

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "Export Administration Act Reauthorization: Government Views."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. on pending committee business.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 4 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on the Interagency Inspectors General Report on the Export-Control Process for Dual-Use and Munitions List Commodities.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "ESEA: Title VI" during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. 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, June 23, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the Report of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. 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. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet for a hearing re Religious Liberty, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 11 a.m., in SD-226.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a markup on pending legislation.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 2 p.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND DRINKING WATER

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water be granted permission to conduct a hearing on the recovery of salmon Wednesday, June 23, 1:30 p.m., hearing room (SD-406).

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, for purposes of conducting a Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 503, the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1999; S. 953, the Terry Peaks Land Conveyance Act of 1999; S. 977, the Miwaleta Park Expansion Act; S. 1088, the Arizona National Forest Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 15 and S. 848, the Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at 11 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS OFFERED TO PAYNE STEWART

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I welcome the opportunity to congratulate Payne Stewart for his recent victory at this year's U.S. Open. Payne captured the championship with a dramatic 15-foot putt on the 72nd hole, the final hole of the tournament. Originally from Springfield, Missouri, Payne has continually brought an air of class and dignity to the game of golf that is a true inspiration to all Americans, myself included. In fact, his recent per-

formance has inspired me to hit the greens again.

For his triumph in the tournament, Stewart drew strength from the memory of his late father, William Stewart, a two-time Missouri State Amateur Champion. On June 20, the final day of the U.S. Open and also Father's Day, NBC ran a special on the relationship between Payne and William Stewart. Taking the time to watch the special, Payne was moved to tears. This time of reflection may have provided the inspiration needed to make the difference in the tournament. I, too, had a father who was a major influence on my life. I, too, find strength and guidance in the moments I take to remember.

Payne Stewart is a credit to the game of golf and an example for all Missourians of what dedication and perseverance bring forth. With his second U.S. Open championship, he has shown the entire world that with enough determination and faith—coupled with a crucial putting tip from his wife—dreams really do come true. Again, I offer an enthusiastic congratulations.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BUFFALO SABRES, NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPS

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to add my voice to the growing chorus of people congratulating the Buffalo Sabres for their outstanding performance in the Stanley Cup Finals. Led by team captain Michael Peca, and their indefatigable goalie, Dominik Hasek, the entire team accomplished what was thought by many to be the impossible. Their heartfelt play brought a level of excitement to the Stanley Cup finals not seen in years. I am proud to stand with the City of Buffalo and Western New York to honor our team.

Considered underdogs in all of their playoff series, the Sabres played with pure heart and soul to sweep the Ottawa Senators in the first round, defeated the Boston Bruins and then the Toronto Maple Leafs to win the Eastern Conference and the Prince of Wales Trophy for the first time in 24 years. The triple overtime loss in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals showed the hockey community what a team with determination and true grit is. The controversial goal that ended the dreams of the Sabres will not dampen the spirits of the most devoted fans in the world—Buffalo Sabres fans.

As the Stanley Cup Finals end, I extend my deep appreciation to the Knox Family for bringing the Sabres to Buffalo 29 years ago, John J. Rigas, owner and Chairman of the Board, Darcy Regier, General Manager, Lindy Ruff, Head Coach, and the entire Buffalo Sabres team, their coaching staff, their families and their fans for their great

efforts and support. I know next season will bring even more to celebrate.

In this spirit, I ask that an article from The Buffalo News, be printed in the RECORD.

[From the Buffalo News, June 23, 1999]

RALLY FOR SABRES PROVES BUFFALO HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL

It was noon Tuesday and they streamed into Niagara Square from all directions. White-haired men and middle-aged ladies and mothers pushing strollers made the pilgrimage down Niagara Street, Franklin Street, Delaware Avenue.

They came, in all colors and sizes. Shirt-and-tie businessmen, smooth-skinned teens wearing black-and-red jerseys with Hasek or Peca stitched across the back, little kids holding their mother's hand. They came in cars, on bikes, on Rollerblades. They all came downtown, washed in the summer sun, because this is Buffalo and sometimes you win even when you lose.

They crowded in front of City Hall, more than 20,000 of them. Men in business suits climbed atop the marble railings of the McKinley Monument. Dozens stood on the roofs of the Federal Court Building and the Buffalo Athletic Center and the Turner Parking Ramp.

They do not have rallies for teams that lose in most cities.

Most cities are not Buffalo.

A lot of people around the country would read that and say "Thank God."

I ran into one of them on a plane to Dallas a couple of weeks ago. She said she was going home and asked where I was from. When I told her, she said, "Why would anybody want to live there?"

Lady, this is why.

Yes, there are things wrong with this place and I don't just mean high taxes. A streak of negativity runs through some folks. Our so-called leaders habitually put self-interest ahead of our interest. We get told we're the pits so often we sometimes forget this is a truly nice place to live.

But there's a sense of community here, a shared bond, you don't find in most other places, at least not most other places I've been. It's a hard thing to prove, but then a day like Tuesday comes and there it is, 20,000 people for all the world to see.

They didn't come to this rally for a hockey team that lost in the Stanley Cup finals because Buffalo loves a loser or likes to cry in its Genesee Cream Ale.

They came because this team carried the city's name on its jerseys the way we want it to be carried.

They came not to lament what might have been, but to celebrate what was.

The hockey team was a lot like the town, overlooked and underappreciated. Yet they left team after supposedly better team dazed and bleeding by the side of the road. They finally got beat—with the help of officials too gutless to enforce the rules—by a tough, character-laden Dallas team many expected would swat them aside like a bothersome fly. Instead, the Sabres took them to their limit, made them sweat and ache and pay for every pass and shot and goal they got—and even one they didn't.

At the end, after absorbing a mind-boggling 82 hits in the final game, the Dallas trainer compare their locker room to a M.A.S.H. unit. Some Dallas players took intravenous fluids between the overtime periods of the 5½-hour game; a half-dozen ended the series with torn ligaments or other damage.

You lay a team out like that and end up losing—losing on a tainted goal—and it doesn't mean you're losers. It means time

ran out, fate didn't smile, the story is To Be Continued next season. If these guys had any doubt about that, 20,000 people Tuesday told them otherwise.

They didn't abandon a team that tried mightily and never backed down and came up an illegally placed skate short. Just like you don't stop loving your kid or your brother or best friend. That's not the way it works around here.

Diana and Nicole Jarosz, 21 and 18, came down 90 minutes early so they could be close to the stage. They have lived in Buffalo all their lives and they could not imagine not coming to this.

"We're here to say we still love you and we're still proud of you," said Diana. "As hard as (Saturday night) was for us, I can't imagine how hard it must have been sitting on the (players') bench."

We don't want to pick on Dallas, but it's a town of shameless front-runners. Some folks were interviewed in downtown Dallas a couple of weeks ago, before this series started. One of them said, "If this team starts losing, people will drop them like a hot poker."

Well, this Buffalo team lost early Sunday morning, and most folks just held them closer.

The Stars won the Cup, and all of 150 people showed up to meet their plane at the airport. Buffalo lost it, and 20,000 came out to say, "Thanks for the ride."

The players seemed genuinely touched by it all, at times nudging each other and grinning when the crowd went nuts, or waving to the kids in Sabres jerseys sitting on their dads' shoulders.

"We really didn't expect that kind of excitement," said team captain Michael Peca afterwards. "This is not a city that forgets (about) you, absolutely not."

Dallas has a pewter Cup. We have something they'll never have. Something not about towering glass skyscrapers and money and jobs. It's a spirit, a feeling, a connection you don't get in big cities.

It's something so many of those who move away from here, usually in search of greener job pastures, never find again. They go somewhere else, start a new life, but a piece of them stays.

You can leave Buffalo, but you can never leave it behind.

Tuesday, we showed the world why. ●

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND HUBERT DONALD COCKERHAM

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rev. H. Donald Cockerham for 30 years of dedicated service to the members of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Louisville. His devoted congregation recently honored him by writing and performing a play about his life, and I am proud to join in their celebration of this milestone anniversary for both Rev. Cockerham and the church body.

Rev. Cockerham, born in McComb, Mississippi, first came to Louisville in 1969, to preach at a foreign missions rally. At that time, he was the minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago, but after filling-in as speaker at Zion one Sunday, Zion began to pursue Cockerham as a candidate for pastor. Although he was serving another church, he said he felt called to accept the invitation to lead Zion's congregation.

By all accounts, Zion flourished under Rev. Cockerham's leadership.

During his 30 years as pastor, the church building changed significantly, with the construction of a new wing. Also, the addition of a new organ and piano have surely been a blessing to the church choir when they perform their well-known presentation of the "Messiah" each Christmas. During Rev. Cockerham's time as pastor, Zion has also significantly increased opportunities for youth through additional ministry programs.

Rev. Cockerham was not only deeply involved in his church, but was also an integral part of the community. Over the years, he has been involved in the WHAS Crusade for Children, a project which raises funds to help with the care and treatment of handicapped children in Kentucky and southern Indiana. Reverend Cockerham has won numerous awards and distinctions during the past 30 years, and was recognized most recently by the Louisville YMCA as a 1999 Adult Black Achiever.

I am certain that the legacy of commitment to faith that Rev. Cockerham has left will continue on, and will encourage and inspire those who follow. Reverend, best wishes for many more years of service, and know that your efforts to better Zion Missionary Baptist Church and the Louisville community will be felt for years to come. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the United States Senate, thank you for giving so much of yourself for so many others.

Mr. President, I also ask that an article which ran in Louisville's Courier-Journal on June 12, 1999, be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

The article follows:

[From The Courier-Journal, June 12, 1999]

FAITH IN ACTION—CHURCH HONORS PASTOR'S 30 YEARS WITH PLAY

At Zion Missionary Baptist Church, members are busy showing their pastor how much they appreciate his hard work and dedication.

The Rev. H. Donald Cockerham will celebrate 30 years as pastor of the church tomorrow, and the congregation wants this to be a celebration Cockerham will never forget.

"It is rare for a pastor to have remained at a church for 30 years, so I wanted to know how I could make this anniversary more special," said Beverly Jones, anniversary chairwoman.

When Troy Bell, co-chairman of the anniversary committee, suggested that they write a play as a tribute to Cockerham, she couldn't resist.

Bell, who has a background in musical theater, wrote, directed and starred in the play, which is based on the Broadway musical "Purlie Victorious."

"I changed the title to 'Hubert Victorious' because it is our pastor's first name, and I rewrote this play to correlate with the pastor's life," Bell said. "This adaptation was a combination of fiction and non-fiction."

For a month, Bell and others worked to make the play a success.

"I contacted actors and actresses . . . and we went to the DAV to find clothes and wigs reminiscent of the 1960s," Bell said.

They performed the play Monday night at Derby Dinner Playhouse.

Cockerham cried and then he laughed and then he cried again, Bell said.

"It was a hilarious play," Cockerham said. "Although I had known about the play for