

the New Jersey Highway Authority. Additionally, Joe oversaw the remediation of New Jersey's E-Z Pass system, and the introduction of Express E-Z Pass.

Over the past 17 years of Joe's service on the Board of Governors of Hackensack University Medical Center, no one has had a greater hand in making Hackensack the respected and sought out institution it is today. As chairman of the board, Joe has worked tirelessly to raise money for the expansion of hospital programs. This money means more access to medical treatments, increased technology, and better financial assistance for low-income patients.

Additionally, Joe has dutifully served on numerous boards of directors, including New Jersey City University, the New Brunswick Development Corporation, the National Association of Water Companies, and the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships. As a result of his hard work, Joseph Simunovich has helped improve the quality of life for thousands of families living throughout New Jersey.

Dedicated to both his community and family, Joe is married and has two children and several grandchildren. He received his bachelor's degree from Colgate University and masters in business management equivalent from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and completed postgraduate coursework at the Carnegie Institute and guest lectured at Rutgers University School of Business.

There is no doubt Joseph Simunovich is an exemplary leader and a profoundly committed individual who is a true role model for the nation. Therefore, I am pleased to pay tribute to Joseph Simunovich, and know my colleagues will join in wishing him continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO WARNE NUNN

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, one of the privileges of representing Oregon in the U.S. Senate is having the honor of serving in the seat held for 30 years by Mark Hatfield. During his nearly half century of service to the people of Oregon as a State Representative, State Senator, Secretary of State, Governor, and U.S. Senator, Mark Hatfield earned a reputation for honesty and integrity. He also earned a reputation for having an outstanding staff—staff who often went on to outstanding careers in public service in their own right.

I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most distinguished of the "Hatfield Alumni," Warne Nunn, who passed away earlier this week in Oregon at the age of 86. Warne Nunn served as chief of staff to Mark Hatfield during his 8 years as Oregon's Governor, and when Oregonians sent Mark Hatfield to the U.S. Senate in 1966, Warne Nunn came east to help open up the Senate office.

Mr. Nunn's heart, however, was in his beloved Oregon, and he soon returned

home, where he was to make numerous positive contributions for four more decades. As a long-time executive with Pacific Power and Light, Warne Nunn was a respected leader in Oregon's business community. It was, however, through his philanthropic leadership where Warne Nunn left a legacy that should inspire us all.

As a long-time member and chairman of the Willamette University Board of Trustees, Warne Nunn was a passionate advocate for quality education. His commitment to education could also be seen in the leadership he provided as a long-time trustee of the Meyer Memorial Trust, one of the largest and most generous philanthropies in the Pacific Northwest. During its 25-year history—throughout which Warne Nunn has served as a trustee or trustee emeritus—Meyer Memorial Trust has donated nearly \$420 million to countless worthy causes.

Senator Hatfield once told me of a journey he made to the Calcutta slums with Mother Teresa. During that journey, Senator Hatfield asked Mother Teresa how she could go on day after day, knowing that for every life she touched, there were thousands of lost souls she would never reach. She responded by saying: "God does not call us to be successful. He calls us to be faithful."

There can be no doubt that Warne Nunn lived a successful life. But his family and friends will tell you that more important to Warne was the fact that he lived a faithful life. He was a faithful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a faithful friend. He was a faithful businessman, public servant, and philanthropic leader. Above all, he was a faithful servant of God. I join many fellow Oregonians in paying tribute to the life and legacy of Warne Nunn, and in extending my sincere condolences to his wife Delores and his entire family.●

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 treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Brandon, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills:

H.R. 923. An act to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2284. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

H.R. 2359. An act to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes.

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. 21. Concurrent resolution calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his call for the destruction of the State of Israel.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), amended by Public Law 108-375, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. DEFazio of Oregon, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. LAMBORN of Colorado.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2284. An act to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 21. Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURE DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and referred as indicated:

S. 1650. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2366. An act to reauthorize the veterans entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2359. An act to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, 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-2316. A communication from the Publications Control Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law Enforcement Reporting" (RIN0702-AA56) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2317. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance Appeals; Clarification of Enforcement Authority of the NCUA Board" (12 CFR Parts 745 and 747) received on June 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2318. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and the NASA Transition Act of 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2320. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2321. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Cooperative Conservation Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2322. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, and Winston-Salem Areas Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Clarification" (FRL No. 8328-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2323. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8135-5) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lactofen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8132-9) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2325. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8133-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2326. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Acrylic and Modacrylic Fibers Production, Carbon Black Production, Chemical Manufacturing; Chromium Compounds, Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production and Fabrication, Lead Acid Battery Manufacturing, and Wood Preserving" ((RIN2060-AN44)(FRL No. 8330-1)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2327. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Conservation Grant User Equity Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2328. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deemed IRAs in Governmental Plans/Qualified Nonbank Trustee Rules" ((RIN1545-BG46)(TD 9331)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2329. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burmese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 537) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment, including 15 F-5 A/B aircraft spare parts, valued at \$14,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2331. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2332. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of Gunner's Thermal Systems for Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2333. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the transfer of defense articles, technical data, and defense services for the LITENING Advanced Targeting Pods in support of the Australian F/A-18 Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2334. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles and services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more for the manufacture of selected components, and the assembly of the Korean Electro-Optical Tracing System for use by the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the Presidential Determination that suspends certain limitations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2336. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report summarizing the Department's activities during fiscal year 2006 under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2337. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2007 Annual Report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-138. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado concerning the 2007 Farm Bill, and, in connection therewith, continuing support for the Federal food stamp program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 07-003

Whereas, the provisions of the federal "Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002" (Farm Bill) that govern national food assistance programs are set to expire this year; and

Whereas, the Food Stamp Program (Program), our nation's first defense against hunger and a major component of the Farm Bill, bolsters the efforts of the national emergency food assistance system; and

Whereas, the Program is efficiently targeted to reach the urgent needs of people who have the most difficulty purchasing adequate food; and

Whereas, over 95% of benefits from the Program go to households with incomes below the poverty level, 80% of which benefits go to families with children, and nearly all of the remaining beneficiaries are elderly or disabled; and

Whereas, the error rates for overpayment and underpayment to beneficiaries under the Program have steadily declined for the last six years and are now at an all-time low; and

Whereas, the federal government fed some 26 million low-income people at a cost of \$31 billion, nearly double the federal expenditure for welfare cash assistance programs; and

Whereas, \$323 million in federal food stamp funds are currently received by Colorado, yet, if an additional 185,000 eligible individuals participated in the Program, as much as an additional \$158 million from federal funds would flow into the state; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that, for every \$5.00 in food stamp benefits, an additional \$9.20 is generated in local economic activity; and

Whereas, the Program pays dividends for low-income consumers, food producers and manufacturers, grocery retailers, and communities; and