moneys appropriated to the Architect; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6714. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by Executive Order 12957 relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6715. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6716. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metal-Cored Candlewicks Containing Lead and Candles with Such Wicks" (68 FR 19142) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6717. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Coast Guard's implementations of regulations under Public Law 104-55; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6718. A communication from the Under Secretary for Commerce and Industry, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Administration Regulations: Penalty Guidance in the Settlement of Administrative Enforcement Cases" (RIN0694-AC92) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6719. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Government's use of voluntary consensus standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6720. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Cirsium Loncholepis (La Graciosa Thistle)" (RIN1018-AG88) received on March 15, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6721. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7628-3) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6722. 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; Maine; Approval of State Implementation Plan Revision to PM10 PSD Increments" (FRL#7625-3) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6723. 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; Technical Correction" (FRL#7636-9) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6724. 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; Indiana" (FRL#7626-7) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6725. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community-Based Urban and Peri-Urban Drinking Water Capacity-Building in Africa" received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6726. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products; Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Timber Products Point Source Category List of Hazardous Air Pollutants; Lesser Quantity Designations, Source Category List" (FRL#7634-1) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. DASCHLE:

S. 2223. A bill to expand the list of entities eligible to establish and maintain a qualified tuition program under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2224. A bill to establish the Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CAMPBELL):

S. 2225. A bill to authorize an exchange of mineral rights by the Secretary of the Interior in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 2226. A bill to extend the period for COBRA coverage for recipients of trade adjustment assistance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 2227. A bill to prevent and punish counterfeiting and copyright piracy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2228. A bill to authorize the issuance of a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade and fisheries for the vessel CROYANCE; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 323. A resolution to authorize legal representation in United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to support the Federal Excess Personal Property program of the Forest Service by making it a priority of the Department of Defense to transfer to the Forest Service excess personal property of the Department of Defense that is suitable to be loaned to rural fire departments.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities

at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1786

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1786, a bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to enhance peace between the Israelis and Palestinians.

S. 1992

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate privatization of the medicare program, to improve the medicare prescription drug benefit, to repeal health savings accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1998

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1998, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 2054

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2054, a bill to require the Federal forfeiture funds be used, in part, to clean up methamphetamine laboratories.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to improve the governance and regulation of mutual funds under the securities laws, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide direct congressional access to the office of the Chief Actuary in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on soybean base acres.

S. 2157

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2157, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the trade adjustment assistance program to the services sector, and for other purposes.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2158, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

S. 2165

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2165, a bill to specify the end strength for active duty personnel of the Army as of September 30, 2005.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to permit the planting of chicory on base acres.

S. 2193

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, a bill to improve small business loan programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, supra.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2193, supra.

S. 2194

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2194, a bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve the collection of child support, and for other purposes.

S. 2208

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of 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 Fund, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas