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I pledge to lend my active support and encouragement to the South Dakota Community Foundation so we can return to Brookings, SD in another 10 years and celebrate continued community vitality.

LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2966

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, it is a distinct honor for me to congratulate the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2966 in Scotland, SD. On Saturday, members of the ladies auxiliary will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. This year marks five decades of outstanding service and support by the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the Scotland community.

The ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2966 received its charter on January 3, 1947. A group of 16 women were among the organization's charter members. I ask that their names be included in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

(See exhibit 1.)

As my colleagues know, the stated mission of the ladies auxiliary to any Veterans of Foreign Wars post is to promote patriotism and to maintain and extend freedom and equal rights to all Americans. For the past 50 years, the members of the ladies auxiliary in Scotland have been fulfilling that mission, and they have distinguished themselves with outstanding service to veterans and the community.

Some of the most important work these women have done over the years includes service and support to our veterans. Members of the ladies auxiliary pride themselves on doing a great deal of volunteer work in veterans hospitals and in nursing homes, as well as fund-raising for cancer research.

I would also like to point out that members of the ladies auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2966 reach out to young people and other nonveterans in the Scotland community. For instance, they conduct educational youth programs to promote patriotism. They also serve as much-needed role models to young people and provide examples to us all about what it means to serve one's country.

Mr. President, the members of the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2966 deserve to be commended for their 50 years of patriotism and service. As we prepare to celebrate Veterans Day next week, I know I speak on behalf of all South Dakotans

when I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their continued commitment and dedication to veterans and to the Scotland community.

EXHIBIT 1

Joyce Hosterman, Blanche Nelson, Gladys Keating, Lytha Barth, Angie Pillar, Iona Retzer, Emma Brown, Vi Kostlan, Bernice (Farmer) Cvrk, Emma Collinge, Elna (Nelles) Gemar, Leondina Orth, Ruth Hirsch, Della Wold, Martha Baker, Mae Brown.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2195. An act to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring of products that are made with forced labor.

H.R. 2676. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1119. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 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.

H.R. 2160. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2195. An act to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring of products that are made with forced labor; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2676. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and re-

form the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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-3279. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the White House Communications Agency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3280. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installation and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to outsourcing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3281. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to medical and dental care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1193. A bill to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-140).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 282. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 497. A bill to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes.

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 681. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building".

H.R. 1316. A bill to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

H.R. 2129. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

H.R. 2564. A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility".

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

H.R. 2610. A bill to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to extend the authorization for the Office of National

Drug Control Policy until September 30, 1999, to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 93. A resolution designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week", and for other purposes.

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

S. 191. A bill to throttle criminal use of guns.

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 336. A bill to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 508. A bill to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi.

S. 857. A bill for the relief of Roma Salobrit.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 1304. A bill for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1336. A bill for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

S. 1337. A bill for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

S. 1371. A bill to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Stanley Marcus, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Ann L. Aiken, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Jerome B. Friedman, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Frank C. Damrell, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Martin J. Jenkins, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

A. Richard Caputo, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

G. Patrick Murphy, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois.

Michael P. McCuskey, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Bruce C. Kauffman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Lynn S. Adelman, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Norman K. Moon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

G. Douglas Jones, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 1382. A bill to reform the naturalization process, to clarify the procedures for investigating the criminal background of individuals submitting applications in connection with certain benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1383. A bill to provide a 6-month extension of safety programs under ISTEA; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1384. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program available to the general public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1385. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1386. A bill to facilitate the remediation of contaminated sediments in the waters of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1387. A bill to authorize additional appropriations for the Department of Defense for ballistic missile defenses and other measures to counter the emerging threat posed to the United States and its allies in the Middle East and Persian Gulf region by the development and deployment of ballistic missiles by Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1388. A bill to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1389. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for prostate cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1390. A bill to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1391. A bill to authorize the President to permit the sale and export of food, medicines, and medical equipment to Cuba; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1392. A bill to provide for offsetting tax cuts whenever there is an elimination of a discretionary spending program; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1393. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the permanent extension of the incentives for alcohol used as a fuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1394. A bill to establish procedures to ensure a balanced Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 and to create a tax cut reserve fund to protect revenues generated by economic growth; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 1395. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the establishment of the Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1396. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to expand the School Breakfast Program in elementary schools; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. Res. 144. A resolution to express support for an interpretive site near Wood River, Illinois, as the point of departure of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CHAFEE,