

will be imperative that fire departments throughout Kentucky and across America follow the example of the Clark County Fire Department and work with local municipalities to improve fire protection services. I am proud of their efforts and am grateful for how well they have represented the Commonwealth. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize the Clark County Fire Department and its personnel for their service to their community and to our Nation. They are Kentucky at its finest.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS D. CLARK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute to Thomas D. Clark, Kentucky's most prominent historian. On Monday, July 14, 2003, Mr. Clark celebrated his 100th birthday. Remarkably, Mr. Clark's life has spanned nearly half of Kentucky's history.

Thomas Clark is an esteemed southern historian and writer, agrarian and preservationist. Having grown up on a cotton farm in Mississippi, Mr. Clark came to the State as a graduate student enrolled in the University of Kentucky in 1928. Less than 3 years later he decided to settle in Kentucky and delve into its history.

In 1937, Mr. Clark's "A History in Kentucky" was published, and it is still considered the definitive work on Kentucky history by the State Department for Libraries and Archives. Mr. Clark was declared Kentucky's historian laureate for life in 1990, and to this day, maintains his enthusiasm and passion for Kentucky history. That he lived and experienced much of the history he wrote is testament to this man's inimitable and authoritative qualities.

In addition to being Kentucky's premier historian, Mr. Clark paid the State a great service by saving part of its history. In 1936 he stopped the State librarian, who had run out of storage space, from selling truckloads of records as scrap. He then encouraged the Governor to create a State archive and established a special documents collection at the University of Kentucky's library.

Mr. Clark's ardor for Kentucky and its history and his tenacity for historical preservation makes this man one of Kentucky's greatest heroes. For generations to come, Kentucky will be indebted to this man. I thank the Senate for allowing me to recognize Mr. Clark and voice his praises. He is Kentucky at its finest.●

HINSDALE CELEBRATES ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, today in honor of Hinsdale, NH. This great American community is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding, and I am proud to recognize this historic event.

Over 4,000 people call themselves citizens of Hinsdale. From the town's in-

corporation in 1753 through today, they have made enormous contributions to not only New Hampshire's economic and cultural heritage but to our country's as well. Colonel Ebenezer Hinsdale, who many consider to be the founder of the town, was described as a "man for all seasons." He was a missionary, a farmer, a soldier and a conservationist long before that term became commonplace. He built Fort Hinsdale and served in the French and Indian Wars. He truly was a man of action. It is therefore appropriate that this community bears his surname because successive generations of residents have continued to build upon the example he set. For example, Charles A. Dana, a Hinsdale native, served as the Assistant Secretary of War during the Civil War and later was the editor of the old New York Sun, one of the most prominent daily newspapers in its day. Another native, Jacob Estey, founded and manufactured the Estey Organ which was a must-have musical instrument in the late 1800's. William Haile became the first Republican Governor of New Hampshire in 1857 when the Republicans were still a fledgling party. Clearly, he must have possessed strong leadership qualities.

In addition, Hinsdale can rightly claim to be the birthplace of the automobile. In 1875, George A. Long, then an apprentice in the Holman & Merriman machine shop, built and successfully demonstrated a steam car right in Hinsdale. The first test of his invention, which was described as a boiler set upon a carriage with regular wooden wheels, was scheduled to take place late one night that year to avoid embarrassment. Of course, news of the test leaked out and a curious crowd gathered to watch George Long's car run a few yards then stop. He made improvements in it and he, and his invention, soon became known for running horses and buggies right off the road. He later built a second steam auto with an advanced two-cylinder engine. This auto included adjustable seats for two, rubber tires, two speeds and front wheel brakes. Truly, George Long was a man ahead of his time.

All of these people and their stories illustrate the rich heritage for which Hinsdale can rightly be proud. It is my honor to salute the citizens of this great community as they celebrate Hinsdale's 250th birthday.●

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the American Political Science Association on five decades of tremendous success in its Congressional Fellowship Program. Since 1953, the A.P.S.A. has trained and supported over 1800 Fellows, bringing top academic scholars, political journalists, experienced public servants, and

others to the Hill. For 9 months, they learn from and contribute to the political process. These Fellows include political scientists, sociologists, journalists, domestic and foreign policy specialists, physicians, Native American Hatfield Fellows, staff from other legislative bodies, and international scholars. All of them have benefited greatly from the opportunity to take part in the legislative process, and Congress as an institution has been improved by their participation.

Throughout my careers in both the House and in the Senate, I have had the pleasure of hosting A.P.S.A. Congressional Fellows in my office. Beginning in 1985, I have hosted eight Fellows, two of whom are with my office now. Joe Bowersox, an associate professor of political science at Willamette University in Salem, OR, works on forestry issues, wildfire prevention, and a host of other environmental issues. Thad Kousser, an assistant professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego has assisted with the budget, health care, and preventing government waste. Like all of the Fellows I host, they are treated as professional staff. They have prepared me for hearings, met with constituents and policy experts, drafted statements, worked out of my State offices in Oregon, and helped me to craft legislation.

I am able to give so much responsibility to A.P.S.A. Fellows because they have gone through such extensive training in their program. In the fall before they begin work, the Fellows attend 3 weeks of intensive instruction in a broad range of domestic and foreign policy issues as well as practical politics. The training is hosted by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and taught by a collection of Washington's top experts. After this orientation, the Fellows attend a 4-day Advanced Legislative Institute Seminar run by the Congressional Research Service. Even after they have joined an office, the Fellows continue their education by attending the Wilson Seminar Series on Friday afternoons. This comprehensive preparation is a large part of what has made the program so successful.

The program has also benefited from the enduring commitment of the American Political Science Association to keep the connections between academia and Congress strong. It is administered out of the Association's national headquarters and has in recent years been expertly led by Jeff Biggs, a former A.P.S.A. Fellow himself. Other distinguished alumni of the program include Thomas Mann, Norman Ornstein, Rep. BOB FILNER, former Rep. Steve Horn, and Vice President DICK CHENEY. I hope that the next 50 years of the Fellowship will be as successful as its first five decades.●

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 DETAILING THE PROGRESS OF SPENDING BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DURING THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF FISCAL YEAR 2003 IN SUPPORT OF PLAN COLOMBIA—PM 46

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 section 3204(e), Public Law 106-246, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2003 in support of Plan Colombia.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 2003.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:55 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, without amendment:

S. 1280. An act to amend the PROTECT Act to clarify certain volunteer liability.

S. 1399. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Vine Street in Glenwood, Iowa, as the "William J. Scherle Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 23. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 1437. An act to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 1516. An act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery system.

H.R. 2249. An act to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters' organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain personnel policies, schedules, and programs of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2328. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building".

H.R. 2357. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of chiropractors in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to provide eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs health care for certain Filipino World War II veterans residing in the United States.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Korean War Veteran, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2003 All-America City Award.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, July 22, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 246. An act to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico.

H.R. 733. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in Fort Vancouver Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2330. An act to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 23. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1437. An act to improve the United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1516. An act to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery system; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2249. An act to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters' organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain personnel policies, schedules, and programs of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2328. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2357. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of chiropractors in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to provide eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs health care for cer-

tain Filipino World War II veterans residing in the United States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Korean War Veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H. Con. Res. 230. Concurrent resolution honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2003 All-America City Award; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported than on today, July 22, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 246. An act to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-234. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to tax issues related to the phase out of the Oldsmobile; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192

Whereas, The phase out of the Oldsmobile line of General Motors is bringing to a close an historic chapter in American automotive history. The end of this component of one of the world's largest corporations also has significant administrative and tax considerations that need to be addressed quickly to provide for a fair and smooth transition for those whose livelihoods are jeopardized; and

Whereas, As compensation for the loss of years of goodwill and the erosion of the value of large financial investments, Oldsmobile dealerships will be paid a one-time settlement. As federal tax laws now stand, this payment would be subject to personal and business federal taxes as income. In reality, however, the settlement money clearly should be categorized as involuntary converted property. Under this determination, the manufacturer's settlement would be treated like other property that can be converted to similar purposes over a specific period of time; and

Whereas, Every effort should be made to encourage the reinvestment of settlement resources to mitigate job loss, lessen the economic stress to local communities, and protect families from more serious financial difficulties. In addition, it would be poor public policy for the federal government to reap a tax revenue windfall as a result of this rare and unique situation; and

Whereas, As the home of the Olds automotive legacy and 20 of the top 50 Oldsmobile dealerships, Michigan has a major stake in the fair treatment of these businesses and individuals. It would be wrong for the tax code to act as a disincentive to the reinvestment of the settlement dollars in job-creating enterprises; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 2374 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to consider certain transitional dealer assistance related to