

As the commander of the Europe Regional Medical Command, General Ursone led a health care system comprised of a medical center, two hospitals, and 27 clinics. This medical command supported operations spanning over three continents—Europe, Africa and Asia—while simultaneously providing healthcare to over 250,000 soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians from the Department of Defense. In subsequent assignments as the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Sustainment and the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection from June 2002 to June 2004, General Ursone's leadership was integral in preparing the Army Medical Department to serve our troops in their efforts against the new and unfamiliar threat of global terrorism.

As chief of the Medical Service Corps, General Ursone has unified the most diverse group of specialties in the Army. His commitment to leader development and mentoring of junior officers helped the Corps achieve annual increases in recruiting and retaining officers. General Ursone's vision and leadership have created opportunities for officers to serve our Nation while also achieving their own professional and personal aspirations.

Health care in the Army encompasses a staggering array of services, from basic medical and dental checkups to prescription medications to emergency care on the battlefield to vaccinations against biological and chemical threats. Officers serve as medical operations officers, healthcare administrators, medical logisticians, preventive medicine officers, allied scientists, behavioral science officers as well as optometrists and pharmacists.

To lead and manage such a wide and complex network, you need to be a special person—one who is able to think strategically and act appropriately for the time and circumstances. You need a leader who will take swift and decisive action in a crisis, like when General Ursone worked around the clock managing the evacuation and care of the victims of the USS *Cole* bombing. You need a compassionate leader capable of implementing Women, Infant and Child programs. Above all, you need a leader who recognizes that his decisions will have a tremendous impact on thousands and thousands of individual soldiers and their families. In each and every one of these critical areas, Richard Ursone has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Brigadier General Ursone's service and contributions to fellow soldiers and our Nation are eloquent testimony to his loyalty, dedication, talents, and abilities. General Ursone is not a physician. However, it is difficult to imagine any individual who has done more to ensure that every single soldier, family member and retiree in the U.S. Army receives the most advanced, efficient, and compassionate health care. His commitment to the men and women of our Armed Forces is truly an

inspiration to us all. I send him my best wishes on his well-deserved retirement. And on behalf of our Nation, I extend to him thanks and gratitude for a remarkable career of service. •

REPORT PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD ENTITLED "SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS—2004"—PM 75

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I transmit herewith a report prepared for the Congress and the Administration by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2004." This report represents the sixteenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 22, 2004.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:25 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. 1779. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3147. An act to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building".

H.R. 3970. An act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry research and Development Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4019. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

H.R. 4030. An act to establish the Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education programs to recognize private entities for their outstanding contributions to elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

At 5:25 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. 2844. An act to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, 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. 1779. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3147. An act to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3970. An Act to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4019. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4030. An act to establish the Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education programs to recognize private entities for their outstanding contributions to elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3550. An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2844. An act to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, and for other purposes.

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-7194. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Tolerance Exemptions for Certain Biopesticides" (FRL7353-5) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7195. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the National Guard Challenge Program dated March 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7196. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of legislation entitled "Support of Sensitive Military Operations to Combat Terrorism" as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7197. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandated Electronic Filing for Form ID" (RIN3235-AJ09) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7198. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for FY 2004" (RIN3150-AH37) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7199. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations and Classifications for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Early Action Compact Areas with Deferred Effective Dates" (FRL7651-8) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7200. 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; Arizona" (FRL7651-1) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7201. 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, Finding of Attainment, and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; 1-Hour Ozone Standard, East Kern County, California" (FRL7641-7) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7202. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of RFP for Capacity Building Project in NIS" received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7203. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone Standard; Determination Regarding Applicability of Certain Clean Air Act Requirements; Approval and Promulgation of Ozone Attainment Plan; San Francisco Bay Area, California" (FRL7645-7) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7204. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL7651-4) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7205. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Action to Stay and Defer Sanctions Based on Attainment of the 1-Hour Ozone Standard for the San Francisco Bay Area, California" (FRL7645-8) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7206. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revi-

sions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7640-7) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7207. 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, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7650-4) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7208. 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" (FRL7651-3) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7209. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "South Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL7653-2) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7210. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" (RIN1855-AA00) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7211. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Community Service Employment Program; Final Rule" (RIN1205-AB28) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7212. A communication from the Acting Assistant Director, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000; Amendments Contained in the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act of 2002" (RIN1105-AA75) received on April 22, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 328. Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 310. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2270. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

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 Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2334. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2335. A bill to amend part A of title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance teacher training and teacher preparation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2336. A bill to expand access to preventive health care services and education programs that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce infection with sexually transmitted disease, and reduce the number of abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2337. A bill to establish a grant program to support coastal and water quality restoration activities in States bordering the Great Lakes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2338. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2339. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the coordination of prescription drug coverage provided under retiree plans and State pharmaceutical assistance programs with the prescription drug benefit provided under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. REED):

S. 2340. A bill to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2341. A bill to amend the Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986 to expand the National Practitioner Data Bank; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2342. A bill to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness, to establish the Seng Mountain and Crawfish Valley Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2343. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.