

TRUANCY COURT PROJECT

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the students who participated in the Truancy Court Project for the Pennington County Juvenile Diversion Program.

The 17 students who successfully participated in the Truancy Court Project deserve the special recognition they are receiving today. After starting off the school year with a rocky beginning, each individual student took it upon themselves to volunteer for this project and to excel at it. Each of them has improved attendance, improved their relationships with their teachers, and most importantly learned the value of education.

It gives me great pleasure to rise with the citizens of Rapid City and Ellsworth in congratulating the Truancy Court Project students for their successful participation in the program.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4297. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4954. An act to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2810. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate months in

2006 from the calculation of any late enrollment penalty under the Medicare part D prescription drug program and to provide for additional funding for State health insurance counseling program and area agencies on aging, 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-6837. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Guard ChalleNGe Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6838. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 15, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6839. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Distribution of DoD Depot Maintenance Workloads—Fiscal Years 2005 through 2007"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6840. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Foreign Sources of Supply: Assessment of the United States Defense Industrial Base"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6841. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense 2005 Commercial FAIR Act Report and the Department of Defense 2005 Inherently Governmental FAIR Act Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6842. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6843. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6844. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to the law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6845. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Default Reporting Period" ((RIN2502-AI20)(FR-4916-F-02)) received on May 15, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6846. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards

Technical Correction" ((RIN2502-AI12)(FR-4886-C-03)) received on May 15, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6847. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to omitting Libya and adding Venezuela to the list of countries not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6848. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6849. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed authorization for the export of significant military equipment in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Space Systems/Loral and PanAmSat of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6850. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed authorization for the sale of significant military equipment sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6851. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Algeria and Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6852. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6853. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Australia, Canada, and Malaysia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6855. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Final Engineering Report and Water Conservation Plan for the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6856. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, the report of draft legislation to authorize appropriations for the Merit Systems Protection Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6857. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-09" (FAC Case 2005-09) received on May 15, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 2803. A bill to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2804. A bill to extend the duty suspension on polysiloxane; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2805. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2,6-Di-tert-butylphenol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2806. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on sodium hypophosphite; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2807. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Cyanuric chloride; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2808. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on textured rolled glass sheets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2809. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 4,4'-Diaminostilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KYL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2810. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate months in 2006 from the calculation of any late enrollment penalty under the Medicare part D prescription drug program and to provide for additional funding for State health insurance counseling program and area agencies on aging, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2811. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual, coordinated election period under the Medicare part D prescription drug program through all of 2006 and to provide for a refund of excess premiums paid during 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act to prohibit restric-

tions on the installation of renewable fuel pumps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2813. A bill for the relief of Claudia Marquez Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 2814. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for support of funeral ceremonies for veterans provided by details that consist solely of members of veterans organizations and other organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2815. A bill to establish the Commission on Economic Indicators to conduct a study and submit a report containing recommendations concerning the appropriateness and accuracy of the methodology, calculations, and reporting used by the Government relating to certain economic indicators; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the manufacture of flexible fuel motor vehicles and to extend and increase the income tax credit for alternative fuel refueling property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2817. A bill to promote renewable fuel and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 480. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. Res. 481. A resolution relative to the death of Jacob Chic Hecht, former United States Senator for the State of Nevada; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 647

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to eliminate the annual operating deficit and maintenance backlog in the national parks, and for other purposes.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1104

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1104, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1263

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish eligibility requirements for business concerns to receive awards under the Small Business Innovation Research Program.

S. 1354

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

S. 1479

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1479, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to establish a joint energy cooperation program within the Department of Energy to fund eligible ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons in the national interest, and for other purposes.

S. 2005

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to provide for the reviewing, updating, and maintenance of National Flood Insurance Program rate maps, and for other purposes.