

advocates for Wisconsin's veterans and their families. They have asked me to have printed in the RECORD the following editorial from The Badger Veteran, the newsmagazine that they produce.

The editorial follows.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

The men and women of the Wisconsin State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America understand all too well the horrors of war. Until September 11th, our nation was blessed to have 136 years without a life being lost on America's mainland to war. Our sense—our collective illusion—of invulnerability was shattered forever by acts of terror in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania on the 11th of September.

Our national security must never again be treated as an afterthought. It must not be placed on hold in the name of inconvenience not compromised because it might have some limited impact on the bottom line of our country's economy.

A generation ago, we sent millions of Americans to fight a protracted war in Southeast Asia. The vast majority of Americans had the luxury of turning out that war simply by tuning off their TVs whenever they grew tired of it or found it too depressing. It is a luxury no American will ever have in our war against terrorism.

Today, America has once again been drawn into a war—one not of our making. It will be protracted. It will be very costly—in dollars and, tragically, as in any war, in more lives, including more American lives. As veterans, we understand there is nothing fair or good about any war. And we know Americans will no doubt find themselves debating the conduct of this war in the halls of Congress and in homes and byways throughout our nation. There is nothing wrong with free and open debate. It is the American way. But Americans are also an impatient people who like quick resolution of events that disrupt their lives. This war promises no quick fixes. It will take more time than we will have patience. But patience is something for which Americans must collectively and continually search our very beings as the frustrations of a protracted war begin to take their toll on our resolve. And patience will have to be found time and again if we are to prevail.

We urge the people of Wisconsin and the United States to stay the course until we cripple the world's terrorist networks. We urge President Bush and our national leaders to be mindful of the lessons of the Vietnam War, the Soviet-Afghanistan War and the Powell Doctrine with respect to committing U.S. ground troops to foreign battlefields. And we ask and expect that criticisms of this war and its policies will be directed at our government and our leadership who are responsible for the policies and never again at the men and women our government sends into harm's way on behalf of our nation.

This is also a time for remembering, for coming together. A time to heal while being vigilant. A time to remind our foes that when threatened or attacked, we will respond with a ferocity that they shall regret unleashing. As President Bush stated, we are a good, peace loving nation. Our enemies proceed at their peril whenever they infer from our nature that we will turn the other cheek when attacked.

This will also be a time for the vast majority of Americans—especially young Americans—to learn about the importance of some "old fashioned" values that have lost relevance to too many for too long. Values like duty, honor and country, with an increased appreciation for a simple, compelling fact: Despite all of America's flaws and short-

comings, we have the privilege of living in the greatest nation on earth.

On behalf of the members of Vietnam Veterans of America in Wisconsin and ourselves, we rededicate the Wisconsin State Council's commitment to our Founding Principle, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." And we promise to continue our efforts to make VVA's motto, "In Service to America," an ongoing reality.

May God bless the United States of America. And may peace return to our shores and the world with dispatch.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVEN HYMAN

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, it is with genuine regret that I learned about the planned departure of Dr. Steven Hyman as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at the NIH. Steve is a Harvard-trained psychiatrist and neuroscientist who has impressed me with his deep understanding that mental illnesses are very real disturbances occurring in the brain, the most complex structure in the known universe. Steve used his expertise as a scientist, along with his remarkable ability to make science readily understandable to lay persons, to convey a simple but profound message to us and to the American public, that there is no scientific or medical justification for treating mental illnesses differently than any other illness.

Dr. Hyman has been at the helm of NIMH with a commitment to encouraging and supporting the basic research that will enable us to develop exciting new treatments, based on an understanding of the disease process itself. Although our current treatments get increasingly better, they are not perfect, they need to be more targeted and rational because as good as these treatments are, those with mental illness desperately need treatments that are more effective. We need to know how these medications are going to work in patients living in the real world, with real work problems because people suffering from severe mental illness often have very complex complicating factors that contribute to the mental illness.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for Steve Hyman's forceful voice of reason, explaining patiently and constantly that, while we don't understand mental illness completely, thanks to magnificent new technology and scientific knowledge, the brain is unlocking its secrets, and the future is bright. This, in turn, I believe has helped convince our colleagues, and the American public—that there must be parity for mental health now.

Steve will be missed, but he has accomplished much during his tenure at the National Institute of Mental Health; his success in bringing research

on mental disorders to the forefront of public consciousness will be a strong foundation that his successor must build upon. Nancy and I wish Steve and his family great success and happiness as he begins his new duties as Provost at Harvard University.•

A TRANSITION FOR ONE OF OUR NATION'S FOREMOST MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS

• Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Dr. Steve Hyman as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health at the National Institutes of Health, and to acknowledge his departure as he moves forward to become Provost of his alma mater, Harvard University. As we strive to maintain the recent Senate victory passing mental health parity legislation, I am reminded again about how fortunate it was to have Steve's leadership during these critical years. His expertise and remarkable ability to convey complex scientific information to the public and to Congress have brought us so much further in the struggle to reduce stigma and to recognize as a society that mental illnesses are real and treatable. The basic scientific facts of mental illness are straightforward, but the difficulties encountered by those who want to eliminate the cruel and unjust stigma that surrounds diseases like schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder and others have been monumental. Mental illnesses represent a major portion of the disease burden in the United States and worldwide; depression is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. and throughout the developed world. And yet, our efforts to reduce stigma and provide fair treatment for people with mental illness are still needed. Parity for mental health treatment is a civil rights issue, and the fight for the rights of those with mental illness will not be stopped.

When Steve first came to NIMH, he immediately stated unequivocally that there is no scientific basis for treating mental disorders any differently than other illnesses with respect to insurance coverage. That was his objective and straightforward view as a distinguished neuroscientist. I have watched Steve for these last 5½ years at the helm of NIMH, and he has clearly taken the scientific study of mental illness very far. His leadership and his extraordinary talents as a scientist, communicator, and teacher have made him a major force in advancing the public's awareness of the brain and its dysfunctions. Although stigma still exists, these are very few who dare to challenge the scientific record that mental illnesses are very real disorders of the brain, often disrupting that which makes us most human, our behavior.

I am particularly pleased that Steve has been at the forefront of the efforts to include the voices of patients and families in the overall planning process at the NIMH. He has sponsored public, participatory meetings in various areas

of the country, not only to bring information about the latest scientific breakthroughs, but also to seek input from people who live in diverse cultures. To his credit, Steve understood that this process was necessary so that we ensure that the NIMH addressed questions that are relevant and important to all Americans, and to include this information in planning the future of NIMH's research agenda. Steve also enthusiastically supported the effort to include public members as part of the scientific peer review panels that review grant applications. Steve believes, as I do, that the views of patients and family members are crucial because they offer a unique view of research. They ask, Steve often said, the "so what" questions that are critical to the real lives of people: Will this research help those who are suffering? Will it make a difference?

As he departs, I know that many of my colleagues join me in wishing him well and thanking him for all he has done to further scientific research and treatment of mental illness. I am confident that Steve has placed the NIMH on a course that promises to build on the remarkable achievements already achieved, one that will take full advantage of scientific opportunities and the extraordinarily challenging public health needs that we as a country are now facing. Dr. Steve Hyman will be sorely missed, but I know he will continue to be a major force for the improvement of mental health care worldwide.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3210. An act to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 717) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, in-

cluding Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2299) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1459. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

S. 1573. An act to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2722. An act to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3189. An act to extend the Export Administration Act until April 20, 2002.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3210. An act to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

S. 1748. A bill to promote the stabilization of the economy by encouraging financial institutions to continue to support economic development including development in urban areas, through the provision of affordable insurance coverage against acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 30, 2001, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1459. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Ford Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

S. 1573. An act to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as follows:

EC-4592. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Nutrient Criteria Technical Guidance Manual; Estuarine and Coastal Marine Waters"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4718. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Estrom Helicopter Corp Model F28, F28A, and F28C, F28F, 280, 280F, and 280FX Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0552)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4719. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Time of Designation for Restricted Area R4403 Gainesville, MS" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0172)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4720. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Titusville, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0173)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4721. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737 600, 700, and 800 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0555)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4722. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gulfstream Model G V Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0554)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4723. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Time Allowed for Certain Training and Testing; FAA-2001-10797" (RIN2120-AH51) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4724. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aircraft Security Under General Operating and Flight Rules; FAA-2001-10738; SFAR 91" (RIN2120-AH49) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4725. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB 135 and EMB 145 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0524)) received on November 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4726. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,