

for women in access to health care. I have long been concerned about the status of women's health care policies in the United States. That is why I have supported several bills and policy changes to improve women's health status.

For too long, the Federal Government failed to recognize the health differences between men and women. For example, for many years clinical trials run by the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, often excluded women. As a result, safety and efficacy standards failed to take into account the physiological differences between men and women. That is why I have worked with the FDA to increase the number of women included in these important clinical trials.

One way to ensure that we continue to make steady improvements on women's health issues is to ensure that our public health agencies work in a coordinated manner to consider the public health impact on women of a range of health issues. We can accomplish this goal by passing the Women's Health Offices Act, which statutorily establishes Offices of Women's Health at all of our public health agencies.

While we have made progress we need to continue efforts to focus on the fact that women's health research is key to the future of improving and saving more lives. As a result of such research, death rates have decreased for women with tumors of the cervix, breast, uterus, and ovary. Quality of life has also improved for cancer patients through the development of less invasive surgical techniques, organ-sparing treatments, and better control of pain and nausea related to chemotherapy.

Women's health is an issue I take very seriously. My two sisters both had breast cancer and died of the disease, in a time before regular mammograms and improved treatment methods were widely used or available.

I believe that we must work together in a bipartisan manner to refashion our health care system so that all Americans, especially women, have access to the high quality care they deserve at an affordable price.●

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I extend my appreciation to my spring 2005 class of interns: Sarah Krantz, Matt Hill, Lauryn Douglas, Matt Drake, Stephanie Strasko, John Anderson, Ben Taylor, Stacey Shin and Kathryn Anderson. Each of them has been of tremendous assistance to me and to the people of Iowa over the past several months.

Since I was first elected to the Senate in 1984, my office has offered internships to young Iowans and other interested students. Through their work in the Senate, our interns have not only seen the legislative process, but also personally contributed to our Nation's democracy.

It is with much appreciation that I recognize Sarah, Matt, Lauryn, Matt, Stephanie, John, Ben, Stacey and Kathryn for their hard work this spring. It has been a delight to watch them take on their assignments with enthusiasm and hard work. I am very proud to have worked with each of them. I hope they take from their spring a sense of pride in what they have been able to accomplish, as well as an increased interest in public service and our democratic system and process.●

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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 4, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 19. Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 20. Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2005, the enrolled joint resolutions were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER) during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 4, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 29) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 127. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Re-

public of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building".

H.R. 1185. An act to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1542. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 47. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

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 amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1268) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditions construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 101(f)(3) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1320b-19), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Ms. Loretta Goff of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Timothy J. Johnson or Minnetonka, Minnesota.

The message further (42 U.S.C. 1975 note), the order of the House of January 4, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a six year term expiring May 3, 2011: Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the

House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Joseph Cooper of Maryland.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolutions were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1185. An act to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1542. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.J. Res. 47. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 975. A bill to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 981. A bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred.

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-2018. A communication from the Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft bill entitled "Individual Indian Money Account Pool Adjustment Act of 2005" received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2019. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004 entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2020. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, a report of

proposed legislation relative to the amendment of section 161k of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2021. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2022. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Appropriations Act of 2005; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2023. A communication from the Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on certain activities pertaining to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2024. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Zopiclone into Schedule IV" (Docket No. DEA-262F) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2025. A communication from the White House Liaison and Executive Director, White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third Annual Report of the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2026. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education Calendar Year 2003 Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2027. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting the annual report for 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2028. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Prison Industries, Inc. Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2029. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Courts Jurisdiction Clarification Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2030. A communication from the Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on amendments to federal sentencing guidelines, policy statements and official commentary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2031. A communication from the Chief Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to *J.L. Simmons, Inc. v. United States*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2032. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preservation of Biological Evidence under 18 U.S.C. 3600A" ((OAG 109) (RIN1105-AB10)) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2033. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six month periodic report in the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2034. A communication from the Chairman, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2035. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Broker-Dealers Deemed Not To Be Investment Advisers" (RIN3235-AH78) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2036. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the General Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts" received on May 3 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2037. A communication from the General Council, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR 65) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2038. A communication from the General Council, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR 64) (Docket No. FEMA-7861)) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2039. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Sound Condition: Aggravation of a Disability by Active Service" (RIN2900-AL90) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2040. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Copayment for Smoking Cessation Counseling" (RIN2900-AM11) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2041. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Hybrid Adjustable Rate Mortgages" (RIN2900-AL54) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. BURNS:

S. 977. A bill to include claims for injuries and death due to exposure during certain time periods from fallout emitted during the Government's above-ground nuclear tests in Nevada that exposed individuals who lived in the downwind affected area in the State of Montana; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):