

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIDWELL PARK

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the City of Chico as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Bidwell Park, which is a significant part of Chico's identity and its crown jewel.

Bidwell Park was established in July of 1905 when Annie Bidwell, wife of Chico's founding father, John Bidwell, gave the City 1,902 acres of their ranch, Rancho del Arroyo Chico. Since that time, the City has purchased additional land enlarging the park to its present day size of 3,670 acres, making it the largest municipal park per capita in the United States.

Bidwell Park has a long history with the people of Chico and surrounding areas in Northern California. Some of America's classic movies such as the Adventures of Robin Hood, starring Errol Flynn, Gone with the Wind and Red Badge of Courage were filmed in Bidwell Park using the Park's natural setting and wild landscape as a backdrop.

Today, the City of Chico estimates that there are between 150,000 and 200,000 visits to Bidwell Park every year. Citizens who visit the Park can take advantage of wide-ranging recreational opportunities such as cooling off in one of the countless swimming holes or making the most of approximately 72 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

Bidwell Park also serves as an ideal venue for numerous community events such as Chico's 4th of July Community Celebration held at the One-Mile Recreation Area and the Annual Shakespeare in the Park Series as well as the hundreds of family gatherings, weddings and company picnics.

I would like to especially recognize the work done by the Bidwell Park Centennial Committee and their Co-Chairs Tom Barrett and Chico City Councilmember Ann Schwab for their tireless efforts organizing the scores of events commemorating Bidwell Park's 100th birthday.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the contributions of the Bidwell Park Centennial Supporters and volunteers, especially the Chico Creek Nature Center, for all of their time and resources that illustrate the possibilities that can be realized when public and private interests come together for the benefit of the community.

Again let me say congratulations to the City of Chico and all of the people participating in events celebrating Bidwell Park's centennial year. You should feel proud of all that you are doing and I wish you the very best in the future.●

DO THE WRITE THING CHALLENGE
2005

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the "Do the Write Thing Challenge" is a na-

tional writing contest that gives middle school students the opportunity to express themselves about community problems including guns, gangs, drugs, and violence. The students are asked to identify actions they can take to help address such problems.

The Do the Write Thing Challenge, or DtWT, was created in 1994 and is sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence. DtWT currently operates in 22 cities and counties, including Detroit, MI. In 2005, more than 32,000 students nationwide participated in DtWT by written submissions and by pledging not to engage in violence. Since its creation, more than 145,000 students have participated in the DtWT Challenge.

The national DtWT finalists from each participating jurisdiction recently came to Washington, DC to talk to lawmakers about youth violence and its impact on their lives. In addition, the finalists were honored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence at a national recognition ceremony. Among those honored were Samantha Medina and Michael Henderson of Detroit, MI.

Samantha and Michael both addressed the issue of gun violence in their writings. In her poem, Samantha wrote about the constant threat that guns pose to her family and friends. Michael wrote a personal essay about two friends and an uncle who were murdered by criminals using guns. Both students also chose to write about the importance of nonviolent solutions in resolving conflict and how the actions of individuals impact the safety of their entire community.

I congratulate Samantha and Michael, and the other DtWT national finalists as well as all of the participants across America for their achievements and efforts to eliminate violence from the areas where they live. I believe Congress can do more to support their efforts. Several pieces of legislation which would increase the number of police officers on our streets, increase resources for school and community violence prevention programs, and make it more difficult for criminals to obtain powerful weapons are currently awaiting further consideration in the Senate. I urge my colleagues to take up and pass these bills to make our families and communities more safe.●

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

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3377.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3377. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Under the authority of the order of July 21, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed on July 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. MCCONNELL).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 2601. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2601. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1389. A bill to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act.

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. VOINOVICH:

S. 1464. A bill to make a technical correction to the Act providing for the designation of the David Berger Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.