

On July 1, 2002, Dr. Gavin began work as President of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. Prior to his presidency, Dr. Gavin was the senior scientific officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and director of the HHMI—National Institutes of Health and Research Scholars Program.

Prior to joining the senior staff of HHMI, he was on faculty at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as a professor and as chief of the Diabetes Section, acting chief of the Section on Endocrinology, Metabolism and Hypertension, and William K. Warren Professor for Diabetes Studies. He previously served as associate professor of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Public Health Services from 1971-73 and continues to serve in that capacity as a reserve officer.

Among the many honors Dr. Gavin has received are the Daniel Hale Williams Award, the E.E. Just Award, the Herbert Nickens Award, the Daniel Savage Memorial Award, the Emory University Medal for Distinguished Achievement, the Banting Medal for Distinguished Service from the American Diabetes Association, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Duke University School of Medicine, and the Internist of the Year from the National Medical Association.

A committed husband and father, Dr. Gavin and his wife, Annie, have been married for 30 years and are blessed with two sons, Hakkim and Lamar.

I am pleased to have someone of Dr. Gavin's caliber leading the students, faculty and staff of Morehouse School of Medicine. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Gavin and his family on his new position and wish him God's blessings in this exciting opportunity.●

HONORING WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the Western Kentucky University men's basketball team for their success on the court this season.

The Hilltoppers, led by Coach Dennis Felton, overcame injuries and illness, to finish the season at 24-8 and earn a trip to the NCAA tournament. They are a deep, veteran team with plenty of skills and NCAA experience. The Hilltoppers also had a great scoring balance, with five players averaging at least 9.8 points a game.

The Hilltoppers earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a 64-52 victory over Middle Tennessee in the Sun Belt Conference tournament championship. This makes Coach Felton the first coach in WKU's history to lead the Hilltoppers to three consecutive Sun Belt and NCAA tournament appearances. Unfortunately, the Hilltoppers were unable to carry on their winning momentum against the

University of Illinois, losing to the Fighting Illini in a valiant effort the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Overall, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers had a very successful and productive season. They overcame numerous hurdles to win the Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship and earn their 19th invitation to the NCAA tournament. They worked as a team all year to prove their dedication and skill and showed that they have the hearts of champions. I applaud Coach Felton and his players for all that they accomplished this season and I wish them further victories.●

SIX MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM—PM 29

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

As provided by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith the 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 21, 2003.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

H. Con. Res. 104. Concurrent resolution expressing the support and appreciation of the Nation for the President and the members of the Armed Forces who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

H.R. 975. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1047. An act to amend the harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1308. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

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-1709. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory as of June 30, 2002, received on March 18, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1710. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Donation of Patents (Rev. Rul. 2003-28)" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1711. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Compilation of Federal Disaster Areas (Rev. Rul. 2003-29)" received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1712. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "January-March 2003 Bond Factor Amounts; Correction (Rev. Rul. 2003-22)" received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1713. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of a Provision, and Extension of Certain Deadlines Under Raisin Diversion Program (Doc. No. FV03-989-2 FIR)" received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1714. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2003 Diversion Program (Doc. No. FV03-989-3 IFR)" received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1715. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Final Free and Restricted

Percentages for the 2002–2003 Marketing Year (Doc. No. FV03–982–1 FIR)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1716. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Groan in South Texas; Revision of Rules and Regulations (Doc. No. FV03–959–2FIR)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1717. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate (Doc. No. FV02–984–1FIR)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1718. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Termination of Marketing Order and Implementation Rules and Regulations (Doc. No. FV03–911–1FR)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1719. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill to amend to Communications Act of 1934, received on March 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1720. A communication from the Director, office of Surface Mining, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Kansas Regulatory Program and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan (KS-023–FOR)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1721. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final rule to Reclassify and Remove the Gray Wolf from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in Portions of the Conterminous United States; Establishment of Two Special Regulations for Threatened Gray Wolves (1018–AF20)” received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1722. A communication from the Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Strategic Research Plan and Budget to Reduce and Ultimately Eliminate Health Disparities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1723. A communication from the Director, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 Annual Report on Health Disparities Research of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1724. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with Public Law 107–40 and the War Powers Resolution, the report on the use of military force in the global war on terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1725. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with Public Laws 93–148, 102–1, and 107–243, the determination to commence combat operations against Iraq on March 19, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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 Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 681. A bill to provide for the enhanced protection of electricity consumers under the Federal Power Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 682. A bill to authorize funding for Genomes to Life Research and Development at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2004 through 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 683. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide entitlement to leave to eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in support of a contingency operation or notified of an impending call or order to active duty in support of a contingency operation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MILLER, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 684. A bill to create an office within the Department of Justice to undertake certain specific steps to ensure that all American citizens harmed by terrorism overseas receive equal treatment by the United States Government regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence, and to ensure that all terrorists involved in such attacks are pursued, prosecuted, and punished with equal vigor, regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 685. A bill to assist low income taxpayers in preparing and filing their tax returns and to protect taxpayers from unscrupulous refund anticipation loan providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 686. A bill to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 687. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the concurrent deployment to combat zones of both military spouses of military families with minor children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 688. A bill to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of

the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 689. A bill to balance the budget and protect the Social Security Trust Fund surpluses; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Committee on the Budget, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 690. A bill to prevent publicly traded corporations from issuing stock options to top management in a manner that is detrimental to the long-term interests of shareholders; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 691. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements and contracts with the Nebraska State Forester to carry out watershed restoration and protection activities on National Forest System land in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 60, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain disabled former prisoners of war to use Department of Defense commissary and exchange stores.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow allocation of small ethanol producer credit to patrons of cooperative, and for other purposes.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.