

acquisition from willing sellers; S. 879, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to limit acquisition of land on the 39-mile headwaters segment of the Missouri River, Nebraska and South Dakota, designated as a recreational river, to acquisition from willing sellers; S. 1167, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to exclude the South Dakota segment from the segment of the Missouri River designated as a recreational river; S. 1168, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to exclude any private lands from the segment of the Missouri River designated as a recreational river; S. 1174, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and S. 1374, a bill to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

205TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH CONSTITUTION

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Polish-American community and Polish people around the world on a very important occasion in world history. May 3, 1996, marks the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution.

The concept of a constitutional democracy was introduced to Poland by Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a hero of the American Revolutionary War. The similarities between the Constitution of the United States and Poland are numerous, including protection of sovereignty and national unity, securing of individual and religious freedom for all persons, separation of powers encompassed in the judicial, legislative, and executive branches, and power derived from the will of the people. These strong principles have endured in both countries, and has made Poland an independent nation and leader in Central-Eastern Europe.

I am pleased to be able to join Senator DOLE and my other Senate colleagues in cosponsoring Senate Joint Resolution 51 which commemorates this very important anniversary. My home State of Michigan has been blessed with a wonderful Polish-American community and I extend my warmest congratulations to them and to the national Polish-American community on the commemoration of this anniversary.●

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Southeastern Michigan Society of Hospital

Pharmacists. The society was founded in 1946 when a group of pharmacists decided that they needed a forum where they could exchange ideas and educate themselves about their evolving profession.

Today, the mission of the Southeastern Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists is still to provide an arena where pharmacists can keep abreast of new rules, regulations, and accreditation standards. The society promotes the continuing education of its members through periodic lectures. The society also seeks to educate the public every year through Pharmacy Week, Poison Prevention Week, and Child Immunization Week.

The society is a 600-member regional association of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. On May 11, 1996, the organization will hold a banquet to celebrate their 50th anniversary. This significant milestone is made even more special because it marks the first time a regional organization of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists has achieved such longevity.

I know my Senate colleagues join me in celebrating the great achievements of the Southeastern Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists over the past 50 years.●

HIGHLANDS UNION BANK

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am pleased today to have the opportunity to give well deserved recognition to a bank in my State. Highlands Union Bank in Abingdon, VA, recently received the U.S. Small Business Administration's top ranking as one of the Nation's top "small business friendly banks". The SBA Office of Advocacy defines small business lending as loans under \$250,000. I would like to commend Highlands Union Bank for this achievement. The ranking is based on many factors, including the number of loans given to small businesses, as well as the dollar values. They scored 49 out of a possible 50 points—the best in the State of Virginia.

As a member of the Senate's Small Business Committee, I believe very strongly in this Nation's small businesses. Small businesses are the job creators in our economy. Indeed, small businesses are the backbone of America. Highlands Union Bank is committed to serving small business, and providing opportunities for entrepreneurs. This financial institution believes in its community, and in helping people.

Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Mr. Sam Neese, CEO, for this outstanding recognition from the Small Business Administration. I also extend my best wishes to the staff, because I know full well they rightfully share in this honor. Highlands Union Bank is a shining example for banks across the country and I am proud to salute this Virginia institution for its hard work and accomplishments.●

HOLY CROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, this afternoon I had the privilege of meeting with 37 seventh-grade students from Holy Cross Elementary School in Dover, DE. Talking with these bright and energetic young people on the steps of the Capitol reminded me that I was about their age when I first began to develop an interest in government and consider a career in public service.

While we talked out there on this beautiful spring day, I noticed that I was not alone. A number of my colleagues were similarly engaged with young people from their own States.

Today the Senate passed important legislation on immigration reform, legislation which will have a profound impact upon the communities in which these young people are growing up. And I am glad that the students from Holy Cross had the opportunity to witness some of this important debate. It provides them with the opportunity to learn that what we do here has a real-life effect upon many, many Americans. It reinforces that point that young people, whether they are old enough to vote or not, have a stake in keeping abreast of public affairs, because it is their communities', their States', and their Nation's future that is being shaped by the actions we take here in the Halls of Congress.

It will not be too many years before those seventh-graders are our leading businessmen, teachers, doctors, and even Senators, and I think there are few things we as public officials can do that are as important as spending time with the young people who are the future of this country. I have always said that education is the best investment America can make, and as public servants, I believe we have a responsibility to encourage that investment whenever possible.

Beyond that, I honestly believe that spending time with bright, energetic, and thoughtful young people does us a lot of good. Because I never come away from meeting them without gaining a fresh perspective on some of the important questions and issues which confront us today. My meeting with the students from Holy Cross was no exception, and I am grateful to Ms. Marylou Soltys and Ms. Marie McCann and the 13 parent chaperones for bringing their students to Washington. I hope that they all enjoyed their visit, and benefited from our conversation, as much as I did.

I hope to see the day when they return to Washington as leaders in industry, education, medicine, and government.●

CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

• Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, Derrick Robie's tiny, battered body was discovered in the afternoon of August 2, 1993. The small town was shocked to find

that 13-year-old Eric Smith had murdered this 4-year-old child.

Investigators found an indicator of violent crime in Eric Smith's behavioral pattern: 1 year prior to killing Derrick Robie, Eric had strangled his neighbor's cat with a hose clamp. At the time, no one paid much attention to this so-called prank.

Mr. President, it is time that we took a serious look at animal abuse and its link to crimes against people. Perpetrators of serious animal abuse often lack empathy and respect for life in general. The absence of empathy is often manifested by striking, torturing and abusing an innocent animal. Abusing animals is a despicable act, and psychologists and criminologists tell us those who lack empathy for animals may also lack empathy for humans. As a result they may be predisposed to other violent behavior.

Violence begets violence. Child, spousal, and elder abuse are unfortunately too commonplace in our society. Often physical abuse is coupled with sexual abuse against a family member. Aggression is passed from one generation to another. In a hostile home environment, children often mimic their parents' abusive behavior. They become abusive to others, including the family pet, and learn that violence and cruelty are a way of life. Unless intervention occurs, this child is likely to continue violent acts to others, perhaps become an abusive spouse, and possibly commit other criminal acts.

The National Research Council and the Federal Bureau of Investigation agree that cruelty to animals is one childhood behavior that is a powerful indicator of violence elsewhere in the perpetrator's life. There is a strong probability that youths who abuse animals are themselves victims and perpetrators of violence.

Dr. Frank Ascione of Utah State University has been conducting research on the animal-people abuse phenomenon for more than 15 years. He has studied the common roots of violence toward people and animals and has found a strong correlation between animal abuse and people abuse. He is a leader among many researchers who have been scientifically studying this phenomenon since the 1970's. One study of 38 abuse victims at a crisis shelter found nearly 75 percent of women with pets reported their partner had threatened, hurt, or killed the animal. Researchers in child abuse cases found that in 88 percent of these family situations, the pet was also abused.

Violence is not an isolated event and animal abuse is often part of a larger cycle of violence. For this reason, violence toward animals must be taken much more seriously. Cruelty to animals can be a predictor of future violence and an indicator of the violence already in the perpetrator's life.

Experts in the family violence field instruct us to treat a single act of violence as indicators of past and future violence. Our public support systems

must be coordinated so when an adult or child abuses an animal, the animal control officer will notify other public health officials to determine whether there is evidence of child, spousal or elder abuse. The perpetrator of animal or people abuse may, himself, be a victim of sexual or other abuse. Further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified animal abuse as one of a cluster of juvenile behaviors that could suggest serious violent behavior later in life.

The good news is that experts are finding that compassion and empathy can be taught. Various schools across the country have recognized the linkage of animal and people violence. They have added specialized humane education to their curriculum in order to teach compassion and empathy.

In 1994 the National Research Council released a comprehensive study on understand and preventing violence, showing that childhood behavior is more important than teenage behavior in predicting future violent behavior. The report suggests that early prevention efforts have a greater potential for reducing adult crime than criminal sanctions applied later in life.

Cities and towns across the country are beginning to recognize the potential for further violence in the link between animal abuses and other abuses. Last year the city of San Diego enacted an unprecedented interagency agreement, requiring its children's services agencies to report to animal control officials suspected instances of animal abuse within 24 hours of becoming aware of it. Further, the animal control officers must report suspected child abuse to the proper authorities. These workers are cross trained to recognize signs of abuse in animals and people.

Other cities and States are strengthening penalties for animal abuse as well as requiring mental health care to be administered to the perpetrators of animal abuse. There is much to be done, and progress begins when those of authority become educated on the significance of animal cruelty.

It is the responsibility of our private and public support systems to recognize signs that a child is in trouble and intervene in an effective manner. The FBI has identified clusters of traits indicating problems: firesetting, cruelty to animals, truancy, et cetera. When there is fire setting, there could be sexual abuse. When there is truancy, there could be drug problems. When there is fighting, and cruelty to people or animals, the perpetrator could be responding to abuses he is suffering or has suffered. Most importantly these signals should not be treated as isolated events, but rather trigger responses from the educators, criminal justice professionals, public health officials, and animal control specialists, working in concert.

I believe that this cycle of violence merits further investigation. We must recognize there is continuity between

animal abuse and people abuse. Further research is needed on the predictable influences of violence. Meanwhile, we must take action on the known data. Individuals, the public health system, the criminal justice professionals, and the educators must coordinate their efforts in recognizing, intervening and preventing future violent acts.

In order to encourage more in-depth analyses of this link between people and animal violence, I have asked Attorney General Janet Reno to accelerate the Department of Justice's research in this area and to take appropriate action based upon what we already know. One particular area of interest to me is the education of prosecuting attorneys and judges regarding the correlation of animal cruelty to other crimes. While experts agree the penalties for such abuse should be stiffened, they are also in agreement that a mental health analysis of the entire family involved in an abusive case may be necessary.

I intend to continue my examination of violence prevention and I intend to continue investigating where the public support systems may be further strengthened in breaking this cycle of violence. The professionals in criminal behavior are reporting to us that violence has warning signals. It is our responsibility to recognize these signals and intervene swiftly and effectively.

Admittedly this is not an exact science. Every child that abuses an animal will not necessarily become a violent offender or become a victim of violence himself, but it would be a mistake to dismiss the strong correlation between animal and people violence. As a society, we must realize that violent behavior rarely exists in a vacuum. We must recognize at-risk youths who lack empathy and compassion for animals and other human beings. It is our responsibility to do all that we can to teach these personality attributes to our youth so that today's animal abusers don't continue these despicable actions and become tomorrow's dangerous felons, thereby perpetuating the cycle of violence that has taken such a devastating toll on our society. ●

SUPPORT FOR JUNK GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, one month ago, I introduced legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of junk guns—the cheap, easily concealable handguns of choice for criminals. This bill has attracted the support of 27 California police chiefs and sheriffs and numerous law enforcement and anti-crime organizations.

I ask that a list of supporters of the Junk Gun Violence Protection Act be printed in the RECORD.

The list follows:

SUPPORTERS OF THE JUNK GUN VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT

Chief Willie Williams, Los Angeles Police Department.