COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIDWELL PARK

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the City of Chico as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Bidwell Park, which is a significant part of Chico’s identity and its crown jewel.

Bidwell Park was established in July of 1865 when Annie Bidwell, wife of Chico’s founding father, John Bidwell, gave the City 1,902 acres of their ranch, Rancho del Arroyo Chico. Since that time, the City has purchased additional land, enlarging the park to its present day size of approximately 3,670 acres, making it the largest municipal park per capita in the United States.

Bidwell Park has a long history with the people of Chico and surrounding areas. It is the park nearest to many of America’s classic movies such as the Adventures of Robin Hood, starring Errol Flynn, Gone with the Wind and Red Badge of Courage were filmed in Bidwell Park using the Park’s natural setting and wild landscape as a backdrop.

Today, the City of Chico estimates that there are between 150,000 and 200,000 visits to Bidwell Park every year. Citizens who visit the Park can take advantage of wide-ranging recreational opportunities such as cooling off in one of the countless swimming holes or making the most of approximately 72 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

Bidwell Park also serves as an ideal venue for numerous community events such as Chico’s 4th of July Community Celebration held at the One-Mile Recreation Area and the Annual Shakes Are D-Movie in the Park. So, too, is there perhaps a reason why there have been over 72,000 students nationwide participating in Dwarf Town Theatre’s creative writing contest that gives middle school children the opportunity to express themselves about community problems including guns, gangs, drugs, and violence. The students are asked to identify actions they can take to help address such issues.

The Do the Write Thing Challenge, or DTWT, was created in 1994 and is sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence. DTWT currently operates in 22 cities and counties, including Detroit, MI. More than 32,000 students nationwide participated in DTWT by written submissions and by pledging not to engage in violence. Since its creation, more than 145,000 students have participated in the DTWT Challenge.

The national DTWT finalists from each participating jurisdiction recently came to Washington, DC to talk to lawmakers about youth violence and efforts to eliminate it. In addition, the finalists were honored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence at a national recognition ceremony. Among those honored were Samantha Medina and Michael Henderson of Detroit, MI. Samantha and Michael both addressed the issue of gun violence in their writings. In her poem, Samantha wrote about the constant threat that guns pose to her family and friends.

Michael wrote a personal essay about two friends and an uncle who were murdered by criminals using guns. Both students also chose to write about the importance of nonviolent solutions in resolving conflict and how the actions of individuals impact the safety of their entire community.

I congratulate Samantha and Michael, and the other DTWT national finalists as well as all of the participants across America for their achievements and the changes that come from the areas where they live. I believe Congress can do more to support their efforts.

Several pieces of legislation which would increase the number of police officers on our streets, increase resources for school and community violence prevention programs, and make it more difficult for criminals to obtain powerful weapons are currently awaiting further consideration in the Senate. I urge my colleagues to take up and pass these bills to make our families and communities more safe.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:


Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrollment bill:

H.R. 3377. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law authorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Under the authority of the order of July 21, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. McConnell).

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. 2601. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1389. A bill to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act.

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. VINOVIČ:

S. 1464. A bill to make a technical correction to the Act providing for the designation of the David Berger Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1463. A bill to strengthen programs relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science training by providing coordination of efforts, greater interagency cooperation, and the strengthening and expansion of related programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and to diversify the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science community by attracting underrepresented groups; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1466. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur R–E; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1467. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur BL XP 2468; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1468. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur HL; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1469. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur XP 2468; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1470. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur HL; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1471. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur RF–E; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1472. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to provide for the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the Anacostia Watershed in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1473. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1474. A bill to amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 to clarify the Permanent University Fund arbitrage exception and to increase from 20 percent to 30 percent the amount of securities and obligations benefitting from the exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1475. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cycloheptanone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1476. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on glyoxylic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 205. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi and recognizing his contributions to the United States on the 200th anniversary of his birth; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 206. A resolution designating August 2005 as "National Arthritis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the Russian Federation's religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1390. At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 390, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of ultrasound screening for abnormalities of the fetus under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1096. At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1293. At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1293, a bill to provide authorizations for appropriations for certain development banks, and for other purposes.

S. 1294. At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to establish a ser- vitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives.

S. 1300. At the request of Mr. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a voluntary program for the provision of country of origin information with respect to certain agricultural products, and for other purposes.

S. 1317. At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of umbilical cord units matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S. 1373. At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENIC) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1373, a bill to amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to modify provisions relating to criminal proceedings and civil actions, and for other purposes.

S. 1424. At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1418, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1425. At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1420, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees.

S. 1426. At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to remove the restrictions on commercial air service at Love Field, Texas.

S. RES. 198. At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORYBooker) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 198, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1980 worker's strike in Poland and the birth of the Solidarity Trade Union, the first free and independent trade union established in the Soviet-dominated countries of Europe.

AMENDMENT NO. 1354

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1354 intended to be propounded to S. 1300, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1356

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOYCH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1356 intended to be propounded to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year...