

out of State. Johnson was convicted and he tried to appeal his sentence. Before the ruling on his appeal, Johnson fled the country and was a fugitive for 7 years before he returned to the United States in 1920. Johnson turned himself over to Federal authorities and served 10 months in Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Mr. Johnson went on to continue fighting but never returned to the same glory. He was killed in a car accident in 1946 at the age of 68. Eight years later, he became a charter member of the Boxing Hall of Fame.

I am hopeful that the President will accept this petition and issue a posthumous Presidential pardon for Jack Johnson. Mr. Johnson defied the racist standards of his day to become a world champion. He was a hero and example to a greatly oppressed people who had too few public heroes to look to emulate.

KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the important work of kinship caregivers across the Nation and to commend the Edgewood Center for Children and Families in San Francisco, CA, for its long-spanning commitment to caring for children.

Kinship caregivers are making a real difference in the lives of children all across our country. According to the Census, more than 6 million children—1 in 12—live in households headed by grandparents or other relatives. Similarly, a study conducted by the American Association of Retired Persons found that the number of children living in grandparent-headed households increased by 30 percent between 1990 and 2000. Unfortunately, while grandparents and other relatives have stepped forward to provide safe and loving homes for the children in their care, they also often face great difficulties in achieving emotional and financial stability.

With millions of children still in need of loving, permanent homes and countless grandparents and relatives willing to raise these children who need our support, there is more work to be done. The Edgewood Center for Children and Families is the oldest children's charity in the western United States serving children and families that provides a national model for keeping families intact. Edgewood Center's Kinship Support Network is the first program in the nation to provide comprehensive, private-sector support services to relative caregiver families. This program uses mentoring, support groups, and training to prepare grandparents and relatives for parenting, while providing tutoring, independent living skills, and mental health care for adopted children. Last year, as many as 95.5 percent of the children in Edgewood's program either remained with their kinship families or were reunited with their parents, and less than 2 percent had to be moved into foster care. This

is an enormous success considering that only 78 percent of Kinship families remained stable in the years prior to the inception of Edgewood's programs.

In July, I introduced the Kinship Caregiver Support Act, S. 2706, to establish community "kinship navigator" programs with services similar to the Edgewood's Kinship Support Networks. My legislation would also help ease the financial burden of kinship caregivers so that these families receive the financial support they need. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure passage of the Kinship Caregiver Support Act so that we help strengthen kinship families all across America.

Again, I commend the Edgewood Center for Children and Families for its tradition of excellence in providing services to kinship caregivers and extend my best wishes for continued success in the future.

HONORING FAVORITE TEACHERS

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, nearly 4,000 Minnesotans honored their favorite teacher at my Minnesota State fair booth this summer. I honor these teachers further by submitting their names to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as follows:

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Filmore Central Middle School—Ms. Paulson; Fine Arts Interdisciplinary Resource School—Scott Charlesworth; Five Hawks Elementary—Eleanor Doherty; Anne Nelson, Grace Tillotson; Focus Beyond—Dan Nicklaey; Foley High School—Bill Brand, Dave Voeltz; Foley Intermediate School—Darryl Bosshart, Janet Johnson, Lisa Wruck; Folwell Middle School—Amanda Guanzon; Forest Elementary—Bill Lubansky, Terri Moore, Tina Olinyk, Norma Jean Terhaar; Forest Hills Elementary—Ms. McKeaver, Steve Watson; Forest Lake Elementary—Barbara Crawford, Janie Reid, Joy Sietsma; Forest Lake High School—Alice Berven, Henry Hebert, Bill Streeter, Ms. Unzie, Donald Thompson; Four Seasons Elementary—Rebecca Brown, Ms. Casserly-Smith, Ms. Graver; Four Winds Elementary—Laura Manthey; Fourth Baptist Christian School—Karen Fitzgerald, Kay Wohlenhaus; Franklin Elementary (Anoka)—Don Gawreluk, Patricia Georg; Franklin Elementary (Rochester)—Pat Taylor; Franklin Junior High School (Brainerd)—Robert Bjorge; Franklin Magnet Elementary (St. Paul)—Mary Tacheny; Franklin Middle School (Minneapolis)—Rod Gordon, Kris Shaban; Frazee High School—Ta Pett; Fred Moore Middle School—Don Bright, Sonja Chamberlain, Denise Collins, Nancy Jacobsen, Mary Ewens; Frederic Elementary—Stacy Cox, Nancy Steinke; Freeman Elementary (Woodland, CA)—Fridley High School—David Loo, Dave Ryan, Constance Schindel, Joanne Toews; Fridley Middle School—Jean Andrews, Debra Kay, Tonya Lee; Friendly Hills Middle School—Pam Hough, Emily Jedlicka, Peter Klabachek; Friends School of Minnesota—Susan Cahan, Laurie Carlson, Elizabeth Herbert, Kak Jarvis, Sally Wiedemann; Frost Lake Magnet—Mrs. Brink, Megan Doerr, Mary McCrossan; Gage Elementary—Kerry Much; Galtier Magnet—Gloria Johnson, Nancy Pavak; Gan Shelanu Preschool—Barb Kahn; Garden City Elementary—Maren

Dahl, Shella Huggett, Peter Pearson, Nancy Wavrin; Garfield Elementary—Jodi Sweet; Gatewood Elementary—Mrs. Bergland, Monica Grubb, Karen Jensen, Becky Knickerbocker, Mary Ofstie, Mrs. Van Waye, Monia Grubb, Justin Ingahm; Gideon Pond Elementary—Eileen Abrahamson, Karen Krafka, Cindy Nepsund, Mrs. Rognlie; Glacier Hills Elementary—Karen Colbert, Shelley Grandbois; Gleason Lake Elementary—Beth Blomlie, James Dvorak, Jerilyn Horvath, Deanna Rehnke, Barb Abramson, Mary Savage; Glen Lake Elementary—Stephanie Bell, George Rota; Glencoe-Silver Lake High School—Richard Cohrs, Josh Olson; Glendale Elementary (Prior Lake)—Sarah Wroblewski; Glendale Union High School (Phoenix, AZ)—Bill Roseberry; Golden Lake Elementary—Mrs. Flolid, Todd Trick; Goodhue Elementary—Nancy Conway, Jennifer Doerhoefer; Gordon Bailey Elementary—Sara Sorenson; Grace Christian Academy (Park Rapids)—Grace Becker; Grace Christian School (Grand Rapids)—Letha Lemon; Graded School (Sao Paulo, Brazil)—Todd Brown; Grainwood Elementary—Terri Zenk; Grand Meadow High School—Janet Moe; Grand Rapids—Christine Dimich; Grandview Middle School—Katie Rutledge, Sara Sedlack, Mrs. Seifert, Ms. Swanson, Pamela Weber; Grantsburg Middle School (Grantsburg, WI)—Kim Nelson; Greenleaf Elementary—Sarah Czech, Kathy Johnson, Maxine Johnson, Mrs. Taffe, Maureen Williams; Greenwood Elementary—Mary Dvorak, Bonnie Hatton, Mrs. Lachmiller, Amy Westman; Grey Cloud Elementary—Ray Rawson, Mrs. Weber, Ms. Ferber; Grove City—Cheryl Riebe, Doug Torgerson; Groveland Elementary—Mark Brazinski, Rebecca Faatz, Shirley Herzig, Jane Meyer, Georgia Rasmus, Patti Berger, Niki Danou, Brent Frank, Heidi Hammerback, Connie Johnson, Jeff Sams; Gustavus Adolphus College—Laurent Dechery, Lisa Heldke, Scoot Moore; Hale Elementary—Patty Kypke, Mrs. Lotzer, Sarah Mickelson, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Candy Welschan; Hale/Field Community School—Tracey Schultz; Hamilton Elementary—Mrs. Kunkel; Hamline University—Garvin Davenport, Walter Enloe, Paul Gorski, Rita Johnson, Carol Mayer; Hancock/Hamline Magnet Elementary—Mr. Lein, Virginia Porter, Karen Rickey, Elizabeth Srigley, Allison Theissen, Margie Warrington; Hannahville Indian School (Wilson, MI); Harambee Elementary—Denise Abbott, Pam Booker, Melissa Hein, Nicole Napierala, Mrs. Robinson, Stacie Stanely; Harding High School—Harder Angie, Pete Bothun, Erik Brant, Daniel Cornell, Ms. Harper, Mr. Peterson; Harley Hopkins Elementary—Mr. Marrier; Harriet Bishop Elementary—Joe Risteau, Paul Wallenta; Hartley Elementary—Lori DeKruif; Hastings High School—Jerry Dempsey, Sue Gaul, Stephanie Jones, Nancy Ostrem, Laura Scott, Susan Varley-Gaul; Hastings Middle School—Jim Hanson, Ronda Keller, Robin Starch; Hawley Elementary—Lee Eklund, Jane Eklund; Haworth Public School, (Haworth, NJ)—Vito Nasta; Hawthorne Elementary—Jill Petersen; Hayden Heights Elementary—Peggy George, Ms. McQuade, Judith Bobnick, Be Cheyee Vang; Hayes Elementary—Mr. Barry, Mrs. Gunder-son, Mrs. Jansen, Dan Riely; Healy High School—Gary Banick; Hennepin County Semi Independent Living Skills—David Schuweiler; Henning Elementary—Nancy Brutlag; Henry Hill Intermediate School—Brian Franklin; Henry Sibley High

School—Larry Cannon, Corey Chirhart, Mr. Christianson, Aaron Kapaun, Mr. Livgard, Mark Tobias; Heritage Middle School—Kristi Cooper, Tony Gatti, Erin Hagen, Carol Larsen, Pamela Lienke, Jack Lineham, Hollie Monson-Haefel, Dave Schultz; Hermantown Early Education—Martha Troolin; Hermantown Elementary—Jan Peterson; Hermantown High School—Ellen Minter; Heron Lake-Okabena Public School—Mr. Olson; Hiawatha Elementary—Carol Dunn, Kathy Maarum, Kim McGowan, Jo Wells, Stafford Gutknecht; Hibbing Community College—Mr. Kraus; Hibbing High School—Lori Bandemer, Matt Bergan, Ross Harvey, Wayne Hysjalen, Pat McGauley, Carl Sandness, Rosser Van Harvewinkle; Hidden Hills Middle School—Tara Sugden; Hidden Oaks Middle School—Mary Ballsrud; Hidden Valley Elementary—David Bloomquist, Steve Kraft, Lynn Palin; High Park High School—Mr. Simmons; Highland Catholic School—Cara Hagen; Highland Elementary, (Apple Valley)—Phil Bribble, Nicole Leighton, Mrs. Scarpetta; Highland Elementary, (Columbia Heights)—Mrs. Davis, Kathleen Johnson; Highland Elementary (Edina)—Skye Sanford, Sue Johnson, Sue Mayerle, Mike Seaman, Mark Wallace; Highland Junior High (St. Paul)—Nancy Nelson; Highland Park Elementary (St. Paul)—Eileen Cotter, Dan Gorman, Danielle Porter Born, Gody Rider; Highland Park High School (St. Paul)—Michelle Costello, Charlotte Landreau, Ryan Redetzke, Anupma Sharma, Mr. Simmons, Roy Erickson, Lorraine Martin, Eraine Schmidt; Highland Park Junior High, (St. Paul)—Mrs. Banda, Tom Bedard, Leon Rogalia, Jim Migley; Highview Middle School—Maureen Hagg, Jon Larson, Jodie Maurere-Knudson, Ben Pennings, Andy Schmidt, Mary Verville; Highwood Hills Elementary—Lucy Heldmen, Mr. Gillis; Hill City High School—Mr. Baratto, Mr. Carlson; Hillcrest Elementary—Amy Gonzales, Judy Peterson; Hill-Murray School—Shane Rose, Renae Elert, Mary Grau-Stumpf, Andrew Hill, Mrs. Pottebaum, Denise; Hillside Elementary—Nicole Karnowski, David Krupa, Tiffany Shommer; Hilltop Elementary (Inver Grove Heights)—MaryAnn Curro; Hilltop Primary School (Minnetrista)—Craig Schmidt; Hilltop Primary School (Mound)—Jill Borg; Hinckley-Finlayson High School—Mr. Eaves, Patty Olson; Holland Community School—Mark Bergum, Gregory McDaniels; Holy Angels Academy—Gregg Sawyer; Holy Family Catholic School—Case Unverzagt, Jim Walker; Home School—Phyllis Ellefson, Mary Hanson, Pamela Henkel, Jan Roe, Kristen Ryan; Homecroft Elementary—Mr. Funk, Mrs. Jorgensen, Ms. Lewandski; Hoover Elementary—Mrs. Hanson, Mary Brown, Mrs. Starr; Hope Academy—Mary Brown; Hope Community Academy—Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Tao; Hopkins High School—Audrey Johnson, Karen Sandhoff, Danielle Viera, Rita Wigfield, Grey Bartz, Don Bates, Judy Bohn,

Jerry Christian, Rolf Eisland, April Felt, Rob Fuhr, Sara Garcia, Kary Hansen, Jane Harris, Mr. Hoeger, Ms. Joddock, James Johnson, Cyndy Kalland, Dain Liepa, Carrie Lucking, Cassandra Oberempt, Rick Rexroth, Mrs. Sperling, Dan Tockman, David Williams; Hopkins North Junior High—Paula Len, Anne Campbell, Jennie Salzer, Andrea Yesnes, David Beckman, Rueben Garcia, Dani Jacobs, Janet Mortensen, Beth Oscar; Hopkins West Junior High—Kim Campbell, Sarah Roesler, John Sorensen, Gail Weinhold, Norah Garrison, Donna Philippot; Horace Mann Elementary—Heather Long, Judi Ronnei, Maria Spann; Houlton Elementary—Tim Hassler; Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted School—Marilyn Eide, Paul Fabbe, Pam Halverson, Joan Johnson, Jim Weniger; Hoyt Lakes—Joan Sarich; Hudson Middle School—Ron Forehand, Mr. Grambow, Gayle Hoaglund; Hugo Elementary—Carla Triggs; Humboldt Senior High School—Mike Mencke, Diane Hopen; Hutchinson High School—Sue Hein; Hutchinson Park Elementary—Katie Weisenberger; IHM St. Lukes—Connie Wittek, Pauline Zweber; Independence Elementary—Joel Hagberg, Jolen Huston; Indian Mounds Elementary School—Mrs. Barclay, Shawn Conradi, Jody Petter; International School of Minnesota—Amy Blaubach, Susan Charter, Mrs. Edwards; Inver Grove Heights Middle School—Otto Mickelson, Josh Alexander, Lisa Dombroske, Jesse Kramer, Fran Mountain, Judy Pfingsten, Deb Schmidt; Inver Hills Community College—Judy DeBoer; InVEST (New Hope)—Lynn Trombley; Irondale High School—Joe Helm, Sarah Anderson, Stephanie Brandt, Ellen Clifford, Mara Corey, Mr. Domingos, Ms. Eklund, Jon Erickson, Mrs. Evans, Jame Nygaard, Ronald Olsen, Tom Rodefel, Andra Storla, Bill Sucha, Cynthia Thyren; Ironwood Area School District (Ironwood)—MI Marion Olson; Isanti Middle School—Carl Buepre, Patricia Peterson; Isham Elementary, (Wadsworth, OH)—Mrs. Striver; Island Lake Elementary—Kay Baker, Mrs. Frichard, Larry Gannon, Jacki Harren, Robin Lavelle, Kathy Robertson, Karen Saari, Dianne Schillinger, Hal Shaver, Ms. Westhuil; J. J. Hill Magnet—Elaine Bargo, Linda Anastus, Candy Schnepf, Eilene Bachman, Lynn Schultz, Ann Pannier, Angela Weckworth; Jack & Jill Preschool (Hopkins)—Carol Johnson; Jack and Jill Preschool (Roseville)—Ms. Jenny; Jackson Magnet, (St. Paul)—Tina Garcia, Duffy Hansen, Patricia LeFebvre; Jackson Middle School, (Champlin)—Brian Erlandson, Karla Haben, William Hintz, Nancy Johnson, Kari Lace, Dean Noren, Andrea Stack, Joe Thiel; Jefferson Elementary (Mankato)—Ron Arsenault, Linda Kilander; Jefferson Elementary (Minneapolis)—Anne LeDuc, Ms. Lyden, Loren Meinke, Sally Novatny, Lynn Ronning, Britta Walker; Jefferson Elementary (New Ulm)—Marlene Ingebritson, Cleo Matzke, Ms. Rotenberry; Jefferson High School (Bloomington)—Meredith Aby, Tim Ander-

son, Mark Caine, Sean Faulk, Dan Fretland, Heidi Jacobson, Lisa Leary, Mr. Lyons, Kathleen Morgan, Sandra Morgan, Teri Roder, Mr. Rotenberry, Schonn Schnitzer; Jenny Lind Elementary—Ms. Pencook; Jewish Community Center, ECC—Sondra Burkstein; John A. Johnson Elementary—Joelyn Webb, Polly Williams; John Adams Middle School—Kim Hewett, Deb Las, Dawn Sonju; John F. Kennedy Elementary—Christy Vosika; John Glenn Middle School—Janelle Fischler, Mr. Grill, Mr. Mullen, Denise Rupret, Anne Sawyer, John Siegrist, Travis Stewart; John Ireland School—Ms. Pape; John Marshall High School—Mr. Burnham, Rick Swenson; Johnson High School—Peggy Carnes, Rita Good, Mitchell McDonald, Kathy Thueson, Ned Widnagel; Johnsville Elementary—Jackie Nasland, Mr. West; Jonathan Elementary—Jeff Paulsen, Mr. Sullivan, Christine Taylor-Thone; Jordan Elementary—Mary Clawson; Jordan Park Community School—Ms. Covington; JW Smith, Mary Murphy; Kaposia Education Center—Ben Anderson, Mr. Ross, Frank Arend, Janelle Johnson, Mrs. Lee; Kasson-Mantorville Middle School—Becky Tri; Katherine Curren Elementary—Diane Bancroft, Mrs. Schappa; Keewaydin Elementary—Carol Fisher Craig Henderson, Linda Jensen, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Scanlon; Kelley High School—Ruth Cook; Kennedy Elementary (Lakeville)—Nathan Moudry; Kennedy Elementary (St. Joseph)—Jennie Heydt-Nelson; Kennedy High School, (Bloomington)—Jon Anderson, Frances Bressman, Mrs. Coval, Richard Green, Bill Johnson, Earl Lyons, Mr. Raymond, Matt Vollum; Kenneth Hall Elementary—Jean Nolby; Kenny Elementary—Danielle Duroche, Mellisa Engel, Laurie Hanzel; Kent-Meridian High School—Christine Robertson; Kenwood Elementary—Patty Sharp, Linda Smith; Kenwood Trail Junior High—Bryan Backstrom, Dan Bale, Amy Jo Hyde, Tim Leighton, Mr. Rousemiller, Sigrid Ruhmann; Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary—Tony Donkers, Tracy Erlandson, Bonnie Rapp; Kerkhoven High School—Bill Wagner; Kimball Elementary—Dode Klien, Susan Sides; Kimberly Lane Elementary—Nancy Carlson, Greta Cender, Debra Donahue, Turi Hembre, Barbara Hughes; King of Grace Lutheran School—Steve Balza; King's Christian Academy—Chad Nuest, Brandi Schmidgal; Kingsland High School—Shirley Gangstad, Stephanie Derby; Kittson Central School District—Betty Shablow; L. H. Tanglen Elementary—Phyllis O'Brien, Kris Sand, Ms. Asproth, Kevin Athmann, Lisa Becker, Kari Bliss, Pam Weinhold, Kim Mach, Mr. Washington; L. O. Jacob Elementary—John Keran; La Cross Central High School—Brad Saron; Lake Country School—Larry Schaefer, Patricia Schaefer, Zoe Saint Mane; Lake Crystal Elementary School—Sue Hytjan; Lake Elmo Elementary—Jill Berkhof,

Mrs. Bolstorff, Ms. Dahl, Kelly Kane, Jo Ellen Tate, Paula Verstegan; Lake Harriet Community School—Upper Campus—Gino Marchetti, Calvin Boone, Zoe Meyer, Jeff Tousignant, Kristin Siefert; Lake Harriet Community School—Lower Campus—Patricia Hauser, Barb Johnson, Jane Lyga Jones, Marilyn O'Donnell; Lake Junior High—Eric VanScoy; Lake Marion Elementary—Traci Radtke, Michelle Stewart, Ann Hoffman; Lake Myrtle Elementary, Harriet Robbins; Lake Ripley Elementary—Mimi Wendlandt; Lakeaires Elementary—Cristin Atkinson, Jean Anderson; Lakes International Language Academy—Aaron Arrendondo, Bobbi Jo Rademacher; Lakeside Elementary (Chicago)—Shanda Waller; Lakeside Elementary (Lindstrom)—Kay Oien; Lakeview Elementary, (Lakeville)—Timothy King, Mr. Arlt, Susan Clark, Kate Drexler-Booth, Nathan Earp, Julie Hassinger-Slezak, Paul Lund, Edith Mako; Lakeview Elementary (Robinsdale)—Mrs. Gilbertson, Barry Thorvilson

CHILDCARE MEANS PARENTS IN SCHOOLS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak on behalf of the Childcare Means Parents in Schools Act. I am pleased to join Senator DODD and Senator SNOWE as a cosponsor of the measure. This bill would amend the CCAMPIS Program authorized under Higher Education Act to better facilitate the higher education of those students with children.

For college students who are parents, a safe, nurturing environment for one's children is integral to degree attainment. Nearly 40 percent of students at higher education institutions are over 25 years old and almost 30 percent of undergraduates have children. Most American families utilize childcare: 75 percent of children under 5 are in some type of childcare. And for most families, childcare is the second largest expense in their budget after rent or mortgage.

The Dodd-Snowe bill will modify the definition of "low income student" to extend childcare services to graduate students, international students and other students who would not qualify under the present language but may need childcare assistance. This bill also increases the program authorization to a level that could fund about one-quarter of the 4,000 colleges and universities eligible to apply. The amount of the minimum grant would be raised in order to make the grant process more cost-effective for applying institutions.

Good childcare is often recognized as a first step to school success. It also can be an essential part of the process of being a good student. The peace of mind afforded by the security of knowing one's child is well cared for frees higher education students to pursue their own studies with a more focused determination. Without that foundation, a college education may not be attained.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill and further extend the opportunity of higher education to parents across America.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am very pleased that the other body just passed their version of the Satellite Home Viewer Act under suspension of the rules. H.R. 4518, the W.J. (Billy) Tauzin Satellite Television Act of 2004, is a strong bill.

During this process, I have heard from many Vermonters who are concerned about not being able to receive Vermont stations over satellite. Others have been concerned about possibly having their ability to receive certain stations terminated. One reason for these strong concerns is that Vermont has the highest percentage in the Nation of TV owners who receive programming using satellite dishes. One reason for this is our beautiful mountains and valleys which make it more difficult to receive TV signals using regular antennas.

The Hatch-Leahy Satellite Home Viewer Extension Act of 2004 was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee in June. All the members of the Judiciary Committee supported that bill.

In the other body, members of both the Judiciary Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee worked together in a bipartisan fashion to craft a comprehensive bill which will be good for consumers and for the affected industries. That bill, if enacted, will be a boon to public television, the satellite industry, the movie, music and television industries, and to satellite dish owners throughout America.

I am especially pleased that it contains a provision which I worked on with my colleagues from New Hampshire, Senator SUNUNU and Senator GREGG. We, along with Senator JEFFORDS, introduced legislation to ensure that satellite dish owners in every county in each of our States would be able to receive signals, via satellite, from our respective in-State television stations. While our two States represent a small television market as compared to some of the major population markets, nonetheless this provision is very important to residents in six of our collective counties—two in Vermont and four counties in New Hampshire. The Senate bill, S. 2013, as reported in June by the Judiciary Committee also contained this provision just included in H.R. 4518.

In Vermont this will mean that satellite dish owners in Bennington and Windham Counties will be able to receive all Vermont network stations in addition to the out-of-State network stations they now receive.

It is very important that in the waning days of this Congress that the Senate enact this satellite legislation. In 1998 and 1999 over 2 million families were faced with the prospect of losing the ability to receive one or more of their satellite television network stations. Back then, Congress acted and not only protected access to those sta-

tions but also expanded consumer opportunities to receive more programming options.

Families who own satellite dishes may end up being the big losers if provisions of that act are not extended. Many Midwestern and Rocky Mountain States have vast areas where satellite dish owners receive imported network stations such as ABC, NBC, CBS or Fox. Thousands of these families do not have any other choices. They do not have access to TV stations over-the-air because of mountain terrain or distance from the broadcast towers. They do not have access to cable because of the rough terrain or the lack of population density which makes it economically impossible for cable companies to invest. Without access to network stations via satellite, over-the-air, or cable, those families will no longer be able to receive national news programming or other network TV programming.

If Congress does not reauthorize provisions of current law by December 31, 2004, hundreds of thousands of households will lose satellite access to network TV stations. Since information about subscribers is proprietary it is difficult for me to tell you exactly how many families will be affected by this, but I assure you it is not a small number.

The Senate Judiciary Committee got its job done in June. We reported a great bill out of committee without a single amendment and without a single nay vote. That bill was introduced on January 21, 2004, by Chairman HATCH and was cosponsored by myself and Senators DEWINE and KOHL. When the bill was reported out of committee on June 17, 2004, I noted that the bill does far more than just protect satellite dish owners from losing signals. I pointed out that the new satellite bill "protects subscribers in every state, expands viewing choices for most dish owners, promotes access to local programming, and increases direct, head-to-head, competition between cable and satellite providers."

I continued by saying that "easily, this bill will benefit 21 million satellite television dish owners throughout the nation, and I am happy to note that over 85,000 of those subscribers are in Vermont."

The Senate Judiciary Committee-reported bill, and the recently passed bill H.R. 4518, go far beyond protecting what current subscribers receive. The bills allow additional programming via satellite through adoption of the so-called "significantly viewed" test now used for cable, but not satellite subscribers. That test means that, in general, if a person in a cable service area that historically received over-the-air TV reception from "nearby" stations outside that area, those cable operators could offer those station signals in