

Education Accreditation. Such activities have helped raise the bar for educational institutions around the country and earned him the respect of his peers nationwide. In the words of Miami University President James Garland, whose school has long enjoyed a healthy rivalry with Ohio University: "When it comes to defending budgets and advancing policies in the interest of higher education, Bob has been a leader in the state . . . I have as much respect for him as a university president as anyone I've ever met."

I am grateful, as I know others throughout southeast Ohio are that Dr. Glidden has expressed an interest in continuing his service to Ohio University, albeit in a more modest fashion, during retirement. His passion for education and the doors it opens make him a most valuable ally for the students of today and the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you, Bob, for your service. Go Bobcats.●

AMERICAN LEGACY FOUNDATION

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to an organization that has done so much good in our country. I am happy to be able to congratulate the American Legacy Foundation on its 5-year anniversary. Five years ago, the American Legacy Foundation was born out of the Master Settlement Agreement, MSA. As we are all aware, the States' lawsuits against the major cigarette companies explicitly required Sates to spend certain amounts of their settlement payments on tobacco-prevention efforts and to advance public health.

I would like to personally commend those organizations, such as the American Legacy Foundation, who have worked tirelessly for 5 years to reduce smoking in our Nation. Smoking is now at its lowest level in nearly three decades. This did not happen by chance. It happened because States and communities all across this great Nation, led by the American Legacy Foundation, challenged and continue to challenge the tobacco industry.

Whether it is an award-winning youth counter marketing campaign, or "Great Start," an innovative cessation program for pregnant women, there is no denying the fact that programs such as these have successfully convinced teens, pregnant women and older adults that they can quit smoking.

In closing my remarks, I encourage my colleagues to remain committed to the spirit of the Master Settlement Agreement, so that we can eliminate tobacco addiction altogether. By squelching America's smoking habit, it is my hope that we can achieve the vision of a smoke-free society.●

WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL FINALS COMPETITION

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, from May 1-3, 2004 more than 1200 students from across the United States came to

Washington, DC to take part in the national finals of "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution." This is the most extensive program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People" program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am very proud to note that a class from Cheyenne Central High School in Cheyenne represented the State of Wyoming in this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our Nation's capital and compete at the national level.

The 3-day "We the People" National Finals Competition is modeled after hearings in the U.S. Congress. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge before a panel of adult judges while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by questions designed to probe the students' depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge. Columnist David Broder once described this annual competition as "the place to come to have your faith in the younger generation restored."

Most recently, the "We the People" program was highlighted at two national conferences held in 2003: the White House Forum on American History, Civics, and Service, and the first annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education. Evaluations and independent studies have validated the effectiveness of the "We the People" program on students' civic knowledge and attitudes. This innovative civic education program continues to be one of the best antidotes to apathy and cynicism in our Nation.

I am certain everyone enjoyed their participation in the "We the People" national finals and I applaud the achievements of all who took part in the program. We should all be proud that so many are focused on and are learning about the fundamental principles and ideals that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation.●

MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize three outstanding teachers from my home State of Louisiana who will be honored by the Milken Family Foundation with the Milken Educator Award at their National Educator Conference here in Washington. The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 with the mission to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people to help themselves and those around them lead productive and satis-

fying lives. On May 4-6 they will be holding their National Educator Conference in Washington, DC.

With a major focus on education, the Milken Family Foundation is committed to recognizing and rewarding the Nation's most outstanding educators and helping them to expand their leadership and potential. This year, the Milken Family Foundation has recognized Amanda Mayeaux, a math teacher at Dutchtown Middle School, Phyllis Diecidue, a reading teacher at St. Bernard High School, and Josh Michael Burton, a biology teacher at Albany High School, all from the State of Louisiana. They are among one hundred teachers who were selected from across the country to receive this very prestigious \$25,000 award.

When I think back to my education, I remember many inspiring teachers who helped make me who I am today. Without highly qualified teachers who are dedicated to the success of every student, my colleagues and myself would most certainly not be where we are today. Today, research is confirming what common sense has suggested all along. A skilled and knowledgeable teacher can make an enormous difference on how well students learn. As we look towards the future of our country and the sustainability of our democracy, we must look to our children, the future leaders. The future of our workforce and our country depends on our ability to recruit and retain qualified teachers in our classrooms, who will help our children become active and responsible citizens. Often times teachers are not recognized for the challenges and struggles which they encounter each and every day and tremendous significance of their work. We must remember that it is our Nation's teachers who are in the trenches each and every day ensuring that our children gain the knowledge and skills that they will need to be successful.

As we in Congress continue to focus on education reform and ensuring that all children have access to the same quality education, it is important that we also take a moment to recognize the teachers who work hard every day to ensure that our children are succeeding. It is because of the hard work and dedication of these teachers that our children can set their sights towards a bright future. I know that my colleagues here in the Senate join me today in congratulating these exceptional educators and the other ninety-seven teachers from around the country who were recognized with this high honor.●

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.)

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED
DURING ADJOURNMENT

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on May 7, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2315. An act to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering.

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-7406. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign aviation authorities to which the Administrator provided services in the preceding fiscal year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7407. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual report for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7408. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, FY 2005 Program Announcement" (RIN0648-ZA91) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7409. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations: Correction to ECCN 1C355 on the Commerce Control List" (RIN0694-AC87) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7410. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Taking of Cook Inlet, Alaska, Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives" (RIN0648-AQ16) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7411. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 13A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AP03) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7412. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Export and Reexport Restrictions on Libya" (RIN0694-AD14) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7414. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Energy's Annual Report for calendar year 2003 entitled "Department of Energy Activities Relating to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7415. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7416. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7417. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of South Dakota; Revisions to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota and New Source Performance Standards Delegation" (FRL7652-3) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7418. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Sulfur Dioxide Attainment Demonstration for the City of Weirton Including the Clay and Butler Magisterial Districts in Hancock County" (FRL7653-8) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7419. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Kewaunee County Ozone Maintenance Plan Update" (FRL7657-6) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7420. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills" (FRL7652-3) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7421. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Vehicle and Engine Compliance Program Fees for: Light-Duty Vehicles; Light-Duty Trucks; Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Engines; Nonroad Engines; and Motorcycles" (FRL7652-3) received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7422. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to changes to the status of numerous Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed (PAS) positions at the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7423. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Administrator for OECA, Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7424. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7425. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for General Counsel, Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7426. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7427. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7428. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, received on May 5, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7429. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's inadvertent disbursements from 1974 to 1996 to purchase motor vehicles which constitute violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7430. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Building Project Survey for Orange County, NY; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7431. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled