

Thirty years ago today in a Dayton, OH office building, a team of employees and consultants developed the world's first full-text commercial search engine to use for legal research. LexisNexis thus launched the first online legal research system, an innovation that revolutionized the way legal and business professionals, government officials, and academics conduct online legal and business research.

This special milestone offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the company's tradition of innovation and to look with optimism to the future. Today, LexisNexis is a global leader in legal, news and business information services, a distinction supported by product lines that date back more than a century.

With more than 3,000 employees in Ohio and over 13,000 employees worldwide, LexisNexis has enhanced the quality of life within the communities where it employees live and work, and it is truly deserving of high praise. I am certain that as this worthy enterprise maintains its commitment to deliver superior services and solutions to its customers, it will continue to grow and prosper and will follow in the tradition of innovation which has long been the hallmark of the company.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, I congratulate LexisNexis on this Thirtieth Anniversary and extend best wishes for the future.●

LEXIS-NEXIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize LexisNexis, an Ohio company celebrating a very important milestone. LexisNexis, the first commercial, full-text legal information service, is celebrating its 30th anniversary today. This company, headquartered in Dayton, provides a service that has become an indispensable information resource to a wide range of professionals, not only in many of our congressional offices, but also in the legal, business, and academic arenas.

In an era when many professionals frequented the library looking for the necessary documents, LexisNexis introduced desktop terminals that allowed subscribers to call up a variety of documents from their desks, making LexisNexis the preferred search engine of countless professionals. Today, the LexisNexis continues to revolutionize legal research by providing its over 1.6 million subscribers with up-to-date information covering a variety of topics, from worldwide newspapers and magazines to tax and accounting information and legislative records. Currently, there are an astounding 2 billion documents available in the LexisNexis database, with 6.8 million documents added each week, providing its subscribers with a wealth of knowledge.

I commend LexisNexis on the success it has achieved over the past 30 years and wish the company, and all of its 13,000 employees worldwide, continued

success in delivering high-quality, invaluable resources and information.●

HONORING THE UNITED PARCEL SERVICE

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize the United Parcel Service, UPS. Recently, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council named UPS an "Elite Eight" member.

Each year the Women's Business Enterprise National Council selects and recognizes the efforts of eight companies that actively seek business contacts with companies owned and operated by women. For the second consecutive year, UPS is the recipient of this distinguished industry award.

One element specifically praised by the council was UPS's Supplier Diversity Program. This exceptional program was formally launched in 1992 as a way of promoting business opportunities through UPS contracts to companies either owned by minorities or women. Contracts with the 25,000 businesses included in this program vary from legal services and advertising to computers and uniforms.

Late last year, UPS completed a \$1 billion expansion of the UPS Worldport facility at the Louisville International Airport located in Louisville, KY. I am pleased that more than 40 Supplier Diversity Program participating businesses were involved in the completion of this project.

Since the creation of the company in 1972, UPS has received multiple recognitions for its commitment to community development and improvement. These numerous awards and distinctions are well deserved, and UPS should be commended for this commitment.●

THE CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today it is my great pleasure to congratulate the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy for 125 years of excellence in education. On April 4, 2003, faculty, students, and members of the community will gather to commemorate not only U of D Jesuit's achievements in education, but also its commitment to the community of Detroit.

For 125 years, the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy has provided expanding educational opportunities to a wide array of students across the Detroit metropolitan area. Since its founding in 1877, U of D Jesuit has continually increased its academic offerings to students. The school added an academy serving seventh and eighth grade students in 1973 and is now known as one of Michigan's premier private college preparatory schools.

In 1977, U of D Jesuit made the critical decision to remain in Detroit. De-

spite pressure from teachers and alumni to move the school out of the city, the Jesuits in Rome urged the school to remain in Detroit to continue pursuing their mission of justice in education. Since then, U of D Jesuit has strived to offer its students a rich multicultural environment while also providing a challenging and meaningful educational experience. The diversity that now exists within the school is both an incredible asset and an essential component of its character.

Today, U of D Jesuit offers its students excellent educational opportunities while teaching them the importance of diversity and commitment to their community. The student body at U of D Jesuit draws from nearly 70 different communities in the Detroit metropolitan area. Students come from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds, yet they all share the common goal of improving their school and community. The University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy truly demonstrates an unwavering commitment to shaping young men into "Men for Others."

I am pleased to join with my colleagues in the Senate in offering my deepest congratulations to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy as they celebrate 125 years of commitment to the Detroit area and excellence in education. I wish them continued success in the future.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committee.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:30 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. 289. An act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 622. An act to provide for exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes.

H.R. 758. An act to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institution at Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 762. An act to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts.

H.R. 1412. An act to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation national emergency.

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. 109. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star.

The message further announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) 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, and agree to the conference asked by 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:

For consideration of the House concurrent resolution and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NUSSLE; Mr. SHAYS; and Mr. SPRATT.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were referred as indicated:

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; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution concerning the treatment of members of the Armed Forces held as prisoner of war by Iraqi authorities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

H.R. 289. An act to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 622. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 758. An act to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institutions at Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 762. An act to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way

granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1412. An act to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency, to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

H. Con. Res. 109. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-1790. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Alternate Locking Devices for Plug and Receptacle-Type Connectors on Mobile Battery-Powered Machines (1219-AA98)" received on March 27, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1791. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Criteria and Procedures for Proposed Assessment of Civil Penalties (1219-AB32)" received on March 27, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1792. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Energy Administration's Annual Energy Review 2001, received on March 20, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1793. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a several documents that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued related to EPA regulatory programs, received on March 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office.

*Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Harry A. Haines, of Montana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for a term of five years.

*Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service

Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominees commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 763. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 764. A bill to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 765. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to streamline the financial disclosure process for executive branch employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 766. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Jacksonville, Florida, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 767. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 768. A bill to provide for reform of the Senior Executive Service, adjustment in the rates of pay of certain positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 769. A bill to permit reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 770. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure fair treatment and due process protections under the temporary assistance to needy families program, to facilitate enhanced data collection and reporting requirements under that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 771. A bill to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases through Children Advocacy Centers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 772. A bill to provide that the apportionment of funds to airports for fiscal year 2004