

S. 419

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] were added as cosponsors of S. 419, a bill to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects, and for other purposes.

S. 509

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to provide for the return of certain program and activity funds rejected by States to the Treasury to reduce the Federal deficit, and for other purposes.

S. 563

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 563, a bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that donate equipment to nonprofit organizations.

S. 564

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to limit the civil liability of business entities providing use of facilities to nonprofit organizations.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 565, a bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that make available to a nonprofit organization the use of a motor vehicle or aircraft.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 566, a bill to limit the civil liability of business entities that provide facility tours.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to amend section 3006A of title 18, United States Code, to provide for the public disclosure of court appointed attorneys' fees upon approval of such fees by the court.

S. 657

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] were added as cosponsors of S. 657, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to make permanent the Na-

tive American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 735

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 735, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the Department of Defense loan guarantee program for small and medium-sized business concerns that are economically dependent on defense expenditures.

S. 766

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of S. 766, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 855

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 855, a bill to provide for greater responsiveness by Federal agencies in contracts with the public, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Federal retirement cost-of-living adjustments should not be delayed.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 29, a concurrent resolution recommending the integration of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the June 12, 1997, hearing to review the preliminary findings of the General Accounting Office concerning a study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park which is scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has been rescheduled.

The hearing will now take place on Thursday, July 10, 1997, at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, instead of on June 12, as previously scheduled.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING ARGONNE-WEST SCIENTISTS

• Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I rise today to give recognition to four very important individuals involved in the advancement of engineering and science relating to nuclear activities for our country, and specifically within the State of Idaho. I would like to commend Douglas C. Crawford, H. Peter Planchon, John I. Sackett and Bobby R. Seidel on their various efforts in this area which have warranted top awards from the American Nuclear Society.

These four scientists, all employees of the Argonne National Laboratory-West, have made tremendous advances in terms of the science involving the safe generation of nuclear power. For example, Dr. Douglas Crawford was awarded the Young Member Engineering Achievement Award which recognizes a series of experiments on reactor fuels. Dr. Crawford has become a widely recognized expert in the handling, management, and treatment of plutonium. He is also the manager of the Engineering Division's Materials Technology Section at Argonne-West.

Dr. H. Peter Planchon, who serves as an Associate Director of the Engineering Division, received the American Nuclear Society's Seaborg Medal which is awarded for outstanding long-term individual excellence in nuclear investigation and study. Dr. Planchon developed reactor modeling and experiments which have led to the use of passive response to accidents in sodium-cooled reactors. His work and efforts were demonstrated in a 1986 experiment in which Experimental Breeder Reactor—II, at the time operating at full power, was exposed to accident conditions. The reactor safely shut itself down without operator intervention. Thanks to Dr. Planchon's efforts, subsequent tests have shown that simplified nuclear plants could be safely designed for the future.

Dr. John Sackett's contributions to fast reactor technology, resulting in new and better approaches to plant protection and safety, have earned him great recognition and the honor of receiving the Walker Cislser Medal. This medal is a special award which recognizes outstanding scientific or engineering research achievements in the design and development of the fast breeder reactor as applied to electric power generation. Dr. Sackett's efforts truly are outstanding scientific achievements which have led to better plant operation. He currently serves as the Deputy Associate Laboratory Director for Argonne-West.

And finally, the American Nuclear Society's Public Communications

Award was given to Dr. Bobby Seidel for his exceptional service in communicating unbiased facts regarding nuclear power to the public, which, as you know, Mr. President, is not always an easy task. Dr. Seidel directs the student and faculty programs at Argonne-West and was the propelling strength behind the planning and construction of the nuclear energy display for the Idaho Falls-Bonneville County Museum. This is a particularly important exhibition of nuclear technology for the people of the Idaho Falls area because so many times a hands-on look at how this process works is a much more effective means of education, rather than merely reading about such technology in a pamphlet or newspaper.

The American Nuclear Society is a nonprofit, international agency comprised of individuals who represent more the 1,600 corporations, educational organizations, and Government agencies. These people, most of whom are engineers, scientists, educators, and students, have created an astounding membership number of over 17,000. Each year, the society chooses the top contributors to the institutes of nuclear science and engineering, and recognizes them with distinctive awards, specific to their fields of work. I am proud to know that this year a few of these awards were given to four outstanding Idaho citizens.

Again, Mr. President, I would like to commend these gentlemen on their accomplishments and contributions to the nuclear scientific and engineering community. These individuals are a valuable asset not only to Argonne-West, but to all of us who rely on nuclear power as an inexpensive, renewable, and reliable source of energy.●

THE BRONX RECEIVES RECOGNITION AS A TOP 10 ALL-AMERICAN CITY

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, the New York City borough once derided as "the worst slum in America" has been named an All-American City by the National Civic League. This achievement, announced last weekend by Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, is the result of a decade of hard work and careful planning. Improved economic conditions have spawned a renewal of spirit; a cultural and economic renaissance that gives hope for the future.

In his 1997 State of the Borough Report, President Ferrer writes, "Ten years ago, the Bronx was best known as the borough of window decals and trash-strewn vacant lots. Abandoned buildings. Illegal Medicaid mills. With its broken windows and broken dreams, the Borough of the Bronx stood as the international symbol of urban failure."

What a difference a decade can make. The National Civic League Award confirms what the residents of the Bronx already knew; their community has undergone an unprecedented trans-

formation. This metamorphosis is evidenced by strong economic growth, 522 new businesses, the preservation of the Old Bronx Borough Courthouse, improvements in transportation, 30,000 new housing units, new parks and recreational facilities, and a celebration of the cultural and ethnic diversity of the people of the Bronx.

President Ferrer, New York City officials and community leaders deserve our praise and our admiration. Together, they have earned an honor for the Bronx that makes all New Yorkers proud. In so doing, they have provided hope to other communities throughout the world. I ask that news stories from the New York Times and the Daily News be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

[From the New York Times, June 9, 1997]

THE BRONX IS NAMED AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

The Bronx—once called "the worst slum in America" by former President Carter—is one of America's top communities, the National Civic League said, announcing its annual top 10 All-American Cities.

Other winners were Fremont, Calif.; Hillside Neighborhood (Colorado Springs), Colo.; Aberdeen, Md.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Asheville, N.C.; Statesville, N.C.; Bismarck, N.D.; Aiken, S.C.; and Texas City, Tex.

The 48-year-old competition, sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, judges cities based on citizen participation, collaborative approaches to problem-solving, diversity and education, among other criteria. Each winner receives a \$10,000 grant.

Genevieve Brooks, the Bronx's deputy borough president, said strong grass-roots efforts have helped stem crime, improve neighborhood blight and open access to primary health care for the poor. "We are truly very excited that someone else sees the hard work that we have done," Ms. Brooks said.

[From the Daily News, June 9, 1997]

AWARD BRINGS CHEER TO BRONX

(By Bob Kappstatter)

Aaaay. Don't diss the Bronx anymore.

The gritty borough—once called "the worst slum in America" by President Jimmy Carter—has kicked its arson-scarred stereotype.

It has been named one of the top 10 All-American Cities by the prestigious National Civic League, which recognized it for its long battle against crime and drugs.

"We are no longer one of America's best kept secrets, but one of its strongest success stories," crowed Borough President Fernando Ferrer, who handily rattled off a list of the borough's urban renewal accomplishments.

They range from 30,000 new and restored units of housing, to 522 new businesses representing an \$460 million investment.

The 48-year-old competition, sponsored by the Allstate Foundation, judged 128 original entrants based on citizen participation, approaches to problem-solving, diversity and education, among other criteria.

Each winning community receives a \$10,000 grant.

Celeste Ortiz, a member of the Undercliff-Sedgwick Neighborhood Safety-Services Council who participated in the competition, said she was "excited to be living in a part of the city that is coming alive again."

"Our morale has changed and now we see the Bronx as part of the city, part of America," she said.

Genevieve Brooks, now Bronx deputy borough president, was one of the original driv-

ing forces that helped turn the ashes and rubble of Charlotte St. and places like it into blocks of sparkling new homes.

She said strong local efforts have helped stem crime, erase neighborhood blight and open access to primary health care for the poor.

"We are truly very excited that someone else sees the hard work that we have done," Brooks said.

Other winners announced Saturday night in Kansas City, Mo., were Fremont, Calif.; Hillside Neighborhood (Colorado Springs), Colo.; Aberdeen, Md.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Asheville, N.C.; Statesville, N.C.; Bismarck, N.D.; Aiken, S.C., and Texas City, Tex.

Some 120 communities applied for the reward.●

TRIBUTE TO THE ROBERTS VAUX MIDDLE SCHOOL MIGHTY BISHOPS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments of Senate business to congratulate a group of middle school students from Philadelphia. On April 29, the Roberts Vaux Middle School Chess Team won first place in their K-8 division at the National Scholastic Chess Championship in Knoxville, TN. Competing against 4,300 students from almost every State in the Union, team members also earned individual awards for the third and sixth best players in the Nation, as well as for the top sixth and eighth graders in their sections. Additionally, Vaux's Salome Thomas-El won a coach's award.

Collectively known as the Mighty Bishops, or the "Bad Bishops," Demetrius Carroll, Charles Mabine, Earl Jenkins, Anthony Harper, Anwar Smith, Denise Pickard, Latoria Spann, Alisca Shropshire, Tanisha Edwards, Tyeisha Falligan, Donzell White, Thomas Allen, and Ralph Johnson have worked hard for this victory. For instance, the Mighty Bishops practiced at least 5 days per week for 3 hours each day. They used a library of chess books and some computer programs to learn strategies for all aspects of the game. More importantly, they sharpened their problem solving, critical thinking, and decisionmaking skills—skills that will help them not only in competition, but also in life.

Prior to winning the national championship, the team secured significant victories at other competitions. This past January, the Mighty Bishops received first place individual and fourth place team trophies at the Greater New York Junior High Chess Championship. At the U.S. Amateur Team Championship in Parsippany, NJ, Vaux received the top record of any middle school. I would also note that the Mighty Bishops placed second at the Pennsylvania State Championships.

Mr. President, I am proud of these students. These bright young people are a credit to themselves, their school, their families, and their community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mighty Bishops and in extending the Senate's best wishes for continued success.●