

Today, Lee is fully retired and lives in Iowa City, welcoming the opportunity to spend time with his three daughters, Loreda, Mary Lee, and Elizabeth. I wish him the best on this his 95th birthday, and thank him for his contributions to art, medicine, and America.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 25th anniversary of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, which will be observed later this week but officially occurs on October 3, 2005. This anniversary is an appropriate time to celebrate not just the breathtaking beauty of our natural surroundings or the accomplishments of and opportunities provided by a cherished unit of the National Park Service over the past 25 years. It also gives us the chance to mark the achievements that are possible when a dedicated group of volunteers commit themselves to a long-term vision of improving their environment, their communities, their State, and their country.

Much of North America's landscape was formed by retreating ice sheets some 15,000 years ago and the beauty this retreat exposed surrounds each of us. However, it is the two-thirds of Wisconsin that were shaped during this glacial movement whose majestic beauty is, quite simply, unmatched. I know that all Wisconsinites appreciate the special places that owe their existence to these glacial changes—from our thousands of inland lakes and streams to our meandering eskers and rolling moraines, and from the top of Timm's Hill down to the gravelly shores of Lake Michigan.

Wisconsin's geological history communicates a fascinating story and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail helps to both preserve that story, by protecting the scenic beauty, and to tell that story, by allowing people the opportunity to explore it. The trail, which starts in Green Bay, follows the path of the Wisconsin Glaciation, stretches for more than 1,000 miles across the State, and finally ends at the Interstate State Park Ice Age Reserve Unit at the Dalles of the St. Croix River. Throughout its meanderings, the trail takes you on a journey like no other.

In addition to learning about the geological history of Wisconsin, a visitor to the trail will find a multitude of recreational opportunities. These activities can be equally enjoyed by individuals seeking solitude and by groups and families who want to increase their togetherness. All areas on the Ice Age Trail encourage hiking and backpacking, and some portions permit non-motorized sports such as bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and jogging. I cannot think of a better place to engage in these activities than along the Ice Age Trail.

The stories associated with the trail aren't only about the geological his-

tory of our State. The trail also tells the story of individuals working to fulfill a dream. In the 1950s, the late Ray Zillmer, of Milwaukee, envisioned a trail spanning across Wisconsin's glacial landscape. In 1958, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation was formed by a grassroots movement of Wisconsin citizens interested in promoting the creation of a national park that would recognize the glacial footprint in Wisconsin. These citizens' efforts were finally recognized when, in 1971, the State of Wisconsin cooperated with the National Park Service to create the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. Finally, in 1980—over 20 years after Mr. Zillmer's work began—Congress recognized the national significance of our landscape and the importance of sharing it with the country and designated the Ice Age Trail as a National Scenic Trail.

Our trail is administered jointly by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation, and the National Park Service, but it is the efforts of volunteers that truly make the trail shine. From those as young as 11 to those in their 70s, I salute the volunteers who are committed to improving our Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Their actions carry on the vision of past Wisconsinites to leave their surroundings a bit better off than they found them.

Over the past 25 years, the trail has flourished. It has grown tremendously and today there are many segments proposed for inclusion. I can't wait to watch as the next 25 years go by. In fact, I look forward to participating in the 50th anniversary celebration!

In closing, I congratulate the Ice Age National Scenic Trail on its 25th anniversary and commend all those associated with it for their efforts to make it one of the most outstanding parts of the National Trails System.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of North Dakota, UND, as it celebrates 100 years of excellence, innovation and service. On September 30 through October 1, the students, faculty, and alumni of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences will gather to celebrate their institution's history and founding.

As the only medical school in the State of North Dakota, the School of Medicine and Health Sciences has played a key role in ensuring access to quality health care in our region. When the School was established by the North Dakota State Legislature in 1905, most of the State's citizens were farmers living in areas with little or no medical care. Throughout the past 100 years, the UND School of Medicine and

Health Sciences has maintained its focus on training health professionals that seek to practice in rural areas. The school has educated nearly half of all practicing doctors in North Dakota and almost 80 percent of the physician assistants and physical and occupational therapists. The school has also trained medical doctors and other health professionals for service on reservations through its Indians Into Medicine program.

One of the most notable offices within the School of Medicine and Health Sciences is the Center for Rural Health. As one of the Nation's top resources for rural health research and policy, the Center for Rural Health has been recognized again and again for its work in studying and improving rural health. The center is home to the Nation's only Rural Assistance Center, a clearinghouse for rural health providers and communities to access the full range of funding and research opportunities.

The School of Medicine and Health Sciences has also focused resources on medical research. As one of eleven nationwide sites with the advanced technology to study neurodegenerative diseases, the school has utilized its scientists and resources to study diseases and conditions that affect people in the Midwest region, including diabetes, cancer, fetal alcohol syndrome, and Parkinson's. Over the past 10 years, the school has attracted nearly \$30 million in Federal grant funding.

The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has provided a century of excellence, innovation, and service to not only its students and faculty, but to the entire State of North Dakota. The school has grown and expanded over the past 100 years, but has remained committed to educating future health care providers. I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating the School of Medicine and Health Sciences on its first 100 years of service to North Dakota and in wishing it well as it embarks on the next century. By honoring the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, we recognize the unique contributions that smaller, community-based medical schools have made to our Nation's health care system, particularly in rural areas.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 252. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

S. 264. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii.

H.R. 804. An act to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

H.R. 3669. An act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 539. An act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

H.R. 3649. An act to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 276. An act to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 539. An act to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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-3726. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nomination notifications for four Presidentially-appointed Senate-confirmed positions within the Department of Housing and Urban Development received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

EC-3727. A communication from the Acting Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3728. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico (New Pidiregas Projects); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3729. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of

the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico (Cantarell oil field); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3730. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (April 15—June 15, 2005)"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3731. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43056)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3732. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43055)(Docket No. FEMA-D-7575)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3733. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 43067)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3734. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 47129)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3735. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 47128)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3736. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((70 FR 48481)(Docket No. FEMA-7889)(44 CFR Part 64)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3737. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40913)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3738. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40909)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3739. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((70 FR 38038)(Docket No. FEMA-7883)(44 CFR Part 64)) received on

August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3740. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((70 FR 40915)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3741. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-200—05-213); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3742. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action taken by the Department of State in response to the program recommendations of the Baghdad (Mollen) Accountability Review Board; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3743. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. Contributions to the International Fund for Ireland in Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3744. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Port Directors Definition, NATO Definition, Major Non-NATO Ally Definition, Recordkeeping Requirements, Supporting Documentation for Electronic License Applications, Disclosure of Registration Documents" (22 CFR Parts 120, 122, 123, 124, 126, and 127) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3745. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fifty-third report on the extent and disposition of United States contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3746. A communication from the National Treasurer, American Ex-Prisoners of War, transmitting, pursuant to law, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. Financial Statements with the Independent Auditors report for the year ended August 31, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3747. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports by Registrants of Theft or Significant Loss of Controlled Substances" (RIN1117-AA73) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3748. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3749. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.