

the Nation's secondary schools. Named in honor of the fourth President of the United States, the fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Ms. Williams's course of study toward a master's degree.

The award recognizes promising and distinguished teachers and encourages the strengthening of their knowledge of the origins and development of American government and history. Ultimately, the award acknowledges educators who will provide outstanding tutelage to students across the country.

Ms. Williams is a teacher at Bryan Station High School in Lexington, KY. She is one of 56 recipients of the fellowship, selected from applicants from across the United States. Ms. Williams has distinguished herself as an exceptional and aspiring educator. Her dedication to the field of American history and to the education of Kentucky's youth is remarkable.

Ms. Williams is a tribute to Kentucky, and I am proud of her achievements. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Ms. Williams's wonderful accomplishments. She is Kentucky at its finest.●

TRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF McCRACKEN COUNTY

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise to honor and pay tribute to the McCracken County Education Association for the high ideals which they have taught through example to the children of their county school system. The McCracken County Education Association of McCracken County, KY, generously took the initiative not only to raise \$10,089 and donate it to Habitat for Humanity but also to give their time and effort in the construction of a home in Paducah.

The initiative involved all 12 of McCracken County's public schools and the children that attend them. Each teacher was asked to raise \$35 from their own classroom while the central office and each school contributed \$350. The ways in which the money was raised are just as admirable for their originality and civic mindedness as they are for their charity. One teacher added a brick to a miniature house structure for every dollar her students contributed, while one school of only 350 students held a bake sale and raised approximately \$5,000. Overall and throughout, the raising of funds was marked with a spirit of cooperation and team spirit. On June 6 the funds were presented to Habitat for Humanity of Paducah/McCracken County and on the 14th the teachers, administrators, and staff of McCracken County Education Association assembled at 1920 Broad St. in Paducah, KY, to donate time and labor in the construction of a house.

The altruism and generosity of the McCracken County Education Association ought to be highly commended and imitated by all who have seen its shining example. Such interest in the

well-being of our neighbors combines the virtues of justice and compassion and enriches the society in which it exists.

While it is true that the McCracken County Education Association's concern for their neighbors and for a society in which all have shelter is truly virtuous, it is also true that the work they did was just as, if not more, valuable for the reason that they are the educators of America's future. The children whom the McCracken County Education Association included in this fundraiser event learned more than just what books might have taught them in school. They learned that an active interest in the well-being of others is important. They learned that though they are children who are still in the process of learning, their voices will be heard if they work together with order and with the good of society at heart. It is not only these children who stand to learn something from this notable example of generosity and civic responsibility but all of us here today.

My Senate colleagues and all others would do well to imitate the concern and initiative of the McCracken County Education Association. I thank the Senate for allowing me to laud the praises of the McCracken County Education Association.●

BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE FOR MR. WILLARD ELDREDGE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt birthday greeting to Mr. Willard Eldredge who turns 80 years old today. On July 5, his friends and family will gather in Idaho Falls to honor this great man on the occasion of his birthday. Mr. Eldredge has touched many lives over the years, and I am one of the fortunate ones to have benefited from his influence. You see, I was involved in Boy Scouts, and eventually became an Eagle Scout. Mr. Eldredge was a Scout pack leader of mine many years ago. He taught me and other young men the values, work ethic, and commitment that it took to succeed in Scouts and in life. He served as a role model for me, and taught me lessons about honor, duty, honesty, and patriotism that I have carried with me throughout my life. It is now my honor to wish my former mentor a wonderful, and very happy 80th birthday.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:52 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. 923. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve.

H.R. 1416. An act to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

H.R. 1460. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing, and certain other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1772. An act to improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2555. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 923. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 1416. An act to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1460. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing, and certain other benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1772. An act to improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 2555. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1323. A bill to extend the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted by 6 months.

MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following resolution was ordered held at the desk by unanimous consent:

S. Res. 186. A Resolution commending August Hiebert for his Service to the Alaska Communications Industry.

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-2899. A communication from the Chairman, Navy Sea Cadet Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Audit and Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2900. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flufenacet acetamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL7313-9) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2901. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL7311-5) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2902. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accelerated Payments Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty Program" (RIN2900-AL22) received on June 24, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2903. A communication from the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report entitled "VA Research: Discovery, Innovation, Leadership"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2904. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Legislation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2905. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2906. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Regulations on Aluminum in Large and Small Volume Parenterals Used in Total Parenteral Nutrition; Delay of Effective Date" (Doc. No. 02N-0241) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2907. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling for Oral and Rectal Over-the-Counter Drug Products Containing Aspirin and Nonaspirin Salicylates; Reye's Syndrome Warning" (RIN0910-AA01) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2908. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ingrown Toenail Relief Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use" (RIN0910-AA01) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2909. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management,

Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Antidiarrheal Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph" (RIN0910-AA01) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2910. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Information Regulations" (Doc. No. 99N-2637) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2911. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Doc. No. FEMA-7809) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2912. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 65) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2913. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 67) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2914. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR Part 67) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2915. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Doc. No. FEMA-B-7436) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2916. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Doc. No. FEMA-B-7539) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2917. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the Profitability of the Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions for 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2918. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2919. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant

military equipment abroad to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2920. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2921. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2922. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2923. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2924. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to South Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2925. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to South Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2926. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2927. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2928. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the text of agreements and background statements of international agreements other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2929. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report concerning the amount of funds for information technology and software used to support Department of Defense weapon systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2930. A communication from the Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Office of Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of funds for four new Foreign Comparative Testing projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2931. A communication from the Director, Admissions Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, the report of separation action; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2932. A communication from the Director, Admissions Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, the report of separation action; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2933. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2934. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit Program; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania" (FRL7511-7) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2935. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Credible Evidence" (FRL7512-7) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2936. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; SIP Renumbering" (FRL7501-5) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2937. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Quality Planning Purposes 1-Hour Ozone Standard for San Diego, California" (FRL7515-4) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2938. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding of Substantial Inadequacy of Implementation Plan; Call for California State Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL7518-4) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2939. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination that the State of California has Corrected Deficiencies and Stay and Deferral of Sanctions; San Joaquin Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL7517-9) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2940. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2941. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the forum to develop a more comprehensive key national indicator system; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2942. A communication from the Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2943. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2944. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2945. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2946. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2947. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2948. A communication from the Chairman, Congressional Award, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2002 report to Congress; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2949. A communication from the CFO and Plan Administrator, First South Farm Credit Retirement Committee, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Pension Plan Report for calendar year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2950. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "The Department of Mental Health Failed to Implement A Vocational Rehabilitation Program for the District's Mental Health Consumers"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2951. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; incidental Catch Requirements of Bluefin Tuna" (RIN0648-AO75) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2952. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation" (FAC 2001-14) received on June 24, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2953. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Com-

merce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Fishery Conservation and Management Amendments of 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2954. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: SOCATA Group AEROSPATIALE Models MD 892A-150, MS 892E-150, MS 893A, MS 893E, MS 894A, MS 894E, Rallye 150ST Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2003-0245)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2955. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Hartzell Propeller Inc. Model HC-C2Y (KR) 1BF/F8477-4 Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2003-0242)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2956. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328 100 and 300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2003-0243)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2957. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD 90 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2003-0240)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2958. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Odel F28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2003-0241)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2959. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Moundridge, KS; Correction" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2003-0102)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2960. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cabelier, ND" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2003-0101)) received on June 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1334. An original bill to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-79).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment: