

Mr. President, as we approach a new millennium and look back on the all-but-completed Twentieth Century, we are reminded of the importance of the dedicated people who impart knowledge, teach values, coach athletes and manage our schools. Father Marion Bowman—teacher, cleric and friend of St. Leo College—did all those things and many more, and we salute his dedication and his multiple contributions.●

DEPLOYMENT OF A NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 78, H.R. 4.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 257, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof. I further ask consent that the bill then be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 4), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEDAL OF VALOR ACT

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 95, S. 39.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 39) to provide a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. I commend, as a cosponsor, Senator STEVENS and the others who worked so hard on this.

Mr. HATCH. I feel exactly the same way.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 39) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 39

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be referred to as the "Public Safety Medal of Valor Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Authorization of Medal of Valor.
- Sec. 3. Medal of Valor Review Board.
- Sec. 4. Board personnel matters.
- Sec. 5. National medal office.
- Sec. 6. Definitions.
- Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 8. Conforming repeal.
- Sec. 9. Consultation requirement.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MEDAL OF VALOR.

The President may award, and present in the name of Congress, a Medal of Valor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a public safety officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Medal of Valor Review Board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Public Safety Medal of Valor is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer.

SEC. 3. MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—There is hereby established a Medal of Valor Review Board (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Board"), which shall be composed of 11 members appointed in accordance with subsection (b), and shall conduct its business in accordance with this Act.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) MEMBERS.—The members of the Board shall be individuals with knowledge or expertise, whether by experience or training, in the field of public safety, of which—

(A) two shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(B) two shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(C) two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) two shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(E) three shall be appointed by the President, including one with experience in firefighting, one with experience in law enforcement, and one with experience in emergency services.

(2) TERM.—The term of a Board member shall be 4 years.

(3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not affect the powers of the Board and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) OPERATION OF THE BOARD.—

(A) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet at the call of the Chairman, who shall be elected by the Board, and shall meet not less than twice each year. The initial meeting of the Board shall be conducted not later than 90 days after the appointment of the last member of the Board.

(B) VOTING AND RULES.—A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business, but the Board may establish a lesser quorum for conducting hearings scheduled by the Board. The Board may establish by majority vote any other rules for the conduct of the Board's business, if such rules are not inconsistent with this Act or other applicable law.

(c) DUTIES.—The Board shall select candidates as recipients of the Medal of Valor from among applications received by the National Medal Office. Not more than once each year, the Board shall present to the Attorney General the name or names of persons it recommends as Medal of Valor recipients. In a given year, the Board is not required to select any recipients, but is limited to a maximum number of 10 recipients. The Attorney General may in extraordinary cases increase the number of recipients in a given

year. The Board shall set an annual timetable for fulfilling its duties under this Act.

(d) HEARINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, administer such oaths, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Board considers advisable to carry out its duties.

(2) WITNESS EXPENSES.—Witnesses requested to appear before the Board may be paid the same fees as are paid to witnesses under section 1821 of title 28, United States Code. The per diem and mileage allowances for witnesses shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Board.

(e) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Board may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Board considers necessary to carry out its duties. Upon the request of the Board, the head of such department or agency may furnish such information to the Board.

(f) INFORMATION TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.—The Board shall not disclose any information which may compromise an ongoing law enforcement investigation or is otherwise required by law to be kept confidential.

SEC. 4. BOARD PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS.—

(1) NON-GOVERNMENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each member of the Board shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Board.

(2) GOVERNMENT.—All members of the Board who serve as officers or employees of the United States, a State, or local government, shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for those services.

(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Board shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter 1 of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of service for the Board.

SEC. 5. NATIONAL MEDAL OFFICE.

There is established within the Department of Justice a national medal office. The office shall generally support the Board and shall, with the concurrence of the Board, establish criteria and procedures for the submission of recommendations of nominees for the Medal of Valor.

SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act—

(1) the term "public safety officer" means a person serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer (including a corrections or court officer or a civil defense officer), or emergency services officer, as defined by the Attorney General in implementing this Act; and

(2) the term "State" means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 8. CONFORMING REPEAL.

Section 15 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 is repealed.

SEC. 9. CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.

The Attorney General shall consult with the Institute of Heraldry within the Department of Defense regarding the design and artistry of the Medal of Valor. The Attorney General shall also consider suggestions received by the Department of Justice regarding the design of the medal, including those made by persons not employed by the Department.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. HATCH. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 10 a.m. and immediately resume debate on the juvenile justice bill. New amendments to that legislation can be offered until 12:20 p.m. during tomorrow's session. At 12:20 p.m., the Senate will begin debate on amendments Nos. 357, 358, 360, and 361, which were previously offered to the bill. Senators can expect a stacked series of four votes to begin at 1 p.m. I encourage my colleagues to offer their amendments tomorrow morning so that we can finish this important legislation in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:44 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 18, 1999:

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

JACK E. HIGHTOWER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 19, 1999, VICE ROBERT S. WILLARD, RESIGNED.

JACK E. HIGHTOWER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 19, 2004. (REAPPOINTMENT)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSON OF THE AGENCY INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF THE CLASS STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STEPHEN A. DODSON, OF TEXAS