

Student enrollment peaked at more than 3700 in the fall of 2009 and remains at 3,576 this semester.

The Partner in Excellence campaign between 1999 and 2005 raised a record \$62 million to fund 13 major building projects for the arts, instructional technology and extended learning, sports and athletics, religious education, and campus parking.

The SBU endowment more than doubled during the last decade to over \$19 million.

The school's first doctoral program was launched, and the number of physical therapy applications has grown each year.

"It's all God's blessing," Dr. Taylor has explained. "We've worked hard, but God has blessed it. It's not what we've done, but it's what God has done through us. When I really look at our success, it's because God has ordained that we will be successful."

I could not agree with Dr. Taylor more. I would add that Dr. Taylor is a blessing to Southwest Baptist University and the community. It is my hope that Southwest Baptist University continues to meet its mission as a "Christ-centered, caring academic community preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society." It is a bold calling, and I am certain SBU has the leadership and dedication in Dr. Taylor to see it fulfilled.●

TRIBUTE TO GLENN VANSELOW

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I want to recognize and honor Glenn Vanselow and wish him well upon his upcoming retirement from his position as executive director of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association of Portland, OR.

Glenn has served as the executive director of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association since 1989. His 22 years of service to Oregonians and all the residents of the Northwest have been invaluable. His advocacy on behalf of infrastructure projects in the region has been key to ensuring that Oregon's ports remain a vital component of our economy and laid a foundation for them to grow and flourish in the future.

He has been critical to helping build and maintain the locks, dams, hydro-power and irrigation projects on the Columbia/Snake River system that have been so important to commerce in our region. He brought experience, know-how, leadership, and vision to critical navigation projects like the Columbia River Channel Deepening and the lock gate replacements just this past winter. And a few years ago, we were able to celebrate the completion of repairs to the Tillamook north jetty together.

Glenn has made many stops along the way in serving the Northwest. He is on the board of the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, he co-chaired the Bi-State Water Quality Study for the Lower Columbia and

served as chair of the Lower Columbia River Estuary Program in developing a management plan for ecosystem restoration. Past board memberships have included the Oregon Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, Regional Maritime Security Coalition-Columbia River, and University of Idaho College of Mines Advisory Board.

The legacy of Glenn's time with PNWA will be the permanent and long-term investments in Oregon that he helped move forward, the jobs those projects helped to create, and the families who have benefited from the great work the PNWA has done during his tenure. I know my home State of Oregon owes Glenn a great debt.

I congratulate Glenn on his significant contributions to the growth and development of the economy of the Pacific Northwest, and I wish him well in retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on today, September 26, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2646. An act to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2883. An act to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2943. An act to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the enrolled bills were signed on today, September 26, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2401. An act to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, 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. 2401. An act to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1633. A bill to amend chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the basis utilized for annual adjustments in amounts of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1634. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval and disapproval of programs of education for purposes of educational benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1635. A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 283. A resolution designating the year of 2011 as the "International Year of Chemistry"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 284. A resolution designating September 23, 2011, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 268

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 268, a bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other

public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 412

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to pay to Fort Lewis College in the State of Colorado an amount equal to the tuition charges for Indian students who are not residents of the State of Colorado.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to encourage and ensure the use of safe football helmets and for other purposes.

S. 606

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the priority review voucher incentive program relating to tropical and rare pediatric diseases.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to provide for the establishment of a committee to assess the effects of certain Federal regulatory mandates.

S. 701

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 701, a bill to amend section 1120A(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to assure comparability of opportunity for educationally disadvantaged students.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act.

S. 951

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1094

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1094, a bill to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-416).

S. 1096

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and utilization of, bone mass measurement benefits under the Medicare part B program by extending the minimum payment amount for bone mass measurement under such program through 2013.

S. 1214

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, regarding restrictions on the use of Department of Defense funds and facilities for abortions.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to expand the research, pre-

vention, and awareness activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health with respect to pulmonary fibrosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to provide protections from workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1508

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, a bill to extend loan limits for programs of the Federal Housing Administration, the government-sponsored enterprises, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, *supra*.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Elouise Pepion Cobell, in recognition of her outstanding and enduring contributions to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and the Nation through her tireless pursuit of justice.

S. 1527

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1527, a bill to authorize the award of a Congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines of World War II.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to consumer confidence reports by community water systems.

S. 1594

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a conservation program under which the Secretary shall make payments to assist owners and operators of muck land to conserve and improve the soil, water, and wildlife resources of the land.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1597, a bill to provide assistance for the modernization, renovation, and repair of elementary school

and secondary school buildings in public school districts and community colleges across the United States in order to support the achievement of improved educational outcomes in those schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to provide a processing extension for emergency mortgage relief payments, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 275

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 275, a resolution designating October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 283—DESIGNATING THE YEAR OF 2011 AS THE “INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 283

Whereas the United Nations has designated the year of 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry and is holding a worldwide celebration called “Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future”, which recognizes the achievements made in the field of chemistry and the contributions of those achievements to the well-being of humankind;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to the improvement of human life because of its power to transform;

Whereas chemistry provides solutions that successfully address global challenges involving safe food and water, alternate sources of energy, improved health, and a healthy and sustainable environment;

Whereas the members of chemical enterprise and industry, scientific societies, and academia in the United States, and the Government of the United States, generate important contributions to the economy of the United States, and energize the scientific and technological base with critical innovations;

Whereas 2011 represents the 100th anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize to Marie Curie for the second time, the first time that an individual had received a second Nobel Prize;

Whereas Marie Curie has inspired generations of scientists to excel in their fields;

Whereas the purpose of the “Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future” celebration is to increase public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs, to further the development of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education at all levels, and to encourage interest in chemistry among young people in order to create a future corps of innovators;

Whereas exciting new practices of sustainable green chemistry incorporate design processes to maximize the amount of raw material that ends up in the end product, use safe, environmentally benign substances, including solvents, design energy efficient processes, and minimize waste disposal by not creating it in the first place; and

Whereas during the year of 2011, countries and organizations will reach out to adults and children through symposia, conferences, demonstrations, workshops, contests, school activities, exhibitions, and other public events to increase awareness of the history and importance of chemistry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the year of 2011 as the “International Year of Chemistry”;

(2) supports the goals of the International Year of Chemistry;

(3) recognizes the necessity of educating the public on the merits of the sciences, including chemistry, and promoting interest in the sciences among the youth of the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to participate in the International Year of Chemistry through appropriate recognition of programs, activities, and ceremonies that call attention to the importance of chemistry to our well-being in the present and the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 284—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 23, 2011, AS “NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE THE PREVENTION OF FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 284

Whereas older adults, 65 years of age and older, are the fastest-growing segment of the population in the United States, and the number of older adults in the United States will increase from 35,000,000 in 2000 to 72,100,000 in 2030;

Whereas 1 out of 3 older adults in the United States falls each year;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of injury, death, and hospital admissions for traumatic injuries among older adults;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 2,200,000 older adults were treated in hospital emergency departments for fall-related injuries, and more than 582,000 were subsequently hospitalized;

Whereas, in 2007, more than 18,400 older adults died from injuries related to unintentional falls;

Whereas the total cost of fall-related injuries for older adults is \$80,900,000,000, including more than \$19,000,000,000 in direct medical costs;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual cost under the Medicare program will reach \$32,400,000,000 by 2020; and

Whereas evidence-based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions, such as comprehensive clinical assessments, exercise programs to improve balance and health, management of medications, correction of vision, and reduction of home hazards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 23, 2011, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day”;

(2) commends the Falls Free Coalition and the falls prevention coalitions in 43 States and the District of Columbia for their efforts to work together to increase education and awareness about the prevention of falls among older adults;

(3) encourages businesses, individuals, Federal, State, and local governments, the public health community, and health care providers to work together to promote the awareness of falls in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults in the United States;

(4) urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue developing and evaluating strategies to prevent falls among older adults that will translate into effective fall prevention interventions, including community-based programs;

(5) encourages State health departments, which provide significant leadership in reducing injuries and injury-related health care costs by collaborating with colleagues and a variety of organizations and individuals, to reduce falls among older adults; and

(6) recognizes proven, cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies and encourages experts in the field to share their best practices so that their success can be replicated by others.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 661. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 662. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 663. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 664. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 665. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2608, supra.

SA 666. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2017, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

SA 667. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2017, supra.

SA 668. Mr. REID (for Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mrs. BOXER)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 661. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 656 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2608, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, strike lines 16 through 23, and insert in lieu thereof:

(1) an additional amount for “Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief”, \$774,000,000, to remain available until expended; and

(2) an additional amount for “Corps of Engineers—Civil—Flood Control and Coastal