

eighty million, one hundred thousand, five hundred eighty dollars and fifty-one cents, during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, this week, as our Nation celebrates National Agriculture Week, I can think of no better time for Congress to begin the important work of addressing the urgent needs of our Nation's family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

Through the hard work and innovation of our farmers and ranchers, we have long been the most bountiful Nation in the world. The average American farmer produces enough every year to feed and clothe 129 other people. Nowhere else do so few feed so many.

Although only about 2 percent of our people work on the farm, agriculture remains a pillar of our economy. Twenty-one million Americans are employed transporting, processing, and distributing agricultural commodities. In Minnesota, agriculture represents 17 percent of the State's economy and employs roughly 22 percent of the State's workers.

Our family farmers and ranchers contribute as much to our national character as to our economy. The hard work and determination of our farmers has been the foundation and source of strength for our Nation since its earliest days. As they have done for generations, American farmers continue to meet adversity with the faith, fortitude, and ingenuity.

But as we enter the 21st century, America's family farmers and ranchers face a number of challenges such as continuing low commodity prices, the increasing consolidation and concentration in the agricultural economy and Congress' failure to establish a strong safety net to help when good times go bad. I believe we, as a nation, should focus on ways to support and strengthen family farms and rural communities while ensuring a vibrant, competitive agricultural marketplace.

I urge Congress to take immediate action to reverse farm and trade policies that have led to several years of low prices and driven thousands of producers in Minnesota and across the country out of business. What better way to honor the hard-working family farmers and ranchers who allow our Nation to enjoy the safest, most diverse, and most affordable food supply in the world.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN GLEN O. WOODS, USN

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Glen Woods, as he completes 23 years of distinguished service. It is a privilege for me to

honor his many outstanding achievements and commend him for his honorable and faithful service to the Senate, the Navy, and our great Nation.

Captain Woods graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978. Upon graduation, he entered flight training and earned his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator in February 1980. Assigned as a Maritime Patrol Aviator, Captain Woods has served in P-3 Orion squadrons in both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets, compiling nearly 4000 flight hours. His most recent flying assignment was as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron TEN, home ported in Brunswick, ME.

From airfields located in Adak, Alaska, and Keflavik, Iceland, he has tracked submarines above the Arctic Circle. He has flown anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare missions supporting our carrier battle groups in the Mediterranean Sea, Arabian Gulf, North Atlantic, Western Pacific and the Sea of Japan. His crews tracked maritime shipping in the South China Sea, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea and throughout the Indian Ocean. Additionally, he has operated extensively with our NATO Allies, flying from bases in Scotland, Norway, Iceland, France, Spain, Portugal, and Italy.

Captain Woods also left his mark on a wide range of critical assignments ashore, serving as an instructor pilot, working on the staff of the Director of Naval Intelligence, and ending his distinguished career as the Deputy Director of the Navy's Liaison Office here in the Senate. His integrity, enthusiasm and foresight have earned him the admiration of me and my colleagues.

The Department of the Navy, the Congress, and the American people have been well served by this dedicated naval officer for over 23 years. Captain Glen Woods is a passionate advocate of the Sea Services and has been tireless in supporting the needs of the Sailors in the Fleet and their families. On behalf of my colleagues, I am honored to thank him for his service and to wish Captain Woods and his lovely wife Patti, "Fair winds and following seas."●

SALUTE TO THE 2001 NORTH DAKOTA CLASS B CHAMPION NORTH BORDER BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the North Border Eagles who were recently crowned state champions at the 2001 North Dakota Class B boys basketball tournament in Minot, ND. The Eagles beat number-one ranked Cando, ND 74-65 in the tournament's championship game to claim the state's top spot in Class B basketball. I congratulate Eagles Coach Dave Symington, his coaching staff and the players on their accomplishment. Members of the team include Jacob Anderson, Aaron Bonaimé, Mike Brown, Nathan Carrier, Anthony

Chaput, Matt Defoe, Dennis Delude, Warren Eagan, Kyle Rollness, Kevin Schaler, Travis Stegman, Chris Stremick, Chad Symington and Jason Tryan.

But I stand before the U.S. Senate not only to share with you the boxscore of the final game of the North Dakota Class B boys basketball season, but to tell you the remarkable story of how they got there. It's a story that many of you from rural States may recognize. Everyone, though, will be inspired by this story of teamwork and determination.

If you look on a North Dakota map, you won't find a community called North Border. That is because North Border is not one community, it is three different communities that have joined resources in education and athletics to compete against shrinking school enrollments.

North Border is a co-op of three small communities, Neche, Pembina and Walhalla, in the far northeastern corner of my state. The communities with populations of 434, 634 and 1,131 respectively are joined by rolling hills, County Road 55 and a common goal of maintaining a high quality of life for its residents while facing the realities of a population that is older and smaller.

The communities' high schools have a combined enrollment of less than 200. The schools formed the North Border co-op due to the low athlete numbers in boys basketball and other sports.

The schools agreed to rotate the location of practices and games to accommodate players and fans in all three communities. While the athletes had played together before in summer programs, the transition was challenging. The newly formed Eagles lost its second game of the season. It was against the Cando Cubs—the team the Eagles would eventually meet again in the state tournament. The Eagles soon began playing well together as a team and compiled a very impressive 23-2 record, including a victory in the regional finals over Fordville-Lankin avenging the Eagles' second loss of the season.

The team's birth into the state Class B boys basketball tournament was the first state tournament experience for either Walhalla or Neche, and the first time since 1955 that Pembina went to State. The Eagles received no beginner's breaks. All schools who made it to the tournament were strong teams and deserve praise for this accomplishment. The Eagles were paired against the defending state champion Fargo Oak Grove team in the first round. As they had all season, the Eagles relied on their defense and a strong balanced offense to move past Oak Grove and their second opponent, the Dickinson Trinity Titans, to advance to the championship game. Four players scored in double figures in the opening game and five players did the same in North Border's win over the Titans.

The two victories put the Eagles in the title game to face the team that

gave the Eagles their first loss on the season a 28 point loss at home. Again, in a performance marked by team balance, four North Border players scored in double digits including a team high 21 points by junior guard/forward Dennis Delude to give the Eagles a victory over previously unbeaten Cando. Three Eagle players—senior Aaron Bonaime, junior Nathan Carrier and Delude—were named to the State Class B All-Tournament Team. The journey these three communities made to become state champions is truly remarkable and inspiring. Once again, congratulations to all those involved in the Eagles successful season and to all teams who made it to this year's tournament.●

VALLEY HAVEN SCHOOL

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Valley Haven School, an important part of the Valley, AL community. Valley Haven is a school for infants, toddlers and adults who are mentally retarded or multi-handicapped. On May 5th, the school will hold it's 25th Annual Hike/Bike/Run for Valley Haven, a fund raiser which generates the crucial local funding which is vital to the school's survival.

Valley Haven School was started 41 years ago and has grown into a large, professionally staffed operation. With over 116 clients in ages ranging from 3 months to 70 years, you can see, that Valley Haven must meet significant financial standards each year to maintain viability. The school does this outside of local tax structures, so operating expenses and matching funds for grants must be raised primarily through the community at large. The Hike/Bike/Run for Valley Haven is the key fund raiser of the year which helps to bring the community together for this important cause. Among the events included in the occasion are a 5k, 8K, 10 or 22 mile run, 10 or 5 mile walk, 22, 11, or 5 mile bike, trike, and stroller event, and even a horse trail ride.

I take this opportunity to wish all those helping to organize the event and those planning to participate my best wishes in their efforts to support the school. Whether contributing time, physical effort, or financial resources, working to ensure educational opportunities for others is truly a worthy cause.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.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 bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 496. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1042. An act to prevent the elimination of certain reports.

H.R. 1098. An act to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989."

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. HASTERT of Illinois, Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, and Mr. GEPHARDT of Missouri.

At 5:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 247. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 802. An act to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1099. An act to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 69. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all Contracting States to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the

Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Speaker reappoints as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mr. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING of Laurel, Mississippi.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a and clause 10 of rule I, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Mr. DEUTSCH of Florida, Mr. BORSKI of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANTOS of California, and Mr. RUSH of Illinois.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 247. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 496. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 802. An act to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1042. An act to prevent the elimination of certain reports; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1098. An act to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor, and for other purposes; to