When Lucas is not working with the Nation's top scientists on space exploration, he is developing his character with such distinguished organizations as the Boy Scouts. He excels at math and science and is involved in the gifted and talented program at school.

Mr. President, Lucas Moller is an outstanding example of what Idaho students can do with the proper encouragement and dedication. He is a role model for students and scientists of all ages and I am proud that he will represent his family and state in future space exploration. I know you and my colleagues in the Senate join me in offering our congratulations to Lucas.

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-8583. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the housing allowances paid to uniformed service members stationed in the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services

EC-8584. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to a technical correction to uniformed service pay tables; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8585. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to authorizing the reimbursement for the parking expenses of recruiters and other designated military personnel who have specific duties that require them to use their privately-owned vehicles in civilian communities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8586. A communication from the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the use and distribution of the Quinault Indian Nation Judgement Funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8587. A communication from the Planning and Analysis Office, Department of Veterans Affairs transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Board of Veterans' Appeals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8588. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to implementation of the President's FY 2001 Budget and other improvements and initiatives; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-8589. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the DoT's security printing and engraving program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8590. A communication from the Federal Judicial Center transmitting the annual report for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8591. A communication from 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: Adhesives and Components of Coatings and Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket No. 99F-0925), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8592. A communication from 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 "Medical Devices; Reclassification and Codification of the Stainless Steel Suture" (Docket No. 86P-0087), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8593. A communication from 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 "Medical Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Preamendment Class II Devices" (Docket No. 98F-0564), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

EC-8594. A communication from 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 "Delegations of Authority and Organization", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8595. A communication from 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 "Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval of the Penile Inflatable Implant" (Docket No. 92N-0445), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8596. A communication from 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 "Hematology and Pathology Devices; Reclassification; Restricted Devices; OTC Test Sample Collection Systems for Drugs of Abuse Testing" (Docket No. 97N-0135), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8597. A communication from 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 "Medical Devices; Laser Fluorescence Caries Detection Device" (Docket No. 00P-1209), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health Education Labor, and Pensions

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. EC-8598. A communication from 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 "Medical Devices; Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Nonimplanted Peripheral Electrical Continence Device" (Docket No. 00P-1120), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8599. A communication from 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 "Cardiovascular, Orthopedic, and Physical Medicine Diagnostic Devices; Reclassification of Cardiopulmonary Bypass Accessory Equipment, Goniometer Device, and Electrical Cable Devices" (Docket No. 99N-2210), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8600. A communication from 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 "Code of Federal Regulations; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. 00N-1217), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8601. A communication from 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 "Medical Devices; Reclassification of 28 Preamendments Class III into Class II" (Docket No. 99N-0035), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8602. A communication from the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Valuation of Benefits; Use of Single Set of Assumptions for all Benefits" (RIN1212-AA91), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8603. A communication from the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lump Sum Payment Assumptions" (RIN1212-AA92), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8604. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Requirements Applicable to Blood, Blood Components, and Source Plasma", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8605. A communication from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Fellowships", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8606. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Mammography Standards", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8607. A communication from the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Requirements Applicable to Albumin (Human) Plasma Protein Fraction (Human), and Immune Globulin (Human)", received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8608. A communication from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nevada State Plan; Final Approval Determination", received April 18, 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8609. A communication from the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities transmitting the annual report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8610. A communication from the National Science Foundation transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8611. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Education, transmitting a

draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Higher Education Technical Amendments Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8612. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Student Loan Improvements Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

EC-8613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting a report relative to the construction of a flood damage reduction project for the Turkey Creek Basin, Kansas and Missouri; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Water Resources Development entitled the "Water Resources Development Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Environ-

ment and Public Works.

EC-8615. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Emergency Planning Community Right-To-Know Act Section 313 Reporting Guidance for the Leather Tanning and Finishing Industry"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8616. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat Spikedance and the Loach Minnow' (RIN1018-AF76), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public

EC-8617. A communication from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation C-Home Mortgage Disclosure" (R-1053), received April 18, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8618. A communication from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule 'Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 19666; 04/12/2000", received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8619. A communication from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 19669; 04/12/2000", received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ĔC-8620. A communication from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule 'Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 65 FR 19664; 04/12/2000", received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8621. A communication from the Division of Investment Management, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking for EDGAR System'' (RIN3235-AH79), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. EC-8622. A communication from the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the 1999 annual report on the Preservation of Minority Savings Institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8623. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Collateral Modernization Act

of 2000"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8624. A communication from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

EC-8625. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Malaysia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban

EC-8626. A communication from the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Operations Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000, a notificaion that the President has exercised the authority provided to him and has issued the required determination to waive certain restrictions on the maintenance of a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Office and on expenditure of PLO funds for a period of six months; to the Committee on Foreign Rela-

EC-8627. A communication from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Voting Practices in the United Nations 1999"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8628. A communication from the Office for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8629. A communication from the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Technical Correction; Description of Gramercy, Louisiana, Boundaries', (T.D. 00-27), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8630. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initial estimate of the applicable percentage increase in hospital inpatient payment rates for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8631. A communication from the Regulations Unit. Internal Revenue Service. Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief from Disqualification for Plans Accepting Rollovers" (REG-245562-96) (TD8880), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8632. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delay in Finalizing Last Known Address Regulations" (Ann 2000–49), received April 24, 2000: to the Committee on Finance

EC-8633. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Weighted Average Interest Rate Update' (Notice 2000-25), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8634. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled January-March 2000 Bond Factor Amounts' (Rev. Rul. 2000-22), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8635. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'National Median Income-2000'' (Rev. Proc. 2000-21), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8636. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Conference Travel Expenses" (Rev. Rul. 2000-24), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8637. A communication from the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'May 2000 Applicable Federal Rates' (Rev. Rul. 2000-23), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8638. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Religions, Non-Medical Health Care Institutions and Advance Directives" (RIN0938-AI93), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8639. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Medicare Programs; Changes to the FY 1999 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Wage Index and Standardized Amounts Resulting from Approved Requests for Wage Revisions (RIN0938-AJ26), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8640. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Medicare Programs; Solvency Standards for Provider-Sponsored Organizations' (RIN0938-AI83), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8641. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Medicare Program; Revision to Accrual Basis of Accounting Policy' (RIN0938-AH61), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8642. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Medicare Program; Suggestion Program on Methods to Improve Medicare Efficiency' (RIN0938-AJ30), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8643. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled 'Medicare Program; Telephone Requests for Review of Part B Initial Claim Determina-(RIN0938-AG48), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8644. A communication from the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Health Care Fraud and Abuse Data Collection Program; Reporting of Final Adverse (RIN0906-AA46), received April 19, Actions" 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8645. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket Number FV00-932-1-FIR), received April 17, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8646. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Inspection; Subpart B-Regulations for Mandatory Inspection'

(Docket Number TB-99-07) (RIN0581-AB75), received April 17, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8647. A communication from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Financial Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers" (RIN3038-AB51), received April 20, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8648. A communication from the Farm Credit Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Policies and Operations; Participations" (RIN3052-AB87), received April 17, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 272: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in south-eastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition; and fully implement the Stability Pact.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and

with an amended preamble:

S. Con. Res. 98: A concurrent resolution urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

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. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2463. A bill to institute a moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty at the Federal and State level until a National Commission on the Death Penalty studies its use and policies ensuring justice, fairness, and due process are implemented; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 2464. A bill to amend the Robinson-Patman Antidiscrimination Act to protect American consumers from foreign drug price discrimination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 2465. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax benefits for research conducted by pharmaceutical companies where United States consumers pay higher prices for the products of that research than consumers in certain other countries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 2466. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to enter into negotiations to eliminate price controls imposed by certain foreign countries on prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2467. A bill to suspend for 3 years the duty on triazamate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2468. A bill to suspend for 3 years the duty on 2, 6-dichlorotoluene; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2469. A bill to suspend for 3 years the duty on 3-Amino-3-methyl-1-pentyne; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2470. A bill to suspend for 3 years the duty on fenbuconazole; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2471. A bill to suspend for 3 years the duty on methoxyfenozide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 2472. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to restore certain penalties under the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2473. A bill to strengthen and enhance the role of community antidrug coalitions by providing for the establishment of a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2474. A bill to amend title 10, Unite States Code, to improve the achievement of cost-effectiveness results from the decision-making on selections between public workforces and private workforces for the performance of a Department of Defense function; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 297. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2463. A bill to institute a moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty at the Federal and State level until a National Commission on the Death Penalty studies its use and policies ensuring justice, fairness, and due process are implemented; to the Commission on the Judiciary.

NATIONAL DEATH PENALTY MORATORIUM ACT OF \$2000

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the National Death Penalty Moratorium Act of 2000. This bill would place an immediate pause on executions in the United States while a national blue ribbon commission reviews the administration of the death penalty. Before one more execution is carried out, jurisdictions that impose the death penalty have an obligation to ensure that the sentence of death will be imposed with justice, fairness, and due process. I am pleased that my distinguished colleague from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, has joined me as a cosponsor of this important initiative.

If a particular aircraft crashed one out of every eight flights, Congress would act immediately to ground it. But as New York public defender Kevin Doyle says in the book, Actual Innocence, that is about what is happening now with the death penalty in this country. Since the reinstatement of the modern death penalty, 87 people have been freed from death row because they were later proven innocent. That is a demonstrated error rate of 1 innocent person for every 7 persons executed. When the consequences are life and death, we need to demand the same standard for our system of justice as we would for our airlines.

Both supporters and opponents of the death penalty should be concerned about the flaws in the system by which we impose sentences of death. More than 3,600 inmates sit on State and Federal death rows around the country, while it becomes increasingly clear that innocent people are being put to death.

A 1987 study found that between 1900 and 1985, 350 people convicted of capital crimes in the United States were innocent of the crimes charged. Some escaped execution by minutes. Regrettably, according to researchers Radelet and Bedau, 23 had their lives taken from them in error.

In Illinois, since 1973, 13 innocent people have been freed from death row in the time that 12 were executed. Governor George Ryan, a supporter of the death penalty, has done two things in response: He has effectively imposed a moratorium on executions and established a blue ribbon commission to review the administration of capital punishment in Illinois. Governor Ryan and I are from different political parties, but we both recognize that the system by which we impose the death penalty is broken.

Modern DNA testing of forensic evidence led to the exoneration of 5 of the 13 innocents freed from Illinois' death row and 8 of the 87 men and women who have been freed from death row nationwide since the 1970's. But Illinois and New York are the only states that currently provide some measure of access to DNA testing for death row inmates. My distinguished colleague Vermont, Senator LEAHY, has introduced a bill, the Innocence Protection Act, of which I am a co-sponsor, that would ensure access to DNA testing for all inmates on death row in the Federal system and the 38 States that impose the death penalty. That bill is an important initiative to help ensure that innocents are not condemned to death. I hope my colleagues will join Senator LEAHY in moving this bill forward.

But, as Governor Ryan and others have recognized, flaws in our system unfortunately go well beyond access to DNA testing. As Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld and Jim Dwyer note in their book, "Actual Innocence,"

Sometimes eyewitnesses make mistakes. Snitches tell lies. Confessions are coerced or fabricated. Racism trumps truth. Lab tests are rigged. Defense lawyers sleep.

Indeed, Scheck and Neufeld note that eyewitness error is the single most important cause of wrongful convictions.