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TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR PRATT

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I honor the memory of Arthur Pratt, a friend and distinguished Hoosier who dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate among us. While I am saddened by Arthur passing, I continue to be inspired by his legacy of selfless service.

Among his many remarkable endeavors, Arthur will be remembered by many in the Indianapolis community for the work that he did counseling inmates as they worked to address addiction to alcohol and drugs. The program that Arthur created to facilitate these efforts, Life Effectiveness Training, has worked in the Marion County Jail for more than 35 years and has since expanded to other counties across Indiana.

On July 14, 2001, I joined Arthur at Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate his important leadership of the Life Effectiveness Training program. Joining Arthur were community leaders who had witnessed the success of Arthur's leadership, including members of the religious community and law enforcement and government officials.

It was my great honor to work closely with Arthur to pass the Jail Based Substance Abuse Treatment Act as part of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act in 2002. This legislation makes available additional resources to programs like Life Effectiveness Training as they work with inmates to address their substance abuse issues. Not only has this approach reduced recidivism by up to 64 percent, but it has given countless Hoosiers a new opportunity to turn away from crime and commit themselves to becoming productive, law-abiding members of the community.

While I know that this is a difficult time for Arthur's family and many friends, my thoughts are with his wife Amal and their children and grandchildren as they remember and celebrate his life of service and leadership.●

IN RECOGNITION OF BO PELINI

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, with the Senate having reconvened after the recess, I start the new year by rising to recognize Bo Pelini, the new head coach of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers' football team.

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, my alma mater, has a proud and distinguished record in National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, football, including 5 National Championships, 3 Heisman Trophies, 8 Outland Trophies, 93 Academic All-Americans, and other impressive records and awards.

Nebraskans statewide are united behind their Cornhuskers and will un-

doubtedly welcome Coach Pelini at Memorial Stadium with an NCAA-record 290th consecutive sellout for his first home game on August 30, 2008. Husker fans' optimism has been renewed with the hiring of Coach Pelini, who we hope will build our program back to its glory days, which were marked not only by athletic success on the field, but also academic success in the classroom.

I joined many of my fellow Cornhusker fans on January 7, 2008, in celebrating the 38-24 victory of Louisiana State University, LSU, over Ohio State University in the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. Our partisanship was directed more at LSU's then-defensive coordinator, Bo Pelini, than it was for the team itself. Although Coach Pelini had already been hired as Nebraska's new head coach, he honorably chose to finish his commitment at LSU.

Coach Pelini and the Tigers came through as champions, further encouraging Nebraska fans everywhere that the Big Red can return to national prominence under our new leader. We look forward enthusiastically to the annual Red/White Spring Game and the start of the fall collegiate football season. On behalf of my fellow Huskers, I welcome Coach Bo Pelini with a resounding, "Go Big Red!" or perhaps, even more appropriately, "Bo Big Red!"●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3913. An act to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met.

H.R. 4140. An act to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building".

H.R. 4240. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2110. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

At 3:53 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. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

At 4:31 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. 5104. An act to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3913. An act to amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act to an entity other than a foreign government or international organization if certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4240. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5140. An act to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

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-4804. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Category Rating Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4805. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Research and Development Contract Type Determination" (DFARS Case 2006-D053) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4806. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the results of a public-private competition at the Fleet Readiness Center; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4807. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the purchases made by the Department from foreign entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4808. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to space-available transportation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4809. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Technical Corrections to the Export Administration Regulations and the Defense Priorities and Allocations System Regulation" (RIN0694-AE15) received on January

24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4810. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; Correction" (44 CFR Part 67) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4811. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13348 with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4812. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 73656) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4813. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (72 FR 73653) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4814. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Shareholder Forums" (RIN3235-AJ92) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4815. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 with respect to Cote d'Ivoire; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4817. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Administrator, received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4818. A communication from the Liaison, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reliability Standards for Critical Infrastructure Protection" (Docket No. RM06-22-000) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4819. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Iron and Steel Foundries" ((RIN2060-AM85)(FRL No. 8522-4)) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4820. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Massachusetts: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8521-8) received

on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4821. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Operating Permit Programs; Ohio; Revisions to the Acid Rain Regulations" (FRL No. 8521-3) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4822. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; State Implementation Plan Revision to Implement the Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8517-4) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4823. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Ozone Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8522-1) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4824. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Michigan; Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations, Phase II" (FRL No. 8519-4) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4825. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—February 2008" (Rev. Rul. 2008-9) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4826. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intermediary Transaction Tax Shelter" (Notice 2008-20) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4827. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 338 to Insurance Companies" (RIN1545-BF02) (TD9377) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4828. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of New Claims to the Federal Reviewing Official Level" (RIN0960-AG53) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4829. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act" (22 CFR Par 41) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4830. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to Colombia to support the manufacture of the SP2022 SigPro semi-automatic pistol; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4831. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interstate Shipment of Etiologic Agents" (RIN0920-AA19) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4832. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4833. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foundation's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4834. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Workplace Substance Abuse Program at DOE Sites" (RIN1992-AA38) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4835. A communication from the Director of Regulations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Incorporation of Miscellaneous Statutory Provisions" (RIN2900-AL28) received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4836. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, received on January 24, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4837. A communication from the Acting Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Annual Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4838. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4839. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Chief Human Capital Officers Council for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4840. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to unvouchered expenditures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4841. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4842. A communication from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4843. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Semiannual Report relative to the Board's activities and accomplishments during the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4844. A communication from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's annual report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4845. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4846. A communication from the Director, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Gallery's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4847. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Institution's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. LUGAR:

S. 2562. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2563. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2564. A bill to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2565. A bill to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2566. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain home purchases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2567. A bill to provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2568. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit

preleasing, leasing, and related activities in the Chukchi and Beaufort Sea Planning Areas unless certain conditions are met; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2569. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Cancer Institute to make grants for the discovery and validation of biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2570. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to authorize waivers by the Commissioner of Social Security of the 5-month waiting period for entitlement to benefits based on disability in cases in which the Commissioner determines that such waiting period would cause undue hardship to terminally ill beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2571. A bill to make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 433. A resolution honoring the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard whose tireless work, dedication, and selfless service to the United States have led to more than 1 million lives saved over the course of its long and storied 217-year history; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 434. A resolution designating the week of February 10-16, 2008, as "National Drug Prevention and Education Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 435. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 436. A resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 507

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 507, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1177, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1794, a bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes.