

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHARLES G. ADAMS, HEASTER WHEELER AND WENDY WAGENHEIM

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to three outstanding people from my home state of Michigan. On December 10, 2000, Dr. Charles G. Adams, Heaster Wheeler and Wendy Wagenheim are being recognized for their outstanding leadership in this year's "All Kids First" campaign initiative.

Dr. Charles G. Adams has served as Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, since 1969, and is one of Detroit's pre-eminent religious and civil rights leaders. Because of his eloquence and command of the issues, he is highly sought after as a speaker on issues of faith and social justice. He served as Co-Chair of the All Kids First initiative, participating in televised debates and helped to lead the effort among his colleagues in the religious community and the community at large. Finally, I would like to add a heartfelt "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Adams, who will be celebrating his 64th birthday on December 13, 2000.

Heaster Wheeler is the Executive Director of the Detroit Branch NAACP, the largest NAACP chapter in the United States. Wendy Wagenheim serves as Legislative Director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. Their combined experience in government, community service and public relations was invaluable in the All Kids First initiative. Together, Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Wagenheim participated in more than 45 debates about Proposal 1 throughout the state of Michigan. Their efforts were instrumental in defeating the proposal and in ensuring that all of Michigan's public schools will have adequate resources to educate our children.

Mr. President, I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Charles Adams, Heaster Wheeler and Wendy Wagenheim as they are honored for their leadership of Michigan's All Kids First initiative, and in encouraging them to keep fighting on behalf of Michigan's children and to improve Michigan's public schools. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 127. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 127. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11757. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Johnson Creek in the City of Arlington, Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11758. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6908-1) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11759. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities" (FRL #6913-9) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11760. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio" (FRL #694-71) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11761. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule entitled "National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning" (RIN0596-AB20) received on November 9, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11762. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the corrected report (reference to ec11596) of the rule entitled "Non-citizen Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996" (RIN0584-AC40) received on November 27, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11763. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6756-6) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11764. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avermectin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6754-5) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11765. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification

Act, Rules and Regulations under the Wool Products Labeling Act" (RIN3084-0101, 3084-0100) received on November 29, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11766. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Northern Florida West Coast Subzone" received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11767. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments from the U.S.-Canada Border to the Oregon-California Border" received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11768. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments From House Rock, OR to Humboldt South Jetty, CA" received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11769. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Summary Plan Description Regulations" (RIN1210-AA69 and 1210-AA-55) received on November 27, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11770. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; Rules and Regulations for Administration and Enforcement; Claims Procedure" (RIN1210-AA61) received on November 27, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11771. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on November 27, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11772. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Demonstration Programs" (34 CFR Part 373) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11773. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Luminous Zinc Sulfide; Correction" (Docket No. 97C-0415) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11774. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Component" (Docket No. 99F-1719) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11775. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption" (Docket No. 00F-1332) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11776. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food" (Docket No. 99F-1912) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11777. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national advisory committee on institutional quality and integrity for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11778. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11779. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11780. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Legal Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Immigrant Religious Workers" (RIN4710-06) received on December 7, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11781. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Health Care" (RIN3245-AE06) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-11782. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Small Business Investment Companies, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies; 'Cost of Money' Limitations" (RIN3245-AE49) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-11783. A communication from the Chairman, Centennial of Flight Commission, in concurrence with the National Aeronautics Space Administration Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11784. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the alternative plan for federal employee locality-based comparability payments; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11785. A communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel of the Na-

tional Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11786. A communication from the Chair of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11787. A communication from the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 as well as a report on final action; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11788. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11789. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11790. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11791. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11792. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act, the semiannual report for the period April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11793. A communication from the Director of the Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Under the General Schedule; Locality-Based Comparability Payments" (RIN3206-AJ07) received on December 5, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11794. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Claims Collection Standards" (RIN1510-AA57 and 1105-AA31) received on November 9, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement of December 7, 2000, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged of the following nomination:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Richard N. Gardner, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3275. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to guarantee loans to facilitate nuclear nonproliferation programs and activities of the Government of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. Res. 385. A resolution congratulating the Reverend Clay Evans of Chicago, Illinois, on the occasion of his retirement; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 386. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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FISSILE MATERIAL LOAN GUARANTEE ACT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Fissile Material Loan Guarantee Act. This Act is intended to increase the arsenal of programs that reduce proliferation threats from the Russian nuclear weapons complex.

This Act presents an unusual option, which I've been discussing with the leadership of some of the world's largest private banks and lending institutions and with senior officials of the Russian Federation's Ministry for Atomic Energy. I also am aware that discussions between Western lending institutions and the Russian Federation are progressing well and that discussions with the International Atomic Energy Authority or IAEA have helped to clarify their responsibilities.

This Act would enable the imposition of international protective safeguards on new, large stocks of Russian weapons-ready materials in a way that enables the Russian Federation to gain near-term financial resources from the same materials. The Act requires that these resources be used in support of non-proliferation or energy programs within Russia. It also requires that the materials used to collateralize these loans must remain under international IAEA safeguards forevermore.

This Act does not replace programs that currently are in place to ensure that weapons-grade materials can