

After receiving his master's degree, Wiley made the transition from educator to administrator. Despite the shifting role, Wiley positive impact on students only improved. As principal of the Magic Valley Alternative High School, he increased enrollment from 40 to over 125 students in only 2 years. Wiley also served as Principal of O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. His outstanding work with both the students and faculty in the southern Idaho school district was recognized not only by the local community, but by the state, as well. In 1999, the Idaho Associates of Secondary School Administrators, MetLife, and the National Association of Secondary Principals named him Idaho's Secondary Principal of the Year. In 2001, Wiley was named the State Middle Level Educator of the Year.

Wiley's work is also recognized on the national level. His involvement on the Idaho Congressional Award Board has raised the number of Idaho recipients to one of the highest in the nation. Students receive the honor by registering on the national level, and then completing hundreds of hours of community service in four separate categories: volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition exploration. Those students receiving the Gold Medal will have completed at least 700 hours of community service over a 2-3 year period. Wiley has advised and helped approximately a third of Idaho's Gold Medal recipients since the beginning of his involvement in 1993 when he was named to the post by Congressman MIKE CRAPO.

Wiley Dobbs has been the driving force behind the Idaho Congressional Award Program. He has inspired, motivated, and encouraged hundreds of Idaho's youth to receive the national honor. His efforts have solidified Idaho's presence in the national program, and it is his investment in Idaho's students that will benefit all our local communities. I hope all of us, especially those involved in our education system, will look to the example set by Wiley Dobbs. His leadership and dedication to our children are an inspiration to us all.●

TRIBUTE TO CHAD BENHAM

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Chad Benham of Brandenburg, KY. Recently Mr. Benham has been named as the national winner of the Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems-Entrepreneurship/Placement Proficiency Award for the Future Farmers of America.

The Proficiency Awards recognize achievement by students who have excelled in developing specialized skills that will apply toward a career goal in agriculture. The awards also consider community service and leadership activities of a student.

The citizens of Brandenburg, KY are fortunate to have Mr. Benham living

and learning in their community. His example of hard work and determination should be followed by all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Benham for his success. But also, I want to congratulate all his peers, teachers, administrators, and his parents for their support and sacrifices they have made to help Mr. Benham reach his goal and fulfill his dreams.●

REVEREND AND MRS. CHARLES CHATMAN

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Reverend and Mrs. Charles Chatman, who are the founders of the Charles Chatman Evangelistic Association. Reverend Chatman accepted the call into ministry at the age of 16 in 1958. He and Jean were married in 1960 and have ministered together for the last 44 years. Reverend Chatman served as the senior pastor in churches throughout Missouri until he and Jean entered into full time evangelistic work in 1975.

Since that time, the Chatmans have traveled to many countries leading mission teams and crusades. They have ministered in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Trinidad and India.

In over 29 years of work in Haiti, the Chatmans' ministry has built 30 churches, one medical clinic and a children's orphanage. Immanuel Orphanage, in the village of Bombardopolis, is home to 250 children. The Chatmans have led over 3,000 people from across the United States on mission trips overseas. The Chatmans are committed to bringing hope to all those they encounter. Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean are dedicated to the glorious service of their Lord and Savior.

Charles and Jean Chatman are proud parents of Darla, husband Brian, Cindy, husband Dan, and Bryan. They have five wonderful grandchildren: James, Ashley, Brandy, Jessica, and Wilna.

I commend Reverend Chatman and his wife Jean for their outstanding years of service. Their message of hope is an inspiration and blessing to all of us. I am honored to share their successes with my colleagues, and I wish them the best for the future.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2290. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM-378. A resolution from the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association relative to funding for lock and dam infrastructure on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-379. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Ferry County of

the State of Washington relative to federal lands in Ferry County, Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-380. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warrensville Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003 and The Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-381. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Heights of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-382. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Brook Park of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-383. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Mayfield Village of the State of Ohio relative to the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-384. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park of the County of Cook of the State of Illinois relative to the Patriot Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-385. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Healthy Marriage Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Whereas, marriage, one of our most fundamental institutions, strengthens our society when two people enter a mutual, lifelong agreement to support each other in sickness, difficult financial times, and old age; and

Whereas, marriage enriches the couple, their children, and the community around them by providing opportunities to extend love, support, understanding, and mutual cooperation; and

Whereas, couples and children blessed with healthy marriages tend to engage in less risky behavior, enjoy better physical and mental health, be more financially secure, and attain higher levels of education and employment; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush has announced a Healthy Marriage Initiative to highlight programs teaching marriage skills and education, promote marriage mentoring and enrichment programs, reduce disincentives to marriage, and promote the value of marriage to our culture; and

Whereas, because the President launched the Health Marriage Initiative, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate appropriated \$750,000 to fund a marriage initiative in Michigan; and

Whereas, marriage is both a personal, private relationship and a public commitment licensed by the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, many of the expenditures by the state are closely tied to people harmed by failed or never formed marriages, and any long-term strategy for reducing dependency on state social services and ensuring economic growth must include a strategy for encouraging healthy marriages; and

Whereas, February 7-14, 2004, is being celebrated throughout the nation as Marriage Week USA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby call on the President of the United States, elected officials at every level, and citizens of all walks of life to determine during Marriage Week USA, and particularly on Valentine's Day, to consider ways they can strengthen their own marriages and support the marriages of others throughout the state of

Michigan and across the country; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-386. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 184

Whereas, citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms that operate as designed and intended. These lawsuits seek monetary damages and other relief for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties; including criminals; and

Whereas, the manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by federal, state and local laws. Such federal laws include the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export Control Act; and

Whereas, businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or sale to the public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as designed and intended; and

Whereas, the possibility of imposing liability on an entire industry for harm that is solely caused by others in an abuse of the legal system, erodes public confidence in our nation's laws, threatens the diminution of a basic constitutional right and civil liberty, invites the disassembly and destabilization of other industries and economic sectors lawfully competing in the free enterprise system of the United States, and constitutes a reasonable burden on interstate and foreign commerce of the United States; and

Whereas, the purpose of S. 659, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, is to prohibit causes of action against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms or ammunition products for the harm caused by the criminal or unlawful misuse of firearm products or ammunition products by others when the product functioned as designed and intended; and

Whereas, S. 659 will also preserve a citizen's access to a supply of firearms and ammunition for all lawful purposes, including hunting, self-defense, collecting, and competitive or recreational shooting. It will also guarantee a citizen's rights, privileges, and immunities, as applied to the states, under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, pursuant to section 5 of that Amendment. The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act will prevent the use of such lawsuits to impose unreasonable burdens on interstate and foreign commerce; and

Whereas, this legislation is intended to protect the right, under the First Amendment to the Constitution, of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms or ammunition products, and trade associations, to speak freely, to assemble peaceably, and to petition the government

for a redress of their grievances; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact S. 659, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

*Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

*Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

*Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's 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. HATCH (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MILLER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2290. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2291. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14-24 Abbott Road in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 2292. A bill to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2293. A bill to provide for the orderly termination of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2294. A bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2295. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Homeland Security Department's Directorate of Science and Technology, establish a program for the use of advanced technology to meet homeland security needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 2296. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give the Commonwealth of Kentucky the first option on the Louisville Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Kentucky, upon its conveyance, lease or other disposal by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2297. A bill to improve intermodal shipping container transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 2298. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2299. A bill to strengthen the national security by encouraging and assisting in the expansion and improvement of educational programs to meet critical needs at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2300. A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate privatization of the medicare program and to reduce excessive payments to health maintenance organizations and other private sector insurance plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2301. A bill to improve the management of Indian fish and wildlife and gathering resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2302. A bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S.J. Res. 31. A joint resolution to provide for Congressional disapproval of certain regulations issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in accordance with section 802 of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution to provide for Congressional disapproval of certain regulations issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in accordance with section 802 of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 333. A resolution commending the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for