

I have known Dean for over a decade, and I am very proud of the important advances he has made in engineering. He has increased the quality of lives through his engineering feats not just in New Hampshire, but also the United States and the world. He represents the very best in science today: a man of great expertise, capability, and integrity. The Granite State is fortunate to have Dean working in our State. His innovations in engineering are priceless. Both Dean, as well as the other members of the National Academy of Engineering, are national treasures. I congratulate Dean Kamen on this distinguished honor; it could not have been bestowed on a more deserving individual.●

THE 1997 WALTER B. JONES MEMORIAL AND NOAA EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR COASTAL AND OCEAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, this morning the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] presented the 1997 Walter B. Jones Memorial and NOAA Excellence Awards for Coastal and Ocean Resource Management. A number of distinguished citizens, students, and public servants were honored for their commitment to the protection, conservation, and sustainable use of our Nation's precious coastal resources. I would like to offer my praise and admiration to all of the award recipients for their hard work and dedication to this critical area of ecological and economic concern.

Over one-half of the U.S. population resides within 50 miles of the coast. All of these people and the associated development and other activities that accompany them place extraordinary pressure on the ecosystems, watersheds, and communities on our coasts. Coastal areas provide incredible commercial, recreational, and aesthetic benefits to the American people. The Walter B. Jones and NOAA awards recognize individuals who have taken on the challenge of protecting these coastal areas and ensuring these benefits are not lost.

While I congratulate all of the award recipients, I would like to acknowledge two Washington State recipients in particular. Recipients of the Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study Award, Lillian Ferguson and John Field, from the University of Washington School of Marine Affairs. I am honored to have these two bright graduate students represent Washington State and our commitment to the protection of coastal areas.

Lillian Ferguson's works focuses on management of maritime transportation and marine protected areas. As a summer intern (1996) for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary [OCNMS] she developed a program for documentation and analysis of vessel traffic in the congested entrance and approaches to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Her work formed the basis for re-

cent implementation of the program by the OCNMS this year. This prototype program may be suitable for adoption in many similar situations in the United States and abroad. During the academic year 1996-97, Lillian is the Project Assistant for the Safe Marine Transportation Forum [SMART Forum]. In this capacity she promotes dialogue among more than 20 stakeholder interests on marine safety and transportation on Puget Sound. Lillian has also contributed as a research assistant to the National Coastal Zone Management Effectiveness Study recently completed for OCRM/NOAA. Her thesis work analyzes the development of interjurisdictional collaboration in managing marine environments between the NMS Program and the U.S. National Park Service. Lillian has made significant contributions with the work she has already completed. Her thesis should be quite informative and valuable in improving interjurisdictional cooperation between the NMS Program and other Federal and State entities.

John Field's work focuses on the initial impacts of regional climate change. For approximately 2 years John has been a Research Assistant in the Integrated Regional Assessment Program for the Pacific Northwest sponsored by NOAA through the Joint Institute for Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean [JISAO, Principal Investigator Ed Miles]. His role and responsibilities have been especially difficult to perform given the scant attention to systematic monitoring of coastal impacts. John has done a superb job of combining disparate data sets, anecdotal information, and informed experience to document key issues and trends relevant to projected Global Climate Change scenarios. His efforts form the stage on which interdisciplinary team-based integration can take place. John coauthored with Marc Hershman a report on this work and is currently completing his thesis documenting and expanding somewhat on the findings. This research should assist the development of coastal impact scenarios under regional climate change assessments elsewhere. Besides this work John has been the coordinator for a very successful joint seminar between the School of Marine Affairs and the fishing industry. In addition, John has been working during the summer on a seabed coring project led by Prof. Robert Francis to obtain Paleo-records of fish and shellfish abundance in the North Pacific.

Both of these award recipients have worked hard for the sake of our coastal resources in Washington State. As they move on from graduate work and enter the work force either in public service, nongovernmental organizations, or private industry, I know they will continue in their commitment to the protection, conservation, and sustainable use of our coastal resources. With students such as Lillian and John in our graduate schools, I am confident about

the future of our coastal areas as the challenges confronting these areas and those of us who care about them become increasingly complex. And to Lillian and John, congratulations.●

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Friday, October 24, in my hometown of Nashville, TN, the National Association of Women Business Owners/Nashville Chapter and the Nashville Foundation for Women Business Owners will recognize the establishment of an exciting and worthwhile project—The Women's Resource Center.

The first in Tennessee, the Women's Resource Center is designed to further enhance business opportunities for women, by providing technical assistance, training, and education. I am proud that Nashville is currently among the 10 fastest growing metropolitan areas for women-owned businesses, and this center will ensure continued economic growth and increase participation from women interested in founding and growing their own businesses.

Like most visionary ideas, this one would not have happened without community support, and women who clearly saw the need for the center and rose to the occasion to make their dream come true. My congratulations go to all of the Nashville members of the Foundation for Women Business Owners and the National Association of Women Business Owners, and especially to local entrepreneurs who as "founding mothers" provided the initial capital to match funds from the Small Business Administration.

When Alexis de Toqueville traveled this young Nation, he wrote, "If I were asked to what the singular prosperity and growing strength of the American people ought mainly to be attributed, I should reply—to the superiority of their women." His words still ring true today, and the realization of the Women's Resource Center is further testimony to the superiority and the achievements of these outstanding women business owners in Nashville, TN. I am honored to serve as their U.S. Senator.●

THE SALE OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING IN BAKERSFIELD, CA

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, during Senate consideration of the Fiscal Year 1998 Treasury Postal Appropriations bill, I submitted for the RECORD a list of projects which I found to be low-priority, unnecessary or wasteful spending, that circumvented the normal, merit-based prioritization process. On October 15, 1997, I forwarded this list to President Clinton and recommended he use his line-item veto authority to eliminate these projects. Included in this list was language contained in the Conference Report which directed that the Bakersfield Federal Building in California be sold.

It has been brought to my attention that this Federal building went through the proper screening process by GSA in order to ascertain if it was needed for any further Federal use. No Federal Government agency expressed an interest in utilizing this property.

Furthermore, I am informed that the sale of this property, through a process of competitive bidding, will result in a profit to the American taxpayer. The Conference Committee directed the sale of this building only after the GSA screening was completed and it was determined that this was in fact surplus Federal property.

Therefore, Mr. President, I applaud the actions of the Committee and Rep. BILL THOMAS of California, and withdraw my objection to the sale of this property as well as my recommendation that the President veto this provision.●

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 56, submitted earlier today by Senator SPECTER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 56

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on October 29, 1997, for a ceremony to honor Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

MEASURES JOINTLY REFERRED—S. 613 AND H.R. 1953

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 613 and H.R. 1953 be considered jointly referred to the Finance Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee.

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

MEASURE DISCHARGED AND REFERRED—S. 1268

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1268 and the bill be referred to the Environment and Public Works Committee.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and that the Indian Affairs Committee be immediately discharged from further consideration of the following nominations, and further that the Senate then proceed to their consideration:

Michael Naranjo, Jeanne Givens, Barbara Blum, Letitia Chambers.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

Michael A. Naranjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Jeanne Givens, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2002.

Barbara Blum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002.

Letitia Chambers, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2000.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 23. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately proceed to a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators

permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the exception of Senators FAIRCLOTH and FORD, 30 minutes; Senators CRAIG and HAGEL, 35 minutes; Senator FEINSTEIN, 15 minutes; Senator SHELBY, 10 minutes; Senator TORRICELLI, 15 minutes; Senators KEMPTHORNE and ROBB, 20 minutes.

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

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur on the modified amendment to S. 1173 at the hour of 11 a.m. on Thursday. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the cloture vote, the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the continuing resolution, H. J. Res. 97, regardless of the outcome of the first cloture vote.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, tomorrow morning following the period of morning business the Senate will conduct two consecutive rollcall votes beginning at 11 a.m. The first vote will be on cloture on the committee amendment to the ISTEA legislation, to be followed by a vote on passage of the continuing resolution.

If cloture is not invoked at 11 a.m. on Thursday, it is hoped that the second cloture vote will occur Thursday afternoon. Therefore, Members can anticipate rollcall votes throughout Thursday's session of the Senate.

It is the leader's hope that the Senate can make progress on the highway legislation—it is my hope, too, I might add—during tomorrow's session. In addition, if any appropriations conference reports become available, it would be expected that the Senate consider those reports in short order.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 23, 1997, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 22, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DARYL L. JONES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE SHEILA WIDNALL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RICHARD M. MCGAHEY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE ANNE H. LEWIS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM DALE MONTGOMERY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM J. LYNN III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER), VICE JOHN HAMRE.