

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Doc. No. 02-018-2) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8509. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microchip Implants as an Official Form of Identification for Pet Birds" (Doc. No. 01-023-2) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8510. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Removal of Quarantined Area" (Doc. No. 02-029-2) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8511. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Listing of Biological Agents and Toxins and Requirements and Procedures for Notification of Possession" (Doc. No. 02-082-1) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8512. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorsulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7192-9) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8513. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diflufenzopyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7195-8) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8514. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fosetyl-A1; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL7195-1) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8515. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazethapyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7193-4) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8516. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7195-7) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8517. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfentrazone; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL7191-5) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8518. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Imidacloprid; Re-Establishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL7188-4) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8519. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, polymer with ethyl 1 2-propenoate and methyl 2-methyl-2-propenoate, ammonium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL7188-3) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8520. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dichlormid; Extension of Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7192-5) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8521. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methyl Anthranilate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL7189-7) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8522. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metsulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7189-2) received on August 12, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8523. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries: Order Amending Marketing Agreement and Order No. 930" (FV00-930-1) received on September 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8524. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dried Prunes Produced in California: Undersized Regulation for the 2002-03 Crop Year" (FV02-933-1FR) received on September 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8525. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Specifications for Dairy Plants Approved for USDA Inspection and Grading" (Doc. No. DA-99-04) received on September 3, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2902. A bill to promote mathematics and science education through a mathematics and science partnership and through the establishment of a grant program to increase student academic achievement in mathematics and science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 320. A resolution honoring the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky for winning the 2002 Little League Baseball World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 321. A resolution commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC); to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 554

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to provide loans for the improvement of telecommunications services on Indian reservations.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to the distribution chain of prescription drugs.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1248

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1248, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable, housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1298, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1377

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from

Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1377, a bill to require the Attorney General to establish an office in the Department of Justice to monitor acts of inter-national terrorism alleged to have been committed by Palestinian individuals or individuals acting on behalf of Palestinian organizations and to carry out certain other related activities.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1434, a bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

S. 1602

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1602, a bill to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attack.

S. 2049

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2049, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to include a 12 month notification period before discontinuing a biological product, and for other purposes.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to establish a memorial in the State of Pennsylvania to honor the passengers and crewmembers of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, gave their lives to prevent a planned attack on the Capitol of the United States.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to prohibit United States assistance and commercial arms exports to countries and entities supporting international terrorism.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2512, a bill to provide grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2596

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

2596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund.

S. 2611

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2634

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2634, a bill to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2654

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income loan payments received under the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2671

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2671, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide for child care quality improvements for children with disabilities or other special needs, and for other purposes.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2762, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide involuntary conversion tax relief for producers forced to sell livestock due to weather-related conditions or Federal land management agency policy or action, and for other purposes.

S. 2794

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2794, a bill to establish a Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 2821

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 2884

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2884, a bill to improve transit service to rural areas, including for elderly and disabled.

S. 2896

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

ENSIGN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2896, a bill to enhance the operation of the AMBER Alert communications network in order to facilitate the recovery of abducted children, to provide for enhanced notification on highways of alerts and information on such children, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 294

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 294, a resolution to amend rule XLII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit employment discrimination in the Senate based on sexual orientation.

S. RES. 306

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 306, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the continuous repression of freedoms within Iran and of individual human rights abuses, particularly with regard to women.

S. RES. 307

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 307, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. RES. 316

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 316, a bill designating the year beginning February 1, 2003, as the "Year of the Blues".

S. CON. RES. 94

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 94, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

S. CON. RES. 122

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 122, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can be best achieved within the context of membership in the European Union which will provide significant rights and obligations for all Cypriots, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 134

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 134, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress to designate the fourth Sunday of each September as "National Good Neighbor Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2901. A bill to promote mathematics and science education through a mathematics and science partnership and through the establishment of a grant program to increase student academic achievement in mathematics and science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President. I rise today to introduce "The Math and Science Education Excellence Act." I have worked with my colleague from Kansas, Senator ROBERTS, to make sure we do everything possible to give math and science education the attention, funding and assistance it deserves. Today, I introduce a bill to authorize programs at the National Science Foundation that will help achieve that goal.

Under the authority of the No Child Left Behind Act, NCLBA, the Department of Education is authorized to implement a Mathematics and Science Partnership Program, a program I am very interested in making sure is a success. That program is designed to improve the academic achievement of students in the areas of math and science. It will encourage States, universities, school districts and schools to work together to: 1. improve the status of math and science teaching and 2. develop more rigorous math and science curricula.

The NCLBA authorized \$450 million for Fiscal Year 2002 for this program, but only \$12.5 million was appropriated for 2002. That level of funding is a huge disappointment to me, and I believe it is a mistake. However, last year, NSG initiated its own Program at a level of \$160 million. Because the bulk of the funding for the Math and Science program is at NSF, I believe it is appropriate, even necessary, to authorize the MSP Program at NSF as well.

This is not the preferred choice. I would prefer that we fund the program

at the Department of Education. In the meantime, this bill will give us an opportunity to re-assert how important this program is.

As we all know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires that schools be determined as failing based in part on their math scores. If they are failing, there will be consequences, such as public school choice, supplemental services and eventual reorganization. That means that math teaching and math curriculum are more important than ever. And, by 2007, science assessments will be added to the mix.

So I want to be sure that we are getting these funds to our neediest schools. I worry that without more descriptive language, NSF will not focus on awarding grants to those that need it the most. I also worry that the Math and Science Partnership program is not getting the funding it needs. Reading, math's counterpart on the yearly tests, receives over \$1 billion in funding. Any many other programs authorized in the No Child Left Behind Act are receiving appropriations that meet, or even exceed the authorization levels.

Not the Math and Science program. Despite the importance of math and the fact that schools will be determined as failing based on their math scores, the Math and Science Partnership Program is received a total of only \$172.5 million in 2002, with only \$12.5 million of those funds targeted to those based on need. \$160 million from NSF and \$12.5 million from the Department of Education. For 2003, the Senate Appropriations Committee recommends that only \$120 million be provided for the MSP program. Why? Apparently, some \$30 million in funds is left over from last year's appropriation because NSF did not believe the applications met the rigors the grant program requires.

I am very concerned that we are leaving States, schools districts, schools and students confused and bewildered due to the complicated bureaucratic process that has been created. I believe we should make sure that every dollar of the math and science partnership program money is appropriately administered to ensure results. I also believe that we should work toward appropriately funding this initiative. My amendment will accomplish those two goals.

My bill would insert the exact Math and Science Partnership language from the No Child Left Behind Act, language which we members of the HELP Committee have already agreed to, with only minor changes. That language requires targeting of the \$450 million in funds to those who need it the most, and it also requires accountability.

I have also added a section requiring the NSF to provide technical assistance to those eligible applicants that request it. If the quality of the applications is not high, the NSF should help applicants develop high-quality programs. Otherwise, applicants must guess how to improve, forcing math

and science education to suffer in the meantime.

The bill also authorizes \$12 million for NSF to conduct and evaluate research related to the science of learning and teaching math and science. It directs NSF to develop ways to apply, duplicate and scale up the results of such research for use in low-performing elementary and secondary classrooms to improve the teaching and student achievement levels of mathematics and science. This investment will make sure that we find out the best ways to teach math and science. With that knowledge, we will have the building blocks we need to effectively argue for, and demand, more funding for the Math and Science Partnership Program.

This bill attempts to make the best out of a not ideal predicament for math and science education. I believe it is the right thing to do, and I respectfully request my fellow Senators support.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2902

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Mathematics and Science Education Excellence Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this Act to—

(1) upgrade the status and stature of mathematics and science teaching as a profession by encouraging institutions of higher education to assume greater responsibility for improving mathematics and science teacher education through the establishment of a comprehensive, integrated system of recruiting and advising such teachers;

(2) focus on the education of mathematics and science teachers as a career-long process that should continuously stimulate teachers' intellectual growth and upgrade teachers' knowledge and skills;

(3) bring together mathematics and science teachers in elementary schools and secondary schools with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers to increase teacher content knowledge and improve teaching skills through the use of more sophisticated laboratory space and equipment, computing facilities, libraries, and other resources that colleges and universities are more able to provide;

(4) develop more rigorous mathematics and science curricula that are aligned with challenging State academic content standards and intended to prepare students for postsecondary study in mathematics and science; and

(5) conduct and evaluate research related to the science of learning and teaching in order to develop ways in which the results of such research can be applied, duplicated, and scaled up for use in low-performing elementary schools and secondary schools to improve the teaching and student achievement levels in mathematics and science.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation.