

We need Federal preemption in this area. I think it would be a mistake to let States and localities all try to impose their own privacy rules. There are trillions of dollars at stake. We have to be very careful. But if we fail to pass this bill, we open a Pandora's box of States and localities writing their own rules, and the markets and financial institutions just are not prepared for that. We can't let that happen. We don't need that uncertainty now. Who knows what would happen.

On a personal note, I am very pleased that the bill contains strong identity theft and privacy protections, including my amendment on Social Security number truncation that will help prevent thieves who go "dumpster diving" or try to steal credit reports from mail boxes. Identity theft is a growing problem in America. The Internet is making it easier for thieves to obtain consumer information. My amendment will help fight this growing menace. Under this bill, consumers can block out their Social Security number on their credit reports. It is just the sort of simple, commonsense approach that will help consumers without burdening business.

I would also like to talk about the amendments that are going to be offered by my colleagues from California. They are based, in large part, on a California bill, SB1. I am sure California has a fine legislature. And I am sure their representatives try their best to represent their California constituents. But I do not think the California legislature represents the people of Kentucky or the other States very well. That is not their job. If we adopt the amendments to be offered by my friends, it would have the effect of imposing California's rules on the rest of the Nation. That is a bad idea that will only lead to the economic uncertainty we have to avoid.

If California wants to try to craft their own rules and work with Federal regulators, I say more power to them—but not if it puts a crimp on the national economy or starts rewriting the rules for the other 49 States. Our credit system is a national system and it needs a national standard. Standards that may work in California or Kentucky may not work for the country as a whole. Usually I am all for taking power away from Washington and sending it back to the States and local government. But on this bill we cannot ignore the fact that credit rules and markets and money are all part of a broader, national economy that requires a unified, Federal approach. To let States undermine that would be a recipe for disaster.

S. 1753 is a fair and balanced bill that sets a fair and balanced standard for our entire Nation. It is bipartisan, it is common sense, and it is a prudent solution to a pressing problem for our financial institutions.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING BENJAMIN AND ALEC WILLIAMS

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor Benjamin Richard Williams and Alec David Williams for receiving the Eagle Scout Award. As an Eagle Scout myself, I know first hand the dedication and hard work involved in attaining this prestigious award. These two brothers, from my home State of Idaho, are exceptional individuals who have accomplished much in their young lives. Allow me a moment to tell you about them.

In addition to his rank of Eagle Scout, Ben has served diligently in the Boy Scout organization, most recently as Senior Patrol Leader. He has also been heavily involved in extra-curricular activities at Boise High School. Ben is a cross-country runner and is involved in his school's jazz and marching bands. All of this while keeping a very impressive 3.95 GPA.

Alec is here with us in the Senate today, serving our country as a congressional page. We appreciate his valuable service in this capacity. Alec has served in several capacities in the Boy Scouts, most recently as the assistant senior patrol leader. Alec is also an exceptional student with a 4.0 GPA. Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is one more accomplishment to add to his already impressive list.

I commend Benjamin and Alec on receiving their Eagle Scout Awards. Through the leadership and service opportunities provided in the Scouting program, Ben and Alec are better prepared to serve their families and America's communities. I wish them continued success in all of their endeavors. •

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.)

REPORT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE USE OF \$10,623,873 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, PUBLIC LAW 108-7, THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2003—PM 55

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United

States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with Division C, District of Columbia Appropriations Act of Public Law 108-7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, I am notifying the Congress of the proposed use of \$10,623,873 provided in Division C under the heading "Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and Security Costs in the District of Columbia." This will reimburse the District for the costs of public safety expenses related to security events and responses to terrorist threats.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 6, 2003.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE— November 5, 2003

The House passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 2898. An act to improve homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 wireless services, and for other purposes.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:54 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2443. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2620. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3214. An act to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3348. An act to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms;

H.R. 3349. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004; and

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3365) to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the

Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 677. An act to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and

S. 924. An act to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, November 6, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 6:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1442), to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1904) to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, and for other purposes, and asks for a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Agriculture for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HAYES, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. DOOLEY of California.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. POMBO, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. RENZI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. INSLEE.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 106 and 107 of the House bill, and sections 105, 106, 1115, and 1116 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS.

At 6:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2622) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. NEY, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRANK, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. MOORE.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2443. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3349. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 6, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 677. An act to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 924. an act to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5124. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Division of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Regulations Governing Rehabilitation Activities and Permit Exceptions" (RIN1018-AH87) received on October 30, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5125. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports required by the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5126. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a copy of the Fiscal Year 2003 Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventories for the Commission, Office of the Inspector General; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5127. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans States of Montana and Wyoming; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana; New Source Performance Standards for Wyoming and Montana" (FRL#7573-2) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5128. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Arizona" (FRL#7573-9) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5129. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL#7580-5) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5130. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; Puerto Rico" (FRL#7581-1) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5131. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7577-1) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5132. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Kentucky: Permit Provisions for Jefferson County, Kentucky" (FRL#7582-6) received on October 28, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5133. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval of State Implementation Plan Revisions, Antelope Valley, Butte County, Mojave Desert, and Shasta County Air Quality Management Districts and Kern County Air