

through healthy competition, our challenges can inspire us to excel. They unify those of us who watch them through shared pride and passion. Their victories leave our souls soaring high and our feet feeling light. In times of defeat, we are humbled by the fact that there is more work to be done to reach our team's victory.

The Olympic ideal is perhaps the best evidence that endurance, the desire to challenge oneself, and the pursuit of achieving top physical form are age-long endeavors. The events demonstrate that the will to compete in the athletic arena is nearly universal, crossing boundaries of culture and geography to bring together most of the world's nations. It is one of the great celebrations of the human spirit and one of the finest examples of our time of peaceful multi-national competition.

I am very proud of Ruthie and Stacy's accomplishments and the role that they will play in this international competition. I wish Ruthie, Stacy, and all the other athletes who are participating in the Olympics this year, the challenge of vigorous competition. May they again know the exaltation of pushing themselves to their limits and the roar of a crowd that lives vicariously through their triumph.●

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, today I rise to draw attention to a vital service upon which many older Americans depend: assisted living. I also want to pay tribute to those who work in this nation's assisted living facilities and dedicate their lives to making someone else's life a little easier.

Grandparents Day—Sunday, September 10—marks the beginning of the sixth annual National Assisted Living Week (September 10–16), sponsored by the National Center for Assisted Living. This year's theme is "The Art of Life," highlighting the creative new ways in which seniors are expressing themselves as they strive to maintain their independence and autonomy.

In the U.S., nearly 28,000 assisted living facilities accommodate more than 1.15 million people by providing supervision, assistance, and health care services. The need for assisted living services is growing with the rapidly increasing elderly population in America. Advances in medicine and technology have dramatically extended the ability of seniors to live independent lives without the need for assistance with daily functions. However, as seniors live longer, more of them eventually discover they need a helping hand in order to maintain the lifestyle to which they have become accustomed—a lifestyle they should not have to give up simply because they are growing older.

Just as we are full of excitement from new challenges in our adolescence, in our later years, after retire-

ment, we recognize that we cannot do it all ourselves. The difficult task is understanding when, after many years of easy mobility in life, an individual needs assistance. National Assisted Living Week promotes not only an increased quality of life for the elderly, but builds a team and network to accomplish this added quality of life by opening our eyes to the obstacles we can conquer if we only ask for a little assistance.

National Assisted Living Week provides an environment which brings together friends and family with the staff and volunteers of assisted living programs to discover and explore the contributions and services these facilities offer to their communities. These centers will hold many events this week to spotlight their activities and help educate the communities they serve. National Assisted Living Week works as a catalyst, by helping to create strong relationships involving all facets of the community, including places of worship, health care facilities, schools, and businesses.

During this National Assisted Living Week, I recognize the selfless efforts of those Minnesotans and many other caring Americans who help make dignity in retirement a reality, and I offer them my thanks as they promote assisted living as a quality way of life for America's elderly.●

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 two treaties and 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

At 6:47 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, without amendment:

S. 1027. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1117. An act to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 1937. An act to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities.

The message also announced that the House has heard with profound sorrow

of the death of the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia. That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral. That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of applicable accounts of the House. That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-10672. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proclamation relative to Nigeria; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10673. A communication from the Social Security Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Security Income; Determining Disability for a Child Under Age 18" (RIN0960-AF40) received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10674. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Agency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2000 National Pool" (Rev. Proc. 2000-36) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10675. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Other Red Rockfish in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10676. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/"Other flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10677. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Massachusetts" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10679. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10680. A communication from the Trial Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of nonconforming vehicles determined to be eligible for importation" (RIN2127-A117) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10681. A communication from the Trial Attorney of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees authorized by 49 U.S.C. 30141" (RIN2127-A111) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10682. A communication from the Attorney of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Advisory Notice; Transportation of Lithium Batteries" (RIN2137-AD48) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10683. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Internal Corrosion in Gas Transmission Pipelines; Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin" (RIN2137-AD52) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10684. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity" (RIN2127-AH72) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10685. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Property Reporting Requirements" received on September 8, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10686. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 777-200 Series Airplanes; docket no. 97-NM-260 [8-21/8-31]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0416) received on September 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10687. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Co. CF6-45, -50, 80A, 80C2, and 80E1 Turbofan Engines; docket no. 2000-NE-31 [8-21/9-7]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0435) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10688. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fairchild Aircraft, Inc. Models SA226-T, SA226-AT, SA226-TC, SA227-AT, SA-227-TT, and SA-227-AC Airplanes; docket no. 99-CE-62-AD [8-22/9-7]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0442) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10689. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc. RB211 Trent 768-60, Trent 772-60 and Trent 772B 60 Turbofan Engines; corrections; docket no. 2000-NE-05 [8-23/9-7]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0451) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10690. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Allison Engine Company Model AE 3007C Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 2000-NE-33-AD [9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0452) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10691. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Final Rule; request for comments, Raytheon Aircraft Company Models A65, A65-8200, 65-B80, 70, 95-B55, 95-C55, D55, E55, 56TC, A56TC, 58, 58P, 58TC, and 95-B55B (T42A) Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-CE-53-AD [9-22-9-11]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0453) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10692. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524D4 Series Turbofan Engines Docket No. 2000-NE-23-AD [9-22-9-11]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0454) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10693. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aerospaciale Model ATR42-300, -300, and -320 Series Airplane Docket No. 97-NM-270-AD [10-11-9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0455) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10694. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Kaman Model K-1200 Helicopters Docket No. 2000-SW-32-AD [9-26-9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0456) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10695. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aerospaciale Model ATR42 and ATR72 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-183-AD [10-13-9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0458) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10696. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300, A300-600, and A310 Series Airplanes Docket No. 2000-NM-54-AD [10-13-9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0459) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10697. A communication from the Program Assistant of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes Docket No. 99-NM-75-AD [8-17-9-11-00]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0462) received on September 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10698. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to importing noncomplying motor vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10699. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to insulin-treated diabetes mellitus; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10700. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Bicycle Safety Education Curriculum; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10701. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transportation's research and development plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10702. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Singapore and Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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. WYDEN:

S. 3026. A bill to establish a hospice demonstration and grant program for beneficiaries under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 3027. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and transfer certain land; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 3028. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a transitional adjustment for certain sole community hospitals in order to limit any decline in payment under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3029. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII to stabilize the Medicare+Choice program by improving the methodology for the calculation of Medicare+Choice payment rates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.