

responsibility across the globe. We can't emphasize how important it is for you to continue to work to improve corporate disclosure, make corporate officers more accountable and develop a stronger, more independent audit system. American businesses must be trustworthy, transparent and able to withstand the light of any audit.

We look forward to working with you and the Securities and Exchange Commission as you fully investigate the companies and individuals who abuse the system and prosecute them to the full extent of the law. Your role is crucial as we work to restore confidence in American business and restore integrity and trust in our stock market.

Sincerely,

GORDON H. SMITH,  
JOHN BREAUX,  
U.S. Senate.

#### COMMUNITY HERO

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise to salute a community leader in my home State of Oregon. Today, I want to recognize the efforts of Susan Abravanel, Education Coordinator at SOLV, a non-profit organization in Oregon, in advocating for service-learning, one of the most exciting educational initiatives taking hold in our Nation today.

Service-learning gives students the opportunity to learn through community service, but it is important to note that it is much more than just community service. It is a method of classroom instruction that engages a student's intellect through hands-on work outside the classroom that benefits the community at large. Research shows that students participating in service-learning make gains on achievement tests, complete their homework more often, and increase their grade point averages.

In addition to producing academic gains, service-learning is also associated with both increased attendance and reduced dropout rates. It is clear to educators across the country that service-learning helps students feel more connected to their own education while strengthening their connection to their community as well. It is for all of these reasons that Susan Abravanel is working so hard to advocate for service-learning in classrooms in Oregon and across the nation.

Ms. Abravanel is working closely with my office and with education leaders in Oregon to ensure that my home State remains a national leader in service-learning. Just 2 months ago, I introduced a bill with my colleague, Senator EDWARDS, to strengthen our Nation's commitment to service-learning. I feel confident that this bill will soon become law and that with Ms. Abravanel's continued efforts both here in Washington, DC, and at home in Oregon, students will continue to benefit from an education tied to civic engagement.

Ms. Abravanel exemplifies the type of engaged citizen our schools must endeavor to produce, and her persistence will ensure that future generations of Americans will give back to their com-

munities just as she has. I would also like to note that Susan isn't just concerned about education, her interests and efforts in Portland's Jewish community are well known and highly appreciated, she is the new President of the Oregon chapter of the American Jewish Committee. I look forward to working with Susan in her new role at the AJC and thank her for her continuing devotion to service-learning. •

#### COMMUNITY HEROES

• Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President I rise today to recognize some community heroes in my home State of Oregon. The Agape House, which has been serving needy families in the Hermiston area for 15 years, is one of those rare organizations that dedicates its efforts entirely to the service of others.

Founded in 1987, Agape House began as a small group of volunteers providing food and clothing to approximately 100 families a month. Over the years, Agape House has been able to expand its reach, and last month was able to help 644 families in need. Food and clothing still constitute the majority of the assistance provided by Agape House's volunteers, but they are often able to help local residents with energy bills, prescription drug bills, emergency shelter, and any number of other unmet daily needs.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of Agape House's work is that it is done by a large number of area volunteers who take turns staffing the Agape House. On any given day, six to eight volunteers work at Agape House, but they are seldom the same six to eight people who were there the day before. Not only do its many volunteers come from the community, but Agape House relies primarily on food, clothing, and financial donations from local citizens. Agape House is truly a community effort, and, for that reason, has been uniquely successful in providing assistance to the needy families of western Umatilla County.

One recent and extraordinary example of Agape House's effectiveness involves a young single mother in the Hermiston area. As a young single mother with three mouths to feed, this jobless Hermiston woman relied on Agape House for many of her family's daily needs. When she was finally able to find work, she struggled to get to and from her job because she could not afford a car, and was at risk of finding herself jobless once again. Seeing her problems, Agape House stepped in and gave her a car. A car is not a typical charitable gift to a young woman in need. With her new car, this young woman flourished at her job, and Agape House, which once served this woman nearly every day, has not had a visit from her since the day she received her car. This is just one example of how Agape House goes the extra mile to help people truly become self-sufficient, which takes much more dedica-

tion than simply providing temporary relief.

I think it is important to recognize organizations like Agape House here on the Senate floor. The staff and volunteers associated with Agape House are heroes to their community, and are shining examples of what can be accomplished by a generous group of civic-minded citizens. I appreciate the important work they do each and every day, and want them to know that their efforts do not go unnoticed by those outside Umatilla County. •

#### 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 a withdrawal and 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 9:34 a.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 bill, without amendment:

S. 2578. An act to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 125. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

At 11:31 a.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 bill, without amendment:

S. 2594. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase silver on the open market when the silver stockpile is depleted, to be used to mint coins.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3034. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building."

H.R. 5010. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5011. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 424. Concurrent Resolution commending the patriotic contributions of the roofing professionals who replaced, at no cost to the Federal Government, the section of the Pentagon's slate roof that was destroyed as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2578. An act to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3034. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5010. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 5018. An act to direct the Capitol Police Board to take steps to promote the retention of current officers and members of the Capitol Police and the recruitment of new officers and members of the Capitol Police, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 424. Concurrent resolution commending the patriotic contributions of the roofing professionals who replaced, at no cost to the Federal Government, the section of the Pentagon's slate roof that was destroyed as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4231. An act to improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 28, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2578. An act to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2119: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of inverted corporate entities and of transactions with such entities, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-188).

S. 2498: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require adequate disclosure of transactions which have a potential for tax avoidance or evasion, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-189).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 454: A bill to provide permanent funding for the Bureau of Land Management Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-190).

S. 691: A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California. (Rept. No. 107-191).

S. 1010: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of North Carolina. (Rept. No. 107-192).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1649: A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks. (Rept. No. 107-193).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1843: A bill to extend hydro-electric licenses in the State of Alaska. (Rept. No. 107-194).

S. 1852: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming. (Rept. No. 107-195).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1894: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-196).

S. 1907: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon. (Rept. No. 107-197).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 223: A bill to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act. (Rept. No. 107-198).

H.R. 1456: A bill to expand the boundary of the Booker T. Washington National Monument, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-199).

H.R. 1576: A bill to designate the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-200).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2708: An original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-201).

#### NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works and placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the order of June 28, 2002:

##### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Jeffrey S. Merrifield, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2007.

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the order of June 28, 2002:

##### FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Fred L. Dailey, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Grace Trujillo Daniel, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Douglas L. Flory, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for term expiring October 13, 2006.

##### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sharon Brown-Hruska, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2004.

Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2005.

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 20 days pursuant to the order of June 28, 2002:

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

#### 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 Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 2700. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to limit the amount of attorney assessments for representation of claimants and to extend the attorney fee payment system to claims under title XVI of that Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2701. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain closures for low expansion laboratory glass; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2702. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on low expansion laboratory glass; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2703. To suspend temporarily the duty on certain blanks and components for low expansion laboratory glass; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 2704. A bill to provide for the disclosure of information on projects of the Department