

The Violence Against Women Act, or VAWA, was originally passed in 1994, and reauthorized in 2000, both times by overwhelming bipartisan majorities. It created our current framework for a comprehensive, coordinated response to domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. Before VAWA, domestic violence was too often considered to be a 'family matter' to which the police turned a blind eye. There were no Federal penalties for stalking, domestic violence or violating a protection order. And in sexual assault cases, a victim's past sexual history was considered a legitimate subject for the defense to bring up in the courtroom. All of these basic considerations became law as a result of VAWA.

As a result of this landmark legislation millions of dollars in grants are distributed to States and local communities to put these cost effective programs into practice. The first VAWA, authorized in 1994, cost \$15.50 per woman and has been estimated to save \$159 per woman, totaling a savings of nearly \$14.8 billion since its creation in averted costs of victimization. VAWA programs have helped train thousands of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, court officials and victim advocates to respond effectively to domestic violence. In the first five years after VAWA became law, intimate partner violence dropped significantly, and by 2002, violent crimes against women were less than half of what they were in 1993. This is a record of which we can be very proud.

On a related note, I am proud to have my name associated with a law that has done a great deal to make families safer, the Domestic Violence Gun Ban. This law prohibits those convicted of a crime involving domestic violence—whether a felony or a misdemeanor—from acquiring or possessing a gun. Research shows that the presence of a gun in a household where a woman is battered increases the chances of her death significantly: often, the only difference between a battered woman and a dead woman is the presence of a gun. Since many abusers do not get convicted of felonies, this law has helped to keep guns out of the hands of thousands of people who are dangerous to their partners and families. Since its passage this law has prevented the sale of almost 30,000 guns, potentially saving countless lives.

We cannot mark the passage of this landmark legislation without making mention of two particular champions in the campaign to stop violence against women. Our friend and former colleague Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife Sheila were tireless fighters against domestic violence. The Sheila Wellstone Institute, in the first year of its existence, has been at the forefront of the movement to institute effective policies to stop violence against women and children. On this anniversary we should remember their wonderful work, and commit to finishing it.

We still have much more to do. Even today, approximately 4.9 million inti-

mate partner rapes and physical assaults are perpetrated against U.S. women annually and nearly one in every four women experiences at least one physical assault by a partner. When I think about my legislative agenda I look to my family: my three daughters and son, and my ten grandchildren. The thought that a woman could be the subject of abuse is repulsive. Domestic violence doesn't just happen to women; it happens to families. That is why we must continue to fund programs to help victims, enforce laws protecting women, and teach respect and nonviolent problem-solving to our children. We need to make this country a place where women and children are safe, whether walking down a city street or in their own homes. I hope that my colleagues will join me in making this goal a reality.

FUNDING FOR HURRICANE DAMAGE

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the letter from Lieutenant General Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau to me regarding funding for hurricane damage repair for National Guard facilities in Florida be printed in the RECORD.

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

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF,
Arlington, VA, September 14, 2004.

Hon. BILL NELSON,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR NELSON: Major General Doug Burnett, The Adjutant General of Florida, has identified approximately \$5 million of repairs to Florida National Guard facilities which were damaged by the recent hurricanes.

As I indicated to General Burnett and reiterate to you, I am committed to immediately providing sufficient funding from the National Guard Bureau to accomplish the necessary repairs. I would surmise that most, if not all, the required work will be able to be accomplished with National Guard Operations and Maintenance funding and within my authority to allocate. However, if there are instances where reprogramming will require Congressional approval, I will ask for your assistance in expediting that action.

Thank you for your continued support of our National Guard. The 21st Century Minutemen of the Florida National Guard are proving themselves through their stellar actions both in the state and abroad.

Sincerely,

H. STEVEN BLUM,
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Chief,
National Guard Bureau.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SUSANNA GOODIN

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I take this time to congratulate Susanna Goodin for being honored with the Wyoming Professor of the Year Award in 2003.

This recognition represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work

and determined effort. It recognizes her outstanding dedication to teaching and exceptional commitment to her students. She should be very proud of this honor.

Now more than ever before, Wyoming needs the skills and talents of college professors like Susanna Goodin. She understands the importance of a well-rounded college education for students if we are to produce the next generation of our State's and our Nation's leaders. We are very grateful for all she does to make a difference. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations again to one of Wyoming's special citizens. Diana joins in sending our best wishes.●

CAPTAIN KRISTINE GEDDINGS

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to recognize a dedicated patriot, sailor, wife and mother: CAPT Kristine Geddings, U.S. Navy. I had the privilege of getting to know Captain Geddings when she served in my office on Capitol Hill as a legislative fellow, and I have continued to follow her career. I am pleased to offer this tribute to her achievements.

Before joining the Navy, this remarkable lady spent 15 years as a housewife and mother. As her daughter entered high school, and having gained her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of North Florida, Captain Geddings decided upon a Naval Career, and applied to and was accepted into Officer Candidate School at Newport, RI. At the age of 34, she was one of the oldest cadets to ever graduate from OCS, yet she met all the qualifications, including physical requirements, that were designed for cadets closer to the age of her daughter.

By the time her granddaughter Amber commences sixth grade this fall, Captain Geddings will have retired from active duty after 23 years of service in the United States Navy. Captain Geddings has served the Nation and the Navy faithfully and well over these many years. Her personal leadership, intelligence, stewardship, and compassionate commitment to her sailors and the United States Navy mark a career most worthy of our recognition.

Captain Geddings' initial assignment was to Patrol Squadron Thirty, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL, where she served both as personnel and legal officer. She next reported to Naval Management Engineering Center, Detachment Jacksonville as a Management Analyst and team leader. During this tour, she completed her Master of Arts in Administration through Central Michigan University.

Next, she was assigned to Navy Recruiting District, Jacksonville, FL, where she took on the most challenging assignment in recruiting, the Enlisted Programs Officer. Seeking the next most challenging job in recruiting, she accepted the job of executive officer of the recruiting station in New Orleans, LA. Finally, in 1998, Captain

Geddings assumed command of Navy Recruiting District, Richmond, VA, where she led 192 recruiters and support personnel in 42 recruiting stations spread over 5 States to be named Navy Recruiting Command District of the Year, bronze. On her watch during these years as a Navy recruiter, the Navy won its "Battle for Talent." Because of the efforts of recruiters like Captain Geddings, the Navy did more than just maintain the status quo. They brought the Navy a high quality sailor, and because of that high quality sailor, the Navy's retention, readiness, and quality of life were improved.

Captain Geddings accepted orders to Naples, Italy on the staff of COMFAIRMED in 1989. That very same year, her husband Gerry retired from the Navy after 20 years of service, and their daughter Michelle was married to her husband, Trace Wilson. After her tour in Naples, and follow-on assignment as a student at Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA, and Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, Captain Geddings completed her Joint Professional Military Education.

In 1996 she was selected for the Legislative Fellows Program and reported to Washington, DC, for orientation at America's oldest public policy research institution, the Brookings Institution. The remainder of her fellowship, she served as my Legislative Assistant for Veteran's Affairs. Captain Geddings reported to the Department of the Navy, Organization, Management, and Infrastructure Team as a Senior Analyst and as administrative aide under the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy.

In December 1999, Captain Geddings served on the Joint Staff, and was assigned as a Joint Education Planner in J-7, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development, with primary responsibility as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's representative for the Department of Defense Centers for Regional Security Studies. It was during this tour of duty that the attacks of September 11, 2001, on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon occurred. Shortly thereafter, Captain Geddings reported to the OPNAV staff in July, 2002, as the Head, Joint, and Contingency Matters and N-1 Planner.

It is a great honor and personal privilege for me to recognize the exemplary service of CAPT Kristine Geddings and her family today. She is an individual of uncommon character, and an amiable personality who will be sincerely missed. I wish her and her family fair winds and following seas as she closes her distinguished military career. I also wish them continued success and happiness they so well deserve.●

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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:32 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1084. An act to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations.

H.R. 1787. An act to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

H.R. 4571. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1576. An act to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 361. A act to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission.

H.R. 3908. An act to provide for the conveyance of the real property located at 1081 West Main Street in Revenna, Ohio.

H.R. 5008. An act to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4571. An act to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-9219. 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; Virginia; Revision of Flow Control Data in Nitrogen Oxides Bud-

et Trading Program" (FRL#7805-7) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9220. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana; Revised Mobile Source Inventories and Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for 2005 and 2007 Using MOBILE6" (FRL#7806-5) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9221. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL#7805-1) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9222. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of Iowa" (FRL#7805-4) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9223. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Analytical Method for Uranium" (FRL#7805-5) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9224. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Final Rule" (FRL#7803-6) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9225. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL#7789-9) received on September 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9226. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense, a report relative to construction of a hurricane and storm damage reduction project for the area from Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Inlet, on Long Beach Island, New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9227. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impacts and control of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9228. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Requirements for Investment Advisers to be Investment Managers Under Title I of ERISA" (RIN1210-AA94) received on August 26, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9229. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2006 budget request; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9230. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicaid