

that we provide a much needed increase in funding to all Ryan White CARE Act programs, but especially the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, ADAP. A key component to the defense against HIV/AIDS is access to cutting-edge pharmaceutical treatments. These lifesaving medications are often so expensive that they remain out of reach to low-income and uninsured individuals. ADAP bridges that gap and provides antiretroviral drugs and important medical care to over 150,000 people each year. Unfortunately, ADAP's historical underfunding has accumulated to a point where almost \$200 million is needed to meet outstanding need in the program. Congress must commit the necessary resources to meet the entire demand for ADAP's services. We cannot afford to lose the ground we have gained in the fight against HIV/AIDS by restricting access to critical pharmaceutical treatments.

As successful as ADAP has been at keeping individuals healthy and productive, critical gaps in our approach to HIV treatment and prevention remain. For example, HIV positive individuals have access to treatment under Medicaid only after they have developed full-blown AIDS. To remedy this oversight, I introduced the Early Treatment for HIV Act, ETHA, S. 311, along with Senator HILLARY CLINTON. By providing access to HIV therapies and important medical care before such persons develop AIDS, ETHA would reduce overall Medicaid costs and, as important, improve the quality of life of those living with the virus. I ask my colleagues to consider this legislation before the end of this session of Congress, so we can begin saving lives and dollars by increasing access to more effective and efficient HIV/AIDS medical care.

We have much to be proud of on the 25th anniversary of the first reported AIDS case. The virus responsible for the epidemic has been identified; appropriate treatments have been developed as a result of innovative medical research; and governments and other organizations across the globe have committed significant resources to the continued fight against the disease. I am confident that in the near future we will be able to commemorate this day by celebrating the eradication of the pain and suffering that has been caused by HIV/AIDS since its discovery.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUNTER, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 17, the residents of Hunter will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Hunter has an interesting past that began with the founding of the city by

John C. Hunter. It was also home to David H. Houston, the inventor of the roll-type film process later to be named Kodak. David subsequently sold the rights to this process to George Eastman from New York.

The Hunter community prides itself on civic involvement. There are numerous clubs to join and activities to partake in. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Albert Wallner Legion Post #44 are just two examples of the many active community clubs in Hunter.

The community has planned a wonderful weekend celebration to commemorate its 125th anniversary. The celebration includes the dedication of the Veterans Memorial, a community parade, an all school reception, a kid's carnival, a dance, local entertainment, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Hunter, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hunter and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hunter that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Hunter has a proud past and a bright future.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BINFORD, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. On June 16-18, the residents of Binford will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Binford is a vibrant community in eastern North Dakota. Settlers arrived in this area around 1877 and a few years later they named the area Blooming Prairie. Binford became the name of the town after the Northern Pacific built a railroad station in the town and named the station after Ray Binford, an Iowa attorney who had great interest in this area.

Today, the citizens of Binford have the following slogan for their town: "The Biggest little town in North Dakota." Binford is also located within the Griggs-Steele Empowerment Zone. This designation provides incentives for existing businesses to expand and other businesses to relocate to the area.

Citizens of Binford have organized numerous activities to celebrate their centennial. Some of the activities include class reunions, street dances, a carnival and parade, a mini-marathon, a memorabilia auction, all-faith services, a Bull-a-Rama, and a demolition derby.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Binford, ND, and its residents on the first 100 years

and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Binford and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Binford that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Binford has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ENGLEVALE, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 23, the residents of Englevale will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

The town of Englevale was founded in 1881 as Marshall, ND, but changed its name to Englevale in 1883. The town was named for Mathias Engle, an avid promoter of the township from New York. Although the town was hit by major fires in the 1930s, Englevale has remained a wonderful community.

Englevale is a small but vibrant town. Most of the farmers in the area grow corn, dry beans and wheat. The Good Shepard Lutheran Church has remained an important anchor in the town for decades.

To celebrate their 125th anniversary, the people of Englevale have planned a number of events, including a tractor pull, rodeo, parade, and an all-town potluck.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Englevale, ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Englevale and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Englevale that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Englevale has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLIFFORD, NORTH DAKOTA

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a community in North Dakota that is celebrating its 125th anniversary. On June 17, the residents of Clifford, ND, will celebrate their community's history and founding.

Clifford is a small town in the eastern part of North Dakota. Despite its small size, Clifford holds an important place in North Dakota's history. It began in 1881 when the North Pacific Railroad was built in Traill County. Some say it was named for Clifford F. Jacobs of Hillsboro, a promoter of the townsite. Others say it was named for a pioneer settler in the area. The post office was established February 15, 1883,

and George A. Swaren was the first postmaster.

Today, Clifford remains a small but vibrant community. The town organizes a senior citizens league and a 4-H club, and has a very profitable farmers' cooperative. The Traill Rural Water Company, housed in Clifford, helps to provide water for irrigation for all of Traill County. The community has come together in recent years to fix up the town spaces, making it a destination to be proud of.

To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the town of Clifford is organizing a celebration, which will include a parade and a dance with a live band. An all-faith worship service and dinner will also be held. It promises to be a wonderful event.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating Clifford, North Dakota, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Clifford and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the pioneering tradition spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Clifford that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Clifford has a proud past and a bright future.●

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.)

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-6969. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report on the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties for the period covering January-March 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6970. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources; Monitoring Requirements" (FRL No. 8176-8) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6971. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL No. 8176-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6972. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Alternative Public Participation Process" (FRL No. 8178-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6973. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Ohio: Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Updates; Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8177-8) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6974. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles and Nonroad Diesel Engines: Alternative Low-Sulfur Diesel Fuel Transition Program for Alaska" (FRL No. 8178-3) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6975. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPAAR Prescription and Clause—Simplified Acquisition Procedures Financing" (FRL No. 8179-6) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6976. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(I), Delegation of Authority to the Washington State Department of Health" (FRL No. 8177-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6977. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PM2.5 De Minimis Emission Levels for General Conformity Applicability" (FRL No. 8176-3) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6978. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Refiner and Importer Quality Assurance Requirements for Downstream Oxygenate Blending and Requirements for Pipeline Interface" (FRL No. 8178-5) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6979. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Remarriage of a Surviving Spouse" (RIN2900-AM24) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6980. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-6981. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8060-5) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6982. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Requests to Amend Import Regulations" (APHIS Docket No. 02-132-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0046) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6984. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Baby Corn and Baby Carrots from Zambia" (Docket No. 05-059-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6985. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pine Shoot Beetle; Additions to Quarantined Areas; Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0039) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6986. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Privately Owned Quarantine Facilities for Ruminants" (Docket No. 00-022-2) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6987. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005 Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs" (RIN0560-AH45) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6988. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2004 Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6989. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on the Impact of United States v. Booker on Federal Sentencing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6990. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal