

through. As a young person, Eric has often been challenged to be the bigger man, and to keep from being hurt by unkind remarks. It has not been easy.

Eric has also committed himself to his education. I understand at times that has been frustrating and, like all young men, Eric has sometimes been tempted to study less and hang out more. As the occasion of his graduation attests, however, Eric has risen to the challenge and succeeded.

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Eric Simon on his high school graduation from New Prague High School. His commitment to his education and family are commendable and greatly admired. I am very proud of this young man. I congratulate him on a job well done.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Eric Simon of New Prague, MN on the occasion of his high school graduation.●

HONORING DR. FRED CHOLICK

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I publicly congratulate Dr. Fred Cholick on a very successful career as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at South Dakota State University. He has accepted the position as the new dean of agriculture at Kansas State University.

Over the years, Fred has been extraordinarily committed to South Dakota agriculture and SDSU. He is one of the most effective agriculture spokespersons the State has ever had. He speaks with compassion about the benefits of agriculture to our State's economy.

On a personal level, Fred quickly struck a close working relationship with my staff. He enjoyed working with my office when I secured a seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee and Fred experienced the same learning curve we did as we explored various ways to secure Federal funding for SDSU. Despite some setbacks, Fred always kept a positive outlook on the very precarious appropriations process and was incredibly honored that he had the opportunity to work on projects to benefit SDSU and South Dakota's agricultural community. Fred is a real ambassador for agriculture in the State and has done a very effective job at outreach to get everyone in South Dakota to understand the value of our agriculture economy.

Fred worked hard to ensure SDSU was a reputable university with respect to animal health, dairy, ruminant nutrition, biotech and other areas of research. He should be given particular credit for working with Associate Dean Kevin Kephart to develop the Sun Grant Initiative into something that may soon become a reality. His vision for the role renewable energy can play in agriculture is cutting edge. Fred has always been an effective advocate for all land grant universities, and that is why his colleagues around the country selected him as their spokesperson. So

while always loyal to South Dakota, Fred could effectively speak on behalf of all land grant schools across the United States.

He has developed strong relationships with his students as a teacher, as well as the dean of agriculture. He worked hard to ensure the students in the College of Agriculture were getting personal attention and a top-notch education. He cared deeply for those graduating and would help them find employment in their respective fields.

Fred was a real champion of value-added agriculture and worked hard to get farmers in South Dakota to understand how to capture larger profits from adding value to the raw goods produced on their operations.

Losing Fred is a huge loss to South Dakota and SDSU, and I personally know that he struggled with the decision to leave SDSU for Kansas State. But, in the end, I think it is his undying commitment to agriculture that led him to decide that Kansas State was the right move. His kind of leadership and character is exactly what the agricultural community needs to evolve and survive in the future. I wish nothing but the best for him and his family. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

TRIBUTE TO JANE HINTON HART

● Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, today I honor a fellow Georgian, Mrs. Jane Hinton Hart. Mrs. Hart is retiring after more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Government. She was raised in Thomson, GA, where she graduated from Thomson High School in 1966, and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX, in 1970. She returned to Georgia and taught school in Augusta from January 1970 to June 1973.

Mrs. Hart began her Federal Government career on the staff of former Senator Sam Nunn, where she served the people of Georgia from 1973 to 1991. During her 18 years of service in Senator Nunn's office, Mrs. Hart worked the full spectrum of positions found in a congressional office. She began as a staff assistant and became a senior legislative assistant to the Senator and the liaison between the Senator's office and the military installations in the State of Georgia.

In 1991, Mrs. Hart moved from the Hill to the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, where she has served four commandants, Generals Mundy, Krulak, Jones, and Hagee. As a legislative specialist, she has been responsible for reviewing and researching numerous legislative issues to determine their impact on the U.S. Marine Corps. She has provided guidance and drafted legislative proposals for inclusion in the Department of Defense omnibus legislative packages. She works closely with the Legislative Affairs Offices of the Department of the Navy and Department of Defense.

In addition to Mrs. Hart's Government service, she has been an active

education advocate through various PTAs in Arlington County, VA, a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America, a Sunday school teacher, and she reads monthly at a homeless shelter. She will complete her masters in reading education this fall and plans to return to the classroom and teach.

I wish Mrs. Hart, her husband, Jim, and their son, John, all the best. I am delighted that she came here from Georgia seeking to serve our Nation, and has done so with distinction for more than 30 years. Georgia is proud of Mrs. Hart's dedication, hard work and patriotism, and I wish for her many more years of continuing success.●

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 DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 24, 2004, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2092. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS) on today, June 1, 2004.

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-7671. 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 "Spring Viremia of Carp; Payment of Indemnity" (Doc. No. 02-091-1) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7672. 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 "Karnal

Bunt; Regulated Areas” (Doc. No. 04-038-1) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7673. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)” (FRL7358-7) received on May 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7674. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL7348-1) received on May 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7675. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ultramarine Blue; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL7357-6) received on May 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7676. A communication from the Assistant Director, Directives and Regulations Branch, Forest Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Timber Sale Contracts, Modification of Contracts” (RIN0596-AC16) received on May 21, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7677. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in order to improve the access of this program to Native American Indian Tribes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7678. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act relative to the Civilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, case number 04-05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7679. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Future Aircraft Carrier Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7680. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the adequacy of the beryllium industrial base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7681. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Army’s Annual Financial Statement report for fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7682. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of a higher grade; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7683. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7684. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Department

of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Most Efficient Organization for the Public Works Center Norfolk, VA, Detachments Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, PA, and Earle, NJ; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7685. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 21973” (44 CFR Part 67) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7686. A communication from the Acting 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; 69 FR 21969” (44 CFR Part 65) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7687. A communication from the Acting 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” (69 FR 21966) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7688. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Annual Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments; Pacific Halibut Fisheries” (ID042604D) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7689. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Closure of Alaska Plaice in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI)” received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7690. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule to Revise Port Codes in Tables 14a and 14b to 50 CFR Part 679” (RIN0648-AR07) received on May 26, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7691. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators” (RIN2126-AA09) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7692. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Minimum Training Requirements for Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Operators and LCV Driver-Instructor Requirements” (RIN2126-AA08) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7693. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Dassault Model Mystere Falcon 900 and Falcon 900 EX

Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-51” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7694. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Company CF6-80C2 Series Turbofan Engines; Doc. No. 2003-NE-46” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7695. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes; Doc. No. 2002-NM-212” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7696. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2002-NM-256” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7697. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300 B4-600 and A300 C4-600 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-80” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7698. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Aircraft Engines CT7 Series Turbo-prop Engines; Doc. No. 99-NE-48” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7699. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-100, 100B, 100BSUD, 200B, 200C, 200F, 300, 747SE, and 747SP Series Airplanes Equipped with Pratt and Whitney JT9D-3, 7, 70, and 7R4G2 Series Engines; Doc. No. 2002-NM-207” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7700. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-47” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7701. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC 9 15, DC 9 13, and DC 9 32 Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7702. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF 340A and 340B Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-25” (RIN2120-AA64)

received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7703. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model Cl 600-2B19; Doc. No. 2003-NM157" (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2481. A bill to require that notices to consumers of health and financial services include information on the outsourcing of sensitive personal information abroad, to require relevant Federal agencies to prescribe regulations to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information outsourced abroad, to establish requirements for foreign call centers, and for purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2482. A bill to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to prohibit the dumping of dredged material in certain bodies of water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2483. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 2484. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 2485. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 2486. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 368. A resolution commending the University of Virginia Cavaliers women's lacrosse team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I women's lacrosse National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosure of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the pre-

scription drug benefits offered to enrollees under the plan generally.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, *supra*.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1428, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for damages or injunctive relief for claims of injury resulting from a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition related to weight gain or obesity.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1666, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish comprehensive State diabetes control and prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to require employees at a call center who either initiate or receive telephone calls to disclose the physical location of such employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1939

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1939, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that the public is provided adequate notice and education on the effects of exposure to mercury through the development of health advisories and by requiring that such appropriate advisories be posted, or made readily available, at all businesses that sell fresh, frozen, and canned fish and seafood where the potential for mercury exposure exists.

S. 2032

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to provide assistance and security for women and children in Afghanistan and for other purposes.