

the preparations for the upcoming WTO ministerial meeting in Seattle and the objectives for the multilateral negotiations that will follow.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on S. 1508, a bill to provide technical and legal assistance to tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Room 226.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, to markup S. 791, the Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999, and other pending legislation. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 2 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE, TRANSPORTATION, AND MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., on the Motor Carrier Safety Act.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, for purposes of conducting a Water & Power Subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of

this oversight hearing is to conduct oversight on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE VFW ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today is the 100th birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Yesterday, the Senate approved H.J. Res. 34, a resolution which commemorates that auspicious event. I wish to mark the occasion further by offering my congratulations to the members and families of that fine organization.

In my 19 years as a United States Senator I have been able to count on the VFW to convey the concerns of veterans in a fair and insightful manner. Especially during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I have always been able to rely on the VFW to assist me in ascertaining the quality of health care and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Without the VFW's 2,000,000 strong membership, it would be extremely difficult for the Committee—or the Congress—to operate in the best interest of America's veterans.

Earlier this year, I had the honor of being named the recipient of the VFW Congressional Award. At the award reception, I was struck by the history of the VFW. From the trenches of Verdun to the deserts of Iraq, VFW members have taken their place in America's history, serving to preserve "one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

The service of VFW members, however, has never been limited to wartime service—as vital as that has been. VFW members also play indispensable roles within their communities—as volunteers in VA hospitals and advocates for veteran claimants and through numerous civic and youth projects in every State and locality. Indeed, America counts VFW members among its model citizens.

For 100 years as honorable citizens and soldiers, the VFW deserves America's gratitude for a job well done. We salute you.●

NORMA SULLIVAN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise in honor of Norma Sullivan, a great Californian who died on September 22 in San Diego.

Norma Sullivan was a woman of many talents: a champion skier, an accomplished poet, a prolific essayist, a loving mother, and an inspirational teacher. But she was best known to her many friends and admirers as a tireless fighter for the environment. As a writ-

er, activist, and spokesperson for the San Diego Audubon Society, Norma was one of Southern California's most dedicated and effective defenders of the natural world.

San Diego County contains some of the nation's most beautiful landscapes and diverse habitat. The County is home to more endangered species per square mile than any other region in the continental United States. Thanks largely to Norma's prodigious efforts, many of these lands and their inhabitants have been preserved for future generations.

She was instrumental in generating support for parks, establishing habitat conservation programs, and blocking projects that would harm the environment—including the proposal to build Pamo Dam near Ramona, which was withdrawn after Norma alerted the community to its dangers.

One of Norma's greatest achievements was her role in creating a major wildlife refuge in southern San Diego Bay. For ten years she worked tirelessly to build support for the refuge among conservationists, landowners, local governments, community members, and federal wildlife agencies. She never shied away from confrontation, but she was always ready to cooperate. Finally, this spring, her long efforts bore fruit when the South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established and dedicated.

This magnificent refuge—and many other pristine tracts of San Diego County—live on as part of Norma Sullivan's legacy. She has also left us a model of what it means to be an engaged citizen: a person who works for the public good with intelligence, humor, and love.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ROYAL

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the American Royal. The American Royal is an annual Fall event that has contributed much to the Kansas City area over the last century. The Royal features world-class horse and livestock competitions; a top-ten PRCA indoor rodeo; as well as many educational and scholarship programs that foster the development of tomorrow's leaders. The American Royal is truly the Midwest's largest and oldest agricultural extravaganza. From the world's largest Barbecue, to the outstanding parade, music and comedy, to the elegant Concert of Champions, the Royal has something for every member of the family.

Even though the Royal began in the 19th Century, it still plays an integral role in the community by providing a connection to Kansas City's rural roots and by celebrating the value of working in agriculture. For many, being a part of the Royal's livestock shows or rodeo can be the highlight of their career. Not only does the Royal offer agricultural competition, but there are

also educational tours of their museum, scholarships and programs for college age youth.

Mr. President, I am truly proud of the contribution the American Royal has made to Kansas City, the state of Missouri, and the entire country over the last 100 years. I wish the Royal well as they continue to be America's best agricultural expose' well into the next millennium.●

WORLD SERIES WINNERS

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of the Millville Girls All-Star Softball Team, who recently captured the first-ever Babe Ruth Softball World Series. This past year has seen tremendous accomplishments by American female athletes, including the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Champions. I am pleased that the state of New Jersey can now boast its own champion's in women's athletics through the Millville team.

The Millville team, comprised of girls 16 years old and younger, defeated several worthy opponents at the Softball World Series. The event, which took place in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, was the first Championship of its kind. All of the games were close, particularly the championship game. Millville won this in spectacular fashion, 1-0, on a two-out, ninth-inning-single which scored the winning run. The girls demonstrated outstanding skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. From pitching a no-hitter, to numerous diving catches, to clutch hitting; the Millville team proved themselves to be superb players, and model young athletes.

The character and manners displayed by the thirteen girls on the Millville team throughout the Softball World Series should be a source of pride for the Millville community, the Southern New Jersey region, and the State as a whole. The values of the parents, teachers, officials, and volunteers of Millville are clearly reflected in the play and conduct of the World Champions.

I am proud to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Rachel Barber, Amy Holliday, Jil Conner, Constance DeSalvo, Tara Haines, Colleen Scholl, Rachel Mudry, Danielle Weber, Megan Lore, Adina De Hainaut, Jodi Dick, Christin Carpin, and Debra Vento. I know they will continue to make New Jersey proud for years to come, and I look forward to watching them defend their title next year.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL GREELY

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Greely on the occasion of his retirement. My good friend Bill served as assistant manager and general manager of the Keeneland Association for 14 years, and is now stepping down from his successful 13-year post as the Association's president.

Bill is a true horseman. He grew up in the Keeneland community, and

began spending time at the horse track when he was a small child. Bill began taking on responsibilities at the horse track when he was just seven years old, and has worked in almost every aspect of horse racing in tracks around the country—but it is clear that Bill has always been partial to Keeneland. In 1972, after years of moving around the country from track to track, he finally got his chance to return to his hometown, working at the track he loved.

Bill's long-time affiliation with Keeneland and love of horse racing made him an ideal candidate to manage the track and eventually become president. Bill's knowledge of the horse industry prepared him for his leadership role at Keeneland, and enabled him to make Keeneland one of the nation's premiere horse tracks. During his time at Keeneland, Bill updated the track's betting options, improved the grandstands and grounds, and brought Keeneland to a level of growth that will be hard to exceed or even match.

Keeneland would not be what it is today without Bill's leadership and guidance over the last 27 years—and Bill would not be where he is today without the love and support of his family. His wife Norma, and their children Sean, Kevin and Kara, endured numerous moves before they finally settled down in Lexington, and they have helped sustain Bill during his demanding career at Keeneland. A third generation horseman, Bill has seen first-hand what it takes to simultaneously work the track and raise a family—and he has happy, successful children to prove he made it work.

Thank you, Bill, for putting so much of yourself into Keeneland to make it a better place for others. Your hard work and successes have become your legacy, and will continue to impact the entire horse industry for years to come. My colleagues join me in congratulating you on a job well done, and wish you all the best as you enter this new stage in life.●

TRIBUTE TO LEBANON CLOWNS

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, on June 18, 1999, Tennessee-based Lebanon Clowns celebrated their inaugural reunion at their Baseball Team Roundup in Lebanon. The Negro League baseball team gathered for the first time in over thirty years to reminisce about their youthful baseball exploits. The Clowns were a favorite among Lebanon's African-American community as they played teams from Birmingham, Alabama, Pontiac, Michigan and Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Negro Leagues were an integral part of American baseball history. A product of segregated America, it gave opportunity where opportunity did not exist. The teams were professional, pre-integration black baseball leagues in which the level of play was considered to be the equal of play in major league baseball. The first stable black league was the Negro National League organized in 1920 by Andrew "Rube" Foster. This league, as well as the recognized

Negro National League—created by Gus Greenlee in the early 1930s—and the Negro American League, are universally regarded as having offered the highest level of play among African-American players of the day.

During the 1940s the Negro National and Negro American leagues reached their highest point of popularity and financial success. While fans dreamed of watching their stars compete in major league play, the eventual realization of this dream meant the end of both leagues. Some historians contend that the Negro Southern League and Texas Negro League, as well as several of the stronger independent teams during the 1920s and 1930s, offered major league caliber play.

The Negro National League folded under financial pressures at the end of the 1948 season. The Negro American League continued play into the late 1950s, but was no longer a stable circuit. As the talent pool of black baseball was absorbed into the integrated major and minor leagues, Negro League team owners were left without a product of sufficient quality to attract fans to the ballpark.

Baseball history would not be complete without recognizing Negro League teams such as the Philadelphia Stars, Newark Eagles, Bacharach Giants, Nashville Elite Giants, St. Louis Stars, and the Memphis Red Sox. The Negro Leagues brought us such great players as Willie Mays, Henry Aaron, Satchel Paige, Smokey Joe Williams, and Jackie Robinson. The players and teams of the Negro Baseball League have become a fundamental part of American culture and are forever woven into the fabric of professional baseball. The surviving players, some now in their seventies, are still as filled today with pride and love for the game as they were when they were young rookies on dusty sandlots.

So today, I pay tribute to the Negro League by recognizing the deceased and surviving players and managers of the Lebanon Clowns, Negro League baseball team:

John Forris "Bigclue" Griffith; Harry "Hammerhead" Harris, Jr.; Tommy "Red-eye" Humes; Robert Earl "Smiley" Smith; Gilbert "Sunny" Oldham; Robert Oldham; Teddy "Mutt" Owens; Claude Britton; Bob "Woods" Oldham; L.D. "Zeak" Ward.

George McGown, Jr.; Jerry "Foots" Oldham, Sr.; Robert L. "Pondwater" McClellan; Betty Lou Oldham; Bob White; Price Logue; Norton Whitley; Roy L. Clark; Kenny Andrews.

James Shannon; Lee R. Rhodes; Carl Gilliam; Lonnie Gilliam; Howard Walker; Eddie Muirhead; Charles Walker; Pot Walker.

Herman Denny; James H. Carter; Walter "Rabbit" Hastings; Robert Pinck; Charlie McAdoo; Jelly Walker; John C. Martin; Junior Donnell; Frank Simpson; Lonnie Neuble.

Buck Hunt; Richard "Boosem" Owens; Elmer Draper; James Turner; Arthur Turner; C.D. Woodmore; Sammy Woodmore; Mose Alexander; James Harrison; Delmes Jackson.

Thomas Tubbs; Honey Johnson; John Dockins; Charlie B. Hill; Thomas Hill; Joe L. Rhodes; Fred Clark; Ramond Roberts.