

the need for appropriate mental health services.

Senator SMITH has also worked tirelessly these past few months to move the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. During a time of partisanship and divisiveness, a majority of members in the House and Senate have been able to set aside those differences to help expeditiously move this important legislation.

I have had the honor and pleasure of working with my colleague from Oregon on this very personal tribute since the beginning. As my colleagues may recall, this legislation is comprised of two separate legislative initiatives that were introduced earlier this year, the Youth Suicide Early Intervention and Prevention Expansion Act, sponsored by Senators DODD and DEWINE and the Campus Care and Counseling Act, which I introduced along with Senator DEWINE.

The legislation takes a comprehensive approach to the increasing problem of suicide among our youth as well as providing additional resources to our Nation's colleges and universities as they struggle to offer the kinds of support students need to grow and achieve academically as well as personally. Information, outreach and access to mental and behavioral health services is becoming an increasingly important part of that equation.

The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act contains many important provisions that I hope will help to stem the growing numbers of youth suicides in this country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide and self-inflicted injuries remain a pressing public health concern. We hope this legislation will help to change this by enabling States, local communities and institutions of higher education to implement effective youth suicide prevention and intervention strategies.

Two months ago, a unanimous Senate passed the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. Since that time, the bill has undergone what I would consider to be considerable changes to address concerns raised by Energy and Commerce Chairman Barton and others.

I have always been willing to entertain and accommodate issues that have been raised that have related to the substance of this bill. I am deeply concerned, however, by the insistence of some in the other body to inject partisan ideology in this bill.

Just prior to the August recess, a few members of the other body scuttled movement on the bill when they insisted on adding language that would create a new parental consent standard, layered onto one that has been in law, under the General Education Provisions Act, GEPA, which was recently updated as part of the No Child Left Behind Act.

While the majority has made it clear they will not abide changes in other parts of the No Child Left Behind Act, even common sense fixes that school

administrators, principals, teachers, and parents have been called for, they insisted on language—which could prevent the very young people we are trying to help from accessing the mental health services they need.

We worked in good faith over the past month to come up with a compromise, and while the language has improved from the version initially proposed, it still raises some fundamental concerns.

I am appreciative of the efforts of Senator SMITH to add a clarification that the language has no impact on the No Child Left Behind Act. Unfortunately, the language does not include a similar assurance on the standards for parental notice and consent included under sections 444 and 445 of the General Education Provisions Act.

As a result, we have created a different standard for assessments, programs, and services in elementary and secondary schools relating to youth suicide, as compared to other health and mental health assessments, programs, and services that occur in our schools. Not only does this language set a new precedent, we are adding a confusing and burdensome layer of requirements on school personnel at a time when they are struggling to meet the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act and trying to do the best they can to help our young people.

However, in recognizing how important the overall bill is to our Nation's young people and college students, and the commitment of the Senator from Oregon to address this language in the future, I support passage of the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. I praise my colleagues in both Chambers for their continued diligence on this bill and appreciate the willingness of the majority and minority leaders to set aside time so that this important piece of legislation can finally move to the President's desk.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### IN RECOGNITION OF SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ASHLAND, KY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today with great pride to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to one of Kentucky's fine elementary schools, Summit Elementary of Ashland, KY. On June 22, 2004, the Schools of Distinction Awards program gave Summit Elementary an Award of Distinction for their dedication to excellence in education.

The Schools of Distinction Awards program was created by Intel Corporation, Scholastic Inc., and the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Foundation, to recognize the finest K through 12 schools in the United States. Winners of the program's awards are selected based on their implementation of creative programs that foster improvement in education.

Summit Elementary School received the award for its practice of involving the parents of schoolchildren in the educational process. As the father of nine children, I am aware of the great importance of parental involvement in education. It can't be overestimated. It is a motivator to the children, a guidance to the teachers and a helping hand to all involved. I believe that any school which recognizes the need for parental involvement is on the right track and certainly deserves a School of Distinction Award.

In closing, I thank, not only Summit Elementary, but the parents, teachers, and students of this fine institution. The effort they have all put into ensuring that the future of America is bright is a blessing on us all.●

##### COMMEMORATING LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MICHIGAN FOR 70 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I, along with my esteemed colleague Senator STABENOW, congratulate Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, LSSM, on its 70th anniversary. We are delighted to recognize LSSM's impressive history of compassion and good will in Michigan. We would also like to recognize and honor LSSM's staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts and outstanding commitment to helping those in need.

LSSM's legacy of service dates back to the early years of the 20th century when the Lutheran churches in Detroit formed the Missionsbund, a society dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance in Detroit. The Lutheran Inner Mission League of Greater Detroit grew out of this effort and was soon thereafter called the Lutheran Charities and formally incorporated in 1934. Under the leadership of its first executive director, the Rev. Carl E. Schaffnit, its efforts included child welfare work, a settlement house, and services to the elderly. By 1959 Lutheran Charities gained a new name, the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, and has since expanded its mission to serve others in the name of faith with 80 programs in 44 cities throughout Michigan's lower peninsula.

Over 20,000 people from diverse backgrounds feel the warm embrace of LSSM on an annual basis by utilizing the many services it has to offer. LSSM's excellence can be seen by the success of its programs in the realm of foster care, adoption, childcare, subsidized housing, nursing homes, community centers, and services to the homeless, refugees, and persons with developmental disabilities. Its efforts to preserve and enhance human dignity across Michigan have created hope for so many. We share this organization's vision for a community that upholds human dignity, decries complacency and affirms equality and justice. We are sure that our Senate colleagues will join us in offering our heartfelt

congratulations for this long and outstanding record of achievement.●

#### IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER FOR PROCESS ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

● Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to say a few words in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Center for Process Analytical Chemistry, located on the University of Washington campus. The center has made numerous contributions to the world of manufacturing, the University of Washington, and the progress of its students that I wish to recognize today.

In 1984, CPAC was initiated by the National Science Foundation as an Industry/University Cooperative Research Center with the specific mission of supporting the restoration and continuous improvement of U.S. industry by enhancing globally competitive manufacturing.

Through the discovery and development of new analytical technologies for use in the manufacturing process, CPAC research has developed new measurement tools to provide continuous real-time measurement needed for industrial and environmental processes. The information gathered with these tools is used to implement process optimization and control, thus enabling product and process quality management, environmental protection, pollution prevention, crisis alerting, and worker safety.

For 20 years, award-winning faculty, research scientists, postdoctoral associates, visiting scientists, and graduate students have gathered at CPAC to collaborate on research projects. As a result, over 100 graduate students have been granted their Ph.D.s while working with CPAC, making immediate contributions to their employers because of their exposure to the challenges of industry.

Through partnership with leaders in industry, and the sharing of research funding between the University of Washington, leading global corporations such as the Boeing Company and Systematix Controls, several national laboratories, and the National Institute of Standards & Technology, CPAC has produced more than 20 patented inventions, meeting the demand for advanced technology in the aerospace, petroleum, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical and food industries.

Streamlining the manufacturing process is critical to meeting the ever-changing demands of the world's economy. Long-term economic trends—including technological advances and increasing globalization—will continue to increase the demand for greater efficiencies, and improved processes. The fact that the majority of original industry partners continue to work with the CPAC to improve their products is a testament to the relevancy and quality of the work conducted at the center. I congratulate the Center for Proc-

ess Analytical Chemistry on their 20th anniversary.●

#### JACK VALENTI

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased and honored to salute my good friend Jack Valenti, who retired last week after 38 years as president and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America, MPAA, and its international counterpart, the Motion Picture Association, MPA.

Jack came to MPAA in 1966 directly from the White House, where he had served with distinction as special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson. His Government background prepared him to become an effective ambassador for the motion picture industry both at home and abroad. During his long and productive tenure at MPAA, he worked with eight Presidents of the United States and established an international "diplomatic corps" with offices around the world to promote the movie industry and protect its intellectual property rights.

When Jack Valenti took the helm at MPAA, its member companies were focused on domestic production and distribution, with little thought about international markets. Today American films, TV programs, and home entertainment are shown in more than 150 countries worldwide, with international revenues of more than \$16.5 billion a year.

Along with his work in the global arena, Jack will be remembered as the pioneer of the film industry's voluntary movie rating system. In developing the system, Jack reached out to film studios, independent producers, writers, directors, theater owners, the religious community, and children's advocacy groups. The resulting system helps families to make informed decisions about the movies they see.

Under Jack Valenti's leadership, the U.S. film industry has thrived and remained a vibrant source of entertainment, creativity, jobs, and economic growth. Along with moviegoers across America and round the world, I thank him for his brilliant work and wish him all the best in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5006. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

#### 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-9036. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Audit Report register for the period ending March 31, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9037. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9038. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9039. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed, change in previously submitted reported information and discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9040. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the first half of fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9041. A communication from the Director, Publications Management Group, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Posting Regulations" (RIN3206-AK34) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9042. A communication from the Director, Publications Management Group, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extended Assignment Incentives" (RIN3206-AK01) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9043. A communication from the Vice Chair, Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding National Mail Voter Registration Form" received on August 18, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9044. A communication from the Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the amount of \$161,400; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9045. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled