

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Gregory McGinity, a member of the staff of Senator COCHRAN, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 22-29, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. McGinity in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sean O'Donnell, a member of the staff of Senator GORTON, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Soochow University from August 6-12, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. O'Donnell in this program.●

JASON REESE—YOUTH OF THE YEAR

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, Jason Reese is a remarkable young man who is attending the University of Tennessee as a national merit scholar. He was named last week as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Youth of the Year." I join all my fellow Tennesseans in saluting Jason, and wishing him well as he enters college.

I ask that an article that appeared in the October 2, 1995, edition of U.S. News & World Report be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the U.S. News & World Report, Oct. 2, 1995]

BOOTSTRAPS—TRYING IN TENNESSEE

(By Dorian Friedman)

As an introverted child from a troubled family, Jason Reese never imagined himself as a role model. So when a young neighbor saw him recently on TV and told him "he wanted to grow up to be like me, it just about made me cry." Jason wasn't alone: There were more than a few teary-eyed admirers in a Capitol Hill audience last week when the Boys & Girls Clubs of America named the 18-year-old its National Youth of the Year.

Abandoned by his father as an infant and shuttled between grandparents and a struggling single mother, Jason was raised in "the projects" of Morristown, Tenn., a neighborhood where drug dealing and gunfire were not uncommon. A haven where Jason found surrogate fathers and friends was the local Boys & Girls Club. There, he tutored the younger school kids, helped run park clean-ups and food drives and pitched in at a nursing home. He also worked at a local auto-parts company, tended to his two little brothers so their mother could finish college and maintained nearly perfect grades in school. He graduated from Morristown High West this year as a National Merit scholar and drew a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where he will study biology and chemistry in hopes of becoming a doctor.

As Youth of the Year, he voiced a message to other teenagers: "Stay determined, pursue your dreams and never let anybody tell you that you can't get there." That approach was taken long ago by another Boys Club product—originally from a place called Hope—who told Jason and the other finalists how proud he was of them in the Oval Office.●

PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL PERTAINING TO TURKEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, the Senate recently adopted two amendments to the foreign operations appropriations bill which I think deserve further comment.

The first of these, an amendment offered by Senator DOLE, will prohibit U.S. assistance from going to any country that impedes the delivery of U.S. humanitarian assistance. I am a cosponsor of this amendment, as well as of the original legislation on the subject, the Humanitarian Aid Corridors Act, and I believe strongly in the principle which it reflects. Countries that block our humanitarian efforts should not be receiving our foreign aid. I wish that such legislation were not necessary, but unfortunately the third largest recipient of United States foreign aid, Turkey, continues to prevent the delivery of most humanitarian assistance to neighboring Armenia. We can no longer ignore this situation.

After enduring mass slaughter at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, and more than 60 years under the repressive rule of the Soviet Union, Armenia has been embroiled since achieving independence 4 years ago in a bloody dispute with Azerbaijan to its east and has been subjected to an economic blockade by Turkey on the west. The United States and the rest of the Western community have provided humanitarian aid to help reduce the severe shortages of fuel, food, and other essential supplies. Unfortunately, Turkey has maintained a blockade on the most efficient land routes, thereby greatly complicating this relief effort.

I had hoped that diplomacy alone could ensure the delivery of the much-needed assistance to Armenia. However, the lack of progress on the diplomatic front and my commitment to ensuring the unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia—and my commitment to the important principle of permitting unrestricted humanitarian assistance to the civilian casualties of any nation—have convinced me that Senator DOLE's legislation is necessary. I believe it is the most effective avenue to bring pressure to bear on those hindering the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia.

The second amendment I wish to discuss also affected Turkey and, had it been adopted, would have capped United States economic assistance to Turkey at \$21 million. I also cosponsored this amendment, offered by Senator D'AMATO as a way of expressing to our Turkish allies our extreme disappointment with their continued intransigence in Cyprus, their deplorable human rights record in dealing with the Kurdish insurgency in southeastern Turkey, and their continuing land blockade of Armenia.

I am well aware of the important strategic role that Turkey played during the cold war and of its role in the

international coalition during the Persian Gulf war. I appreciate the significant contributions Turkey has made to reasonable action and discourse in the Moslem world. I would like for Turkey and the United States to be close cooperating friendly allies. I do not relish the idea of taking punitive measures against a valued NATO ally, but we must look at the relationship across a spectrum of issues and in many areas Turkey comes up short. The Turkish occupation in Cyprus just entered its third decade and there seems to be little movement toward a settlement. The United States State Department reported that, despite constant urgings from the Western community, human rights abuses in Turkey worsened last year. This behavior is incompatible with Turkey's drive for inclusion in the European Union. Because all other means of delivering the message and securing altered behavior have failed, I agree that we are reduced to using the few remaining vehicles available to deliver our message, a reduction of our assistance.

Like many of my colleagues, I want Turkey to continue as a trusted ally, but we cannot let our desire for good relations blind us to Turkey's flaws. I am pleased that Senator DOLE's amendment was adopted and I hope that the Turkish leadership receives the message sent by both amendments—our relationship since the cold war has changed and Turkey's strategic location is no longer enough to shield them from the bright light of international scrutiny. I also hope that Turkey's response will not be intransigence and obstinacy, but instead will be recognition that this message comes from a nation and a people that values our friendship and wants our future relations to be friendly and cooperative and will ensure they are friendly and cooperative if Turkey will comport itself in accord with established standards of behavior for sovereign states.●

MEMORIAL TO M. SGT. CARL BILLIG

● Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, this morning, the family of retired M. Sgt. Carl Billig said their final farewells to this devoted husband, father, and war veteran who passed away on Friday, September 22, 1995.

Sergeant Billig's dying wish was to receive his long-sought military awards and medals. After more than a year of trying to track down those medals, they finally arrived 2 days before his death. In a touching ceremony, Sergeant Billig's family gathered at the home around his bed where he lie terminally ill with cancer. The family looked on as Maj. Martin Harris presented Sergeant Billig with 14 military medals and badges—including the Purple Heart and the Award of Meritorious Service in recognition of his 23 years of service spanning World War II through the Vietnam conflict.