

Mexico's two-year and four-year institutions as executive director of the Associated Students of New Mexico (ASNM). ASNM is a non-profit student organization that represents the interests of 100,000 students members enrolled in two-year and four-year institutions of higher learning before the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education, State Legislature and Office of the Governor. This organization has brought forth some of New Mexico's current and former state legislators, county commissioners, and public servants. Two of my current Washington DC staffers and one of my state staffers are former executive directors of this association. While serving as executive director, Tom always encouraged those he met to reach for their goals, pursue their dreams, and turn any rejection into motivation. He believed that what one does now to enhance their life will impact others in the future. He lived what he preached and what he did to enhance his life has left a lasting impact for students and their education throughout New Mexico.

Tom received his Masters of Criminal Justice from New Mexico State University in 1996. He was also appointed by Governor Gary Johnson to serve a two-year term from 1994-1996 as the first voting student regent in the history of New Mexico State University. One year later in 1997, he was appointed by Governor Johnson to serve a full six-year term on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education where he served until the time of his death.

Mr. President, I would like to extend my condolences to his parents Clyde and Eileen and the entire McDonald family. I ask that my colleagues in the Senate join me in honoring the achievements and contributions in the life of this young and outstanding New Mexican.●

MENTOR A CHILD WEEK

● Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the efforts of those working to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. The last week in October is "Mentor a Child Week" in my home State of Oklahoma. I encourage all of us to participate.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters is an organization whose mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth. Focusing on the challenges single parents face, this organization provides professionally supportive one-to-one relationships with a positive and caring adult volunteer, and assists these children in achieving their greatest potential as they grow to become responsible citizens in the community.

Children with mentors are 46 percent less likely to use illegal drugs, 27 percent less likely to use alcohol, and 52 percent less likely to skip school. Youth with mentors have better relationships with their peers and family members.

I encourage all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to support efforts that will promote the mentoring of children and youth throughout our community.●

WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Women's Business Development Center in their efforts to help female entrepreneurs establish their niche in the corporate world. The WBDC helps train and provide technical assistance to entrepreneurial women. These are the same women who own your neighborhood dry cleaner, run your child care center, and assist with your taxes.

Mr. President, I would like to call special attention to the women who have dedicated their time expanding child-care availability in Illinois. The WBDC sponsors the Child Care Business Initiative (CCBI) in cooperation with the Hull House Association that will provide information, resources, and guidance to women seeking entry into this important and growing industry. Over 250 women have utilized CCBI to gain critical business skills and key industry information about child care.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs estimates that over 1,000 child care centers would need to be created to meet the projected demand for child care in Illinois alone. In light of the fact that only 20% of the 162,000 children who are in working families receive full-day, licensed child care, the role that the CCBI plays in helping women establish day care centers may have a significant impact on the availability and accessibility of child care in Illinois.

Again, I would like to take this time to commend the WBDC for creating and expanding opportunities for ambitious, women entrepreneurs.●

SENATOR LEAHY'S 10,000TH VOTE

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise to recognize one of my colleagues, Senator PAT LEAHY, who has cast his 10,000th vote. I congratulate him on his tenure in the Senate.

Senator LEAHY and I have worked together in the past on many agricultural issues and legislation as members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Most notably we worked closely together on two farm bills, both in 1990 when Senator LEAHY served as chairman of the committee and in 1996 when I served as chairman. Senator LEAHY joined with me in reviewing the organization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and developing legislation to streamline its operations. We both share an interest in conservation issues and have worked together to provide opportunities for farmers to preserve and protect their natural resources.

We have both recognized the importance of a bipartisan approach on

major legislation originating in the committee. I value the partnership that we formed to move important agricultural legislation through the committee and through the Senate.

My colleague, Senator PAT LEAHY, deserves commendation for his service and tenure in the Senate. I am proud to serve with him and look forward to working together in the future on issues of mutual interest.●

IN RECOGNITION OF TPL, INC.

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to recognize TPL, Inc. in Albuquerque, NM who is a 1999 Tibbetts Award recipient and will be honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration at a congressional reception on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 here in Washington DC.

The Fourth Annual Tibbetts Award is presented by the Small Business Administration to firms that have attained high levels of success in research and development under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and to organizations and individuals who have supported technological innovation. Moreover, those groups are judged on the economic impact of their technological innovations and overall business achievements.

I feel that it is fitting that I recognize the 1999 Tibbetts Award recipient TPL, Inc. and its CEO Mr. H.M. (Hap) Stoller for their hard work that has led them to receive this prestigious national award. TPL, Inc. is a leading contractor for the Army and Navy in the demilitarization of conventional munitions as well as the development of economically viable processes for the commercial reuse of recovered energetic materials. TPL, under sponsorship of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in the Military Capacitor Program, has developed the state-of-the-art in high energy density dielectric materials for capacitive devices and has begun their manufacture for advance weapons system programs. The technologies underlying these accomplishments were initiated under the SBIR Program.

TPL was recently awarded a \$38.4 million sub-contract from General Dynamics Ordnance Systems as part of their five-year, \$145 million operational demilitarization contract from the U.S. Army's Industrial Operations Command. TPL will be totally responsible for three out of nine families of conventional munitions contained in the largest demilitarization program ever funded by the Army. Concurrently, through the Tri-Services Demilitarization Technology Office, the Navy is supporting three Phase III efforts to transition energetic materials resource recovery and reuse processes to pilot plant facilities, such processes designed to lower the cost of demilitarization activities as well as protect the environment by allowing demilitarization material reuse. These contracts reinforce TPL's position as an

innovator in demilitarization processes, an activity that is essential in the rapidly changing international system. Additionally, the work associated with these contracts will be performed at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, bringing critically needed jobs to one of the more disadvantaged parts of the State.

Mr. President, as you can see TPL, Inc. reflects the very best in SBIR achievement and has established itself as a strong national leader in technological innovation. In addition, TPL, Inc. was recognized in 1997 as one of the fastest growing technology companies in the State of New Mexico and in 1995, and again in 1996, was recognized as one of the fastest growing, privately held companies in the United States. Again, let me congratulate TPL, Inc. and its staff of their hard work, dedication, and commitment. They are a tremendous asset to their community and New Mexico, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishment.●

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 26. I further ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin 30 minutes of debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 434, the African trade bill, to be equally divided in the usual form.

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

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

I further ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote regarding the motion to proceed to the trade bill occur at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

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

Mr. HELMS. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from the hour of 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday so that the weekly parties can meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will immediately resume debate on the motion to proceed to the African trade

bill at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. In accordance with rule XXII, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed at 10 a.m. It is hoped that cloture will be invoked and that a time agreement can be reached so that the Senate may begin debate on the bill and that Senators may begin to offer their amendments. The Senate may also consider any legislative or Executive Calendar items cleared for action, as well as any appropriations conference reports that may become available.

PERMISSION FOR FLOWERS IN THE CHAMBER

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the flowers be permitted in the Senate Chamber during the week of October 25 to honor the life of our former colleague, JOHN CHAFEE.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of S. Res. 206 as a further mark of respect to the memory of our former colleague and Senator, JOHN CHAFEE, following the remarks by Senator ROBB from Virginia.

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

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ROBB. Thank you, Mr. President. I thank the distinguished Senator from North Carolina for permitting me to speak after which this Senate will adjourn in memory of our friend and colleague, JOHN CHAFEE.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I just returned. I was down-State when I heard the news of JOHN CHAFEE's passing. I felt compelled to come to the floor for just a very brief minute and say that, in my judgment, JOHN CHAFEE was as decent a human being as any individual I have encountered in public service.

He was a personal friend during the time he was here in Washington. We happened to attend the same church in northern Virginia. We happened to have worn the same uniform of the U.S. Marine Corps in service to our

country. But most of the time I spent with JOHN CHAFEE was right here in the Capitol frequently in his hideaway. I spent more time in that particular hideaway than I did in my own office, or any other Senator's hideaway in the Capitol, meeting with a bipartisan group of Senators from both sides of the aisle trying to make the system work.

JOHN CHAFEE was an extraordinary human being in many ways. But he understood the need for bipartisanship if this institution were to accomplish the goals which the American people expect us to accomplish. And it was always at the call of JOHN CHAFEE that we would gather and try to see if we couldn't find some common ground upon which the Senate could at least offer an alternative to the occasional gridlock into which we have occasionally found ourselves forced by the process or other agendas.

It was never with any rancor that he disagreed with anyone, whether it be someone on his own side of the aisle or someone on this side of the aisle. He was always a voice of reason, always a voice of bipartisanship, always someone wanting to make the system work and committed to the goals for which he was elected to this particular institution by the people of Rhode Island.

Mr. President, I have no prepared remarks. I could not pass up this opportunity to express my own profound sense of loss of someone who was far more special, I suspect, to this institution than many of those who do not or have not had the privilege of serving in it may realize, and whose loss we may feel in ways that many of its Members have not fully come to grips with at this particular point.

JOHN CHAFEE was one of those extraordinary individuals with whom I was very proud to serve and call a friend.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ROBB. In honor of the memory and with our own sense of loss to the family, friends, and staff of JOHN CHAFEE, I now move, in accordance with the previous order and pursuant to Senate Resolution 206, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Honorable JOHN H. CHAFEE, late a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, that the Senate stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and, at 6:01 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.