

Armstrong has done a great deal to encourage public outreach and coordination between Federal, State, and local response resources.

FEMA is the central agency within the Federal Government responsible for emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. The position for which Mr. Armstrong has been nominated, Associate Director of Mitigation, carries out FEMA's policies and programs to eliminate or reduce risks to life and property from natural hazards such as floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes.

Federal emergency management has always focused primarily on how to respond to a disaster, after it strikes. We in Congress are no different; almost every year, we pass supplemental emergency appropriations legislation to pay for the additional, unanticipated costs of timely disasters.

FEMA is beginning to place greater emphasis on the mitigation or prevention of long-term risks before the disaster strikes. The purpose of this shift in focus is hopefully to reduce liabilities and ultimately to reduce the cost of disaster response. This appears to be a smart move, and we are all eager to see FEMA succeed in carrying out this initiative.

If confirmed, Mr. Armstrong will lead FEMA's efforts in mitigating the risks of natural disasters. This task is not an easy one, but I am confident in Mr. Armstrong's ability to face the challenge ahead.

STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF JAMES A. HARMON

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today in support of the nomination of James Harmon as President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mr. Harmon is a life-long resident of New York State. After he was born in New York City, his family moved to Mamaroneck where he was raised. After graduating from Brown University and then receiving his M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to New York to launch his professional career.

Currently, Mr. Harmon serves as senior chairman of Schroder Wertheim & Co., Inc., an international investment bank headquartered in New York City. Prior to his assumption of the senior chairmanship in 1996, Mr. Harmon was the chairman and chief executive officer of Schroder Wertheim where he oversaw the expansion of the firm's domestic and international investment banking activities. The merger of Schroder ple [UK] and Wertheim in 1985, initiated by Mr. Harmon, created a global investment bank with approximately 5,000 employees operating in 33 countries around the world. In addition, to his work at Schroder Wertheim, the finance background which Mr. Harmon would bring to the Export-Import Bank was honed during his tenure as a member of the Advisory Committee on International Capital

Markets and former chairman of the nominating committee of the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Mr. Harmon's influence in New York City extends beyond banking. In 1994, along with former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, he founded the Barnard-Columbia University Center for Public Policy where he still serves as chairman of its advisory board. Mr. Harmon is also a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the New York City Partnership, the principal vehicle for private-sector activities which improve the city's economic and social health.

I congratulate the distinguished nominee and wish him great good wishes and congratulations. I thank the President for bringing Mr. Harmon's nomination forward.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 a.m., on Monday, June 16. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then be in a period for morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, for 30 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, 30 minutes; Senator LEAHY, 30 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following morning business on Monday, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the State Department authorization.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will not be in session on Friday of this week. The Senate will reconvene on Monday, and following the morning business period, the Senate will begin consideration of the State Department authorization. Senators who intend to offer amendments to that legislation should be prepared to be present on Monday to offer and debate their amendments. Any rollcall votes ordered on any proposed amendment will not occur on Monday, but instead stacked to occur on Tuesday, at a time to be determined by the two leaders. It is hoped that the Senate will be able to finish the State Department

authorization bill early next week and the Senate may then begin consideration of the defense authorization bill, if available.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, June 13, committees have from the hours of 12 to 3 in order to file legislative or executive reported matters.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment, under the previous order, following the remarks of the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD.

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

Mr. SANTORUM. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

FATHER'S DAY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, recently I spoke just before Mother's Day with reference to what that day meant to me and generally, I think, to most Americans. It is a day that originated in West Virginia. This coming Sunday, June 15, is Father's Day. While I am proud to note the many valuable contributions made by fathers in the raising of our precious future generations, these words are harder for me to speak, since that collective noun "fathers" also includes myself. Like, I suspect, most fathers whose jobs necessarily consume much of their time and attention, I carry with me both the realization, of which I regret, that I did not spend as much time with my daughters over the years as I would have wished, and the gratitude that my very capable wife was at home to shoulder so much of the effort in the rearing of our children. And she did a fine, fine job.

Over the course of my life, the American family has changed a great deal. More and more fathers are assuming an ever greater role in the raising of their children, from the changing of diapers to attending parent-teacher conferences. "Soccer moms" now share the sidelines—and the car pooling—with "soccer dads." Fathers, as well as working mothers, have learned the day

care drop-off and pick-up routine. There are even growing numbers of single dads taking over the traditional role of mother in addition to their usual career track, and fathers who have opted to be stay-at-home or work-at-home dads in order to become more involved in their children's lives.

When I was a child, children were "seen but not heard" by their fathers, and no man was considered capable—or interested—in the details of raising a young child. Indeed, few men would have had any idea of how to go about caring for an infant, I suppose. And that is why I was reared by my aunt and uncle after my own dear mother died in my first year of life. I can understand and even empathize with my father, and I will always be grateful to my Aunt Vlurma and her husband, Titus Dalton Byrd, for the care and the love, the affection, the attention, and the advice that they gave to me. But, naturally, I will always wonder how my life might have been different had I remained within my own birth family. I remember nothing of my natural mother. I wish that I had more memories of time spent with my father and my siblings. I only can recall spending one week during my lifetime with my natural father.

But I do well remember a kind and gentle foster father, my aunt's husband, who gave me my name and who encouraged me to study and to draw pictures and to play a musical instrument, who encouraged me to reach for the stars and to try to attain goals that were far beyond those which were the norm in our small mining community in southern West Virginia.

Now, he did not want me to toil in the mines as he did. He encouraged me to read. He never bought me a cap buster or cowboy suit. He always bought a drawing tablet or a water color set or a violin or a mandolin or a guitar. He urged me to play music, urged me to develop my abilities.

His education probably did not go beyond the second or third grade. He could manage poor handwriting. He could read. And he read the family Bible. When he left this world, he did not owe any man a penny. In all the years that I lived with him, I never heard him once use God's name in vain, I never heard him grumble at what was put on the table before him. And he and my Aunt Vlurma lived together 53 years. I do not recall ever having heard either of them raise a voice in anger against the other.

He never forgot his little foster son. He always saved something from his lunch for me. He was a coal miner. And I can recall that late in the afternoon I would look up the railroad tracks and watch for him coming down the railroad tracks, carrying his dinner bucket. I would run to meet him. And when I came to him, he would set his dinner bucket down and take the lid off the dinner bucket and reach in and get an apple or a piece of cake. In those days, cakes could be bought for 5 cents at the

store—cupcakes, as we called them, some were chocolate, some had coconut icing, and so on. But whatever the cake, he always managed to save it for me. He never failed.

I remember his strong weathered face, his long sturdy hands and his kind, thoughtful eyes as clearly as if he had only this morning patted me on the head and gone off for another back-breaking day in the mines.

He represented strength and security and ageless wisdom to me—it was a time when things were certain and clear and uncomplicated because he was there to make everything right.

As in my own experience, a father's presence looms large in a child's life. A father who sits down to help with homework reinforces the importance of schoolwork. And when a father takes his children to worship services, or better yet, leads them in their bedtime prayers, he instills in them the importance of devotion and respect for the Creator's role in our daily lives.

I am glad that more fathers are taking an interest in their children, as a general matter, I think. It is not always the case, by any means. But they are taking an interest in their children beyond the financial aspect that was all-important during my early days as a father—when I was making \$70 a month working as a produce boy, working as a meatcutter, \$70 a month—although that is a role that cannot be abdicated. Children are a joy and a delight, but they are also a very serious lifetime responsibility, both financially and morally. Children are not like a job—they cannot be fired, one cannot quit or resign from the responsibility of being a father, and even declaring moral and financial bankruptcy does not relieve one of the responsibility for the welfare of the children.

So on this Father's Day, as we all remember or honor our fathers—and the scriptures tell us to "honor thy father and thy mother;" most of us were taught at home, to "honor thy father and thy mother"—on this Father's Day, as we all remember or honor our fathers may we also contemplate the great joy that is fueled by a special dad. The material things which daily drive and obsess so much of American life are only transient. When all is said and done they do not amount to much. So many things that occupy our thoughts and our concerns, most of the things we worry about, of course, never happen, but these things that we generally worry about and that loom so large in our daily lives really, really, are not all that large. Among the things that best endure are the love, the values passed on, and the small shared moments recalled with a caring, loving father.

May I say that the man who took on the responsibility of rearing me from the tender age of less than 1 year, I have no doubt that, in Paradise, he is aware of what I am saying today, and I have no doubt that one day, according to the scriptures' promise, I can meet

him again. Jesus was mindful of the Heavenly Father when he taught us to pray, saying, first of all, "Our Father who art in heaven."

So let me for a moment, in closing, attempt to recite some lines that were written by someone whose name does not occur to me at the moment, but I think this little bit of verse quite appropriately speaks the thoughts of most Americans, as we look forward to Father's Day. I hope we will take a little time on that day to contemplate the sacrifices of our fathers and to consider the fact that they had concerns about us and loved us.

#### THAT DAD OF MINE

He's slowing down, as some folks say,  
With the burden of years from day to day;  
His brow bears many a furrowed line;  
He's growing old—that dad of mine.

His shoulders droop, and his step is slow;  
And his hair is white, as white as snow;  
But his kind eyes sparkle with a friendly light;

His smile is warm, and his heart is right.

He's old? Oh, yes. But only in years,  
For his spirit soars as the sunset nears.  
And blest I've been, and wealth I've had,  
In knowing a man like my old dad.

And proud I am to stand by him,  
As he stood by me when the way was dim;  
I've found him worthy and just as fine,  
A prince of men—that dad of mine.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### FAREWELL TO THE SENATE PAGES

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, my attention has just been called to the fact that this is the last day in which we will all be blessed by the services rendered to all Senators on both sides of the aisle by these wonderful young people who sit on the dais, to our right and to our left, who are the pages. Daniel Webster appointed the first page. Tomorrow, these pages will graduate. They go to school while they do this work here for us and for our country. They work for our country, just as we Senators seek to do our best in serving our country. Without these pages, we would find our work to be more difficult, and we can't thank them enough.

They get up early and they go to school. They have to continue to maintain good grades while they are doing the Senate's work. And this is demanding work. They run here, they run there. They are at the beck and call of every Senator all day long.

Tennyson said, "I am a part of all that I have met." I hope these young pages, when they go back to their homes and to their communities