

within a day if they wished. Drugs and violence have no place in our schools alongside math and history.

To address this problem, the Safe and Affordable Schools Act authorizes \$50 million for fiscal year 1998 school choice pilot programs. These moneys may be used to develop, establish, and operate programs to protect children who have been victims of, or witnesses to, violence in our elementary and secondary schools. To encourage local safety measures, the act gives priority to programs providing for suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges for minors found to be using drugs.

Mr. President, poor kids in this country should have the same right to attend a safe school as their more well-off counterparts. That is why school choice programs are essential. This bill provides funding for pilot programs and also for broader school choice vouchers to give parents in our less affluent areas a chance to send their children to good schools.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, too many kids who graduate from high school find the doors to higher education closed to them by sky-high costs. Public college and university tuition alone has risen 234 percent over the last 15 years. This has put too tight a squeeze on students and their parents as they seek the opportunities only higher education can provide in our country.

To make higher education more affordable for students in college and for parents saving for their children's education, this legislation provides a number of rational, cost-effective tax incentives. To begin with, Mr. President, this bill establishes the Bob Dole education investment account. Parents would be able to contribute \$1,000 per year to this account, and would be eligible to establish an account for each child. The savings will be significant. If a parent puts aside \$1,000 at the time a child is born, and contributes \$1,000 every year until the child is 18, the investment account would contain \$34,000 to pay college costs.

And this legislation offers further help to parents and students. It excludes from taxation educational assistance provided by employers. It also excludes any prepaid higher education disbursement from the State. In addition, the bill would make student loan interest deductible, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per year. Finally, the bill would exclude from gross income any moneys received through Federal work study programs.

These provisions will make higher education more affordable. They will keep the doors of opportunity open for all Americans. Combined with school choice measures, they will go a long way toward establishing the equality of opportunity for which our country always has been known.

I urge my colleagues to support this worthwhile legislation.●

RETIREMENT OF PROCTOR JONES

●Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the Senate, with its long hours and demanding schedule is not generally known for the long tenure of its Members' staff. Proctor Jones is an exception to that rule. Proctor has served the Senate for more than 35 years. He has spent 27 of those years working for the Committee on Appropriations, outlasting seven committee chairmen. Nobody knows the ins and outs of the appropriations process, better than Proctor Jones.

The energy and water appropriations bill just won't be the same without Senator JOHNSTON leading the Democratic members of the subcommittee and Proctor behind the scenes crafting the bill. It is not a coincidence that the energy and water appropriations bill is usually one of the first to be passed by Congress. Proctor's experience on appropriations, combined with Senator JOHNSTON's bargaining skill made them a formidable pair. They will be sorely missed on the Appropriations Committee. I commend Proctor on his long and dedicated service to the Senate and wish him the best of luck.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE AND LORRAINE GOREN ON BEING NAMED 1997 DOVER CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

●Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Steve and Lorraine Goren, coowners of Farnham's clothing store in Dover, on being named the 1997 Citizens of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. As a former small businessman myself, I commend their accomplishments.

Farnham's clothing store has been a Dover establishment since 1855. For years, Steve and Lorraine have been involved in Dover's growth in a number of ways.

Steve Goren is a member of the Dover Parking Commission and a trustee at the Dover Children's Home. He is a former member of the Dover Industrial Development Authority, a former director of Great Bay Bank Shares, and was on the board of Southeast Bank. In addition, both Gorens are active in the downtown merchants group.

Lorraine Goren has represented Temple Israel on the board of Dover Cooperative Ministries for years, served as treasurer of the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Auxiliary and rallied Dover merchants for support during the American Cancer Society's annual dafodil sales. She has also served the Dover Chamber of Commerce as a member of the Cochecho Arts Festival committee and the Apple Harvest Day committee.

Both Steve and Lorraine have dedicated their time, talent and energy to serving the residents of Dover in an exemplary way. The Goren's outstanding community commitment is important to the future and prosperity of New

Hampshire's communities. Congratulations to Steve and Lorraine for this distinguished recognition. I am honored to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE RUTH FAIRFAX

●Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to talk about Beatrice Ruth Fairfax, a constituent of mine who died on January 14, 1997, at the age of 84, after a lifetime of making a difference in the lives of those she touched. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and community.

Upon her graduation from Hyde Park High School, Beatrice Fairfax worked as a writer and became involved in many civil rights and labor union causes. She met her husband, Bob Fairfax through their involvement in cultural arts activities with the Works Progress Administration [WPA]. They married in 1935 and eventually settled in the Altgeld-Murray public housing development as one of Altgeld's first interracial families. The Fairfaxes worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for public housing residents. They founded and managed the community's first newspaper, the Altgeld Beacon, while working as beat reporters for the Chicago Defender Newspaper. They also established numerous Boy Scout troops throughout the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA], and founded the Jackson Raiders, an award winning drum and bugle corps. In keeping with Mrs. Fairfax's philosophy, "Before a community can make social sense, it has to make economic sense," the Fairfaxes also participated in the establishment of one of the country's first and largest black owned food co-op stores, which was owned by 300 black families and patronized by thousands of public housing residents. In addition, the Fairfaxes were two of the original plaintiffs in *Gautreaux versus Chicago Housing Authority*, a landmark case which resulted in the end of racially discriminatory practices of the CHA.

After her retirement from the Illinois Department of Labor, Mrs. Fairfax continued to be active in community affairs and maintained affiliations with the American Association of Retired Persons, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of Chicago, Chicago Parent Teacher Association, Citizen Utility Board, Chicago Urban League, Chicago Sinai Congregation, Jewish Council for the Elderly, Illinois Public Action Council, and the Friends of the Chicago Children's Choir, to name a few. In addition to her many substantial accomplishments, on a personal note, I must say that Bea Fairfax was one of the kindest and most generous people I have known. She didn't just talk the talk, but walked the walk. Her life was truly dedicated to improving the lives of others. No one knows that more than her

family, including her daughters, Joyce Theresa Fairfax-Wells, and Ruth Mary Fairfax-Frazier, her son-in-law, Anthony Frazier, her former son-in-law, Cornell Wells her grandchildren, Annika Frazier-Muhammad, Darius Frazier, Monnica Wells, and Jacqueline Wells, her great grandson, Hamza Ibn Omar Frazier-Muhammad, and many other relatives, friends, and members of the community she helped to create. Her death is a great loss, but the legacy of her good works will endure.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MARVIN ON BEING NAMED THE 1996 MANCHESTER CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

● Mr. BOB SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Bill Marvin, president of Manpower Temporary Services, on being named the 1996 Manchester's Citizen of the Year. I commend his outstanding community commitment and congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

As chairman of the 1996 Optima Board, Bill oversaw the capital campaigns for the Currier Gallery and the Palace Theatre, the downtown ice skating rink, and the merger of Catholic Medical Center and Elliot Hospital.

Bill is a member of the Manchester Rotary Club, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce and the Catholic Medical Center. He has also brought two area hospitals together and has helped to organize bingo games for the Boys and Girls Club.

He is known to many as always willing to take responsibility, whether to chair a committee, raise money, or oversee a board of directors. Whatever Bill dedicates his time to, he always gets the job done.

While giving his time to all these community projects, Bill and his wife, Ann, operate Manpower Temporary Services which was named the 1995 Service Business by Business New Hampshire magazine.

As a former small businessman myself, I am proud to honor Bill Marvin's outstanding community commitment that is important to the future and prosperity of Manchester. We are indeed indebted to him for his efforts. Congratulations to Bill on this award and his service to New Hampshire and the people of Manchester.●

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN BAPST MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the John Bapst Memorial High School Band which honored Maine and America with its outstanding performance during 1997's Presidential Inauguration.

Personally selected by President Clinton to attend the festivities, the John Bapst band had audiences on their feet with rousing renditions of "The Maine Stein Song," "Camino Real," and "Acclamations," to name a few. The band performed on the National Mall, along with bands such as

the Count Basie Orchestra, and also at the prestigious Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

This is not the first time that Maine has been made proud by the John Bapst band. In 1991, the band was on hand to welcome troops returning home after the Gulf war. For many, their stop in Bangor was the first time on American soil since their deployment. I am certain they will never forget the warm greetings they received in Bangor—which garnered national attention—and John Bapst band played a special part in honoring our servicemen and women. The tradition continued when John Bapst played for President Clinton last November. The President was so impressed with the group that he pledged to invite them to inaugural festivities should he be reelected.

Mr. President, this band represents the very best characteristics of America's young people. Band members set a goal of excellence and worked hard to achieve it, and I believe their efforts should be highlighted. In an era of conflicting and often dubious influences for young men and women, and in a time when negative stories abound in the media, our children should have positive examples to follow. That is why we should shine a spotlight on groups like the John Bapst band, which represent the finest qualities and aspirations of America's youth. I applaud the band members and their director, Julie Ewing, for showing our youth what can be accomplished through commitment and hard work.

In closing, I would once again like to thank the John Bapst Memorial High School Band for their tremendous contribution to the 1997 inaugural festivities, and for making the State of Maine very proud.●

COSPONSORSHIP OF THE OLDER AMERICANS FREEDOM TO WORK ACT

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in cosponsorship of Senate bill S. 202, the Older Americans Freedom to Work Act. This important legislation would remove existing penalties on outside income earned by Social Security beneficiaries who have reached retirement age.

Currently, Mr. President, persons between the ages of 65 and 69 face a penalty of \$1 in reduced benefits for every \$3 in earnings above \$13,500 per year. This penalty is unfair because it singles out older Americans for double taxation. That is, this income already is subject to normal taxation, and currently is reduced again through the earnings penalty.

The penalty also is unwise, Mr. President, because it discourages trained and experienced people from participating in the labor force. When the current earned income limit was devised back in the 1930's, it was thought that encouraging older Americans to leave the labor force was a good idea. But times have changed. Where during the

Great Depression there were too many workers and too few jobs, we face, in the next several decades, a worsening labor shortage. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement age between 2000 and 2010, there will be fewer younger workers to take the place of those who retire. We should be encouraging older Americans to stay in the labor force as long as they can safely continue to make a contribution there. In this way older people can better see to their financial needs, senior citizens will remain more active and thus happier and healthier, and our Nation will continue to benefit from these people's skills and wisdom.

For the sake of our older Americans, and for the sake of continuing economic prosperity for all Americans, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON TIDE MARCHING BAND ON REPRESENTING NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THE 1997 INAUGURAL PARADE

● Mr. BOB SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the students of the Concord High School Crimson Tide marching band for the distinguished honor of representing New Hampshire in the 1997 inaugural parade. All 116 band members and Bill Metevier, the band's director, deserve special commendation for their hard work and achievement. Being selected as 1 of only 20 bands to perform for the President and the First Lady is quite an honor for all the students.

At an inaugural reception on behalf of the Concord High School Crimson Tide marching band last week, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the band members, young men and women, who have demonstrated the hard work and dedication that is characteristic of Granite State students. These band members have proven that determination and teamwork are the hallmark of success both as musicians and students. The Crimson Tide marching band's decision to play the "National Emblem March," composed by E.E. Bagley while he was a resident of New Hampshire, was a very fitting tribute to the Granite State and our role in American history. We were indeed honored to have the Crimson Tide marching band representing New Hampshire with their outstanding musical performances.

The Concord School's Friends of Music also deserve special recognition for their help in raising \$20,000 from residents and local companies during such a very short period of time. Without their hard work, the Crimson Tide's trip to Washington, DC, would not have been possible.

Marching in the parade was also a special highlight for these students since the Concord High School is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

The Crimson Tide band with their classic military cadet style uniforms