

his father's service to the Farm Credit and the local PCA, the immediate Brown family has over 55 years of service to American agriculture.

No person has served First South Farm Credit, ACA, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation with more loyalty, dignity, and honor than Billy Ross Brown.

Over the years, I have observed Billy Ross' dedicated service to his family, his community and his country. He is a true gentleman with a great heart and love for all mankind.

While I wish him well in his retirement, I suspect he will continue to be involved in the ongoing success of Mississippi agricultural interests and I hope he will still find time to fish with his friends, but only if the weather is good.●

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNICE DICKERSON

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I pay tribute and congratulate Bernice Dickerson of Adairville, KY, for her service on the Adairville City Council.

At age 91, Mrs. Dickerson has dedicated herself to improving the community of Adairville. As a councilwoman for Adairville, Mrs. Dickerson has made a difference in people's lives and has served as an example for all who know her.

The citizens of Kentucky are fortunate to have the leadership of Bernice Dickerson. Her example of dedication, hard work and compassion should be an inspiration to all throughout the Commonwealth. She has my most sincere appreciation for her work and I look forward to her continued service to Kentucky.●

#### INSTITUTE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose assistance to New York's Italian community in the late 19th century is a model for immigrant outreach. The efforts of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus initiated by the first American citizen saint, Frances Cabrini, led the Vatican to name her Patroness of Immigrants.

From the missionary sisters' first New York initiative, a home for destitute Italian orphans that opened in 1889, to the vibrant network of schools, hospitals and social service agencies serving immigrants in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Illinois, Colorado, Washington State and California, as well as New York, the missionary sisters brought solace to immigrants in both urban and rural areas, visiting them in homes, public hospitals, prisons and mines. Today this enduring mission flourishes in 16 nations on six continents where the Cabrinian reli-

gious institute eases misery, works for justice, and educates new generations. The institute's compassionate work cares for AIDS orphans in Swaziland and street children in the Philippines, provides health and child care and educates young people in Australia, Central and South America and the United States.

Frances Cabrini's legacy can be seen in 21st century New York State in Dobbs Ferry at the St. Cabrini Nursing Home and the Cabrini Elder Care Consortium. Dobbs Ferry is also home to the Monsignor Terence Attridge Adult Day Health Center and Cabrini Immigrant Services. New York City is fortunate to have the Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Cabrini Care at Home, Cabrini Immigrant Services, Cabrini Hospital, Sister Josephine Tsuei Senior Day Services, Cabrini High School, the Cabrini Shrine and the Cabrini Housing Development Fund's apartments for the elderly.

This year the St. Cabrini Nursing Home honors two individuals who exemplify the dedication and service of the Cabrinian values—Donna McNamara whose efforts were crucial to the creation of Cabrini Immigrant Services and Cabrini Care at Home; and James A. Smith, longtime board member who has given leadership to the Cabrini Elder Care Consortium. I am thankful for the efforts of Ms. McNamara and Mr. Smith and for the 125 years of compassion and care that are hallmarks of the life of Frances Cabrini and those who continue to serve the ideals to which she dedicated her life.●

#### NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPION

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team for their second straight NCAA Division III national championship. The Pointers capped off a dominating run through the tournament with their victory over Rochester University in the championship game. With the victory, the Pointers become just the third team in NCAA Division III history to win back to back titles. The championship game was also a milestone for Head Coach Jack Bennett, who earned his 200th career victory with the win and has since been selected as the Basketball Times Coach of the Year.

The Pointers posted a terrific 29-3 record this season, winning many of their games by wide margins and tying the school record for wins in a season set last year. The Pointers had the stingiest defense in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season, allowing just over 56 points a game. They also outscored their opponents by an overwhelming average of 17 points per game. Stevens Point led their conference in many statistical categories, including three-point and overall shooting percentage

and assists. Their tough play throughout the season earned them a share of the conference championship. The Pointers also won their second straight WIAC Tournament title.

A talented roster of student-athletes, led by All-American Nick Bennett and Division III Men's Basketball Player of the Year Jason Kalsow, played unselfishly and always with passion. Members of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's basketball team that fought hard for the championship include senior Tamaris Relerford from Beloit, WI; freshman Shawn Lee from Marshfield, WI; sophomore Brett Hirsch from Menomonee Falls, WI; freshman Brad Kalsow from Huntley, IL; freshman Steve Hicklin from Sussex, WI; senior Kyle Grusczyński from Seymour, WI; sophomore Cory Krautkramer from Cameron, WI; sophomore Jon Krull from Marshall, WI; junior Matt Bouche from Dane, WI; junior Brian Bauer from Auburndale, WI; junior Mike Prey from Shawano, WI; senior Eric Maus from Green Bay, WI; freshman Gbena Awe from Milwaukee, WI; freshman Tyler Doyle from Appleton, WI; freshman Matt Atkinson from Suamico, WI; senior John Gleich from Wheaton, IL; and freshman Zach Leahy from Hartland, WI. Many of these champions are volunteers in the community at basketball camps and with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. They are also students dedicated to academics as well as to basketball.

The team's competitive spirit is an inspiration to youngsters in Wisconsin. When March Madness is in the air, Division III may not always be in the spotlight. But the Pointers' second straight national championship is a trophy all Wisconsinites are proud of. Their victory is a substantial part of the incredible postseason for Wisconsin college basketball teams.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Intelligence.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### 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-1545. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer,

Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Federal Columbia River Power System's financial statements and audit reports; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1546. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (OK-031-FOR) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1547. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Regulatory Program" (WY-032-FOR) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1548. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Riverside Fairy Shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*)" (RIN1018-AT42) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1549. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Arroyo Toad (*Bufo californicus*)" (RIN1018-AT42) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1550. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's biennial report on the administration of the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) educational assistance program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1551. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a correction to page 13 of the Office's previously submitted report relative to the evaluation of the financial disclosure process for employees of the executive branch; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1552. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case number 04-04; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1553. A communication from the Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Government Accountability Office (GAO) employees who were assigned to congressional committees during fiscal year 2004 and a report on the cost and staff days of GAO work for fiscal years 2001 to 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1554. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report on Category Rating for the year 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1555. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report containing the initial estimate of the Secretary's recommendation for the applicable percentage increase in Medicare's hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) rates for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1556. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Time Limitation on Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Drug Rebate Program" (RIN0938-AN55) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1557. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of Education Statistics, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1558. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Commission, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1559. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Commission, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1560. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1561. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1562. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Secretary, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1563. A communication from the Director of Public Affairs, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Commission's administration of the Freedom of Information Act for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1564. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Department's fiscal year 2004 inventory of inherently government and commercial activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1565. A communication from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the details of the Office's 2005 Compensation Plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1566. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Governance; Final Amendments" (RIN2550-AA24) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1567. A communication from the Acting Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR part 560: Iranian Transactions

Regulations" received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1568. 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 9540 02.28.05" (44 CFR 67) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1569. 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 6364 02.27.05" (44 CFR 64)(Doc. No. FEMA-7865) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1570. 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 8534 02.22.05" (44 CFR 64)(Doc. No. FEMA-7867) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1571. 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 9539 02.28.05" (44 CFR Part 65) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1572. 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 9536 02.28.05" (44 CFR 65)(FEMA-D-7567) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1573. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard Challenge Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1574. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "Department of Defense (DOD) Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP) Annual Report to Congress" and "Department of Defense (DOD) Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP) Performance Plan for Fiscal Years 2004-2006"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1575. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to chemical agent destruction operations at the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Newport, Indiana; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1576. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of contributions for defense programs, projects, and activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1577. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Distribution of DoD Depot Maintenance Workloads"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1578. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Bill

for Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1579. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Major Systems Acquisition" (DFARS Case 2003-D030) received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1580. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-1582. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1583. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1584. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Secretary of the Air Force, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1585. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1586. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of the Army, received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1587. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1588. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1589. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Policy), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1590. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1591. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1592. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1593. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1594. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1595. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), received on April 7, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### 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. DURBIN:

S. 743. A bill for the relief of Nabil Raja Dandan, Ketty Dandan, Souzi Dandan, Raja Nabil Dandan, and Sandra Dandan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 744. A bill to establish a Caribbean Basin Port Assistance Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 745. A bill to amend the Global Environmental Protection Assistance Act of 1989 to promote international clean energy development, to open and expand clean energy markets abroad, to engage developing nations in the advancement of sustainable energy use and climate change actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 746. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 747. A bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 748. A bill to authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 749. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 750. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 751. A bill to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 752. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to pursue a complaint of anti-competitive practices against certain oil exporting countries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 753. A bill to provide for modernization and improvement of the Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 754. A bill to ensure that the Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible, so that there is more grant aid for students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 755. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to women needing such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 756. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 757. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the