

Mr. President, I look forward to working with Senators ROBERTS and KERREY on this important piece of legislation. I will have some amendments forthcoming, that I believe will make this bill even more effective. I believe this bill will pave the way for massive crop insurance reform and help producers out of this economic crisis.●

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
JOHN GINOPOLIS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. John Ginopolis for his continuing dedication to support efforts that benefit children. John Ginopolis has served on the board of trustees for Children's Hospital of Michigan since 1984 and also serves on the Executive Committees for the Children's Hospital Pediatric Clinical Services Board.

A tireless fundraiser, John's annual events help support two endowments, The George Ginopolis Endowment for Hermatology/Oncology and the Ginopolis-Karmanos Pediatric Cancer Research Endowment.

In 1987, John Ginopolis jointed Sparky Anderson in Sparky's creation of Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals (CATCH) which has issued grants in excess of \$1 million and built an endowment of more than \$3 million. John has served on CATCH's board of trustees since its inception, and in 1989 John was inducted into the CATCH Hall of Fame.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that John Ginopolis is the recipient of this year's March of Dimes "Humanitarian of the Year Award." He will be given his award at the 27th annual March of Dimes "Sweetheart Ball" on Saturday, March 6, 1999, in Dearborn, Michigan. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Ginopolis.●

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
PAM AGUIRRE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Ms. Pam Aguirre, for her strong commitment to the Detroit area Hispanic community. After working her way up through her father's company, Mexican Industries, she was ultimately named CEO and later chairman of the board. Under her guidance and leadership, Mexican Industries has blossomed into one of the most successful Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, with over 1,500 employees and annual sales of \$167 million.

Ms. Aguirre has received recognition for her dedication to the Hispanic community and for Mexican Industries' involvement with charitable organizations. In 1996 she was presented with the "Hispanic Business Alliance Award," and she and Mexican Industries have been featured in Working

Woman magazine as one of the "The Top Fifty Woman-Owned Businesses." Her dedication to community involvement is also illustrated in her participation on several boards. Among these are the Economic Club of Detroit, the Boy Scouts, Michigan Minority Business Development, the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Hank Aguirre Cancer Foundation.

It is with great pleasure that I announce Ms. Pam Aguirre as the recipient of this year's March of Dimes "Humanitarian of the Year Award." She will be given this award at the 27th annual March of Dimes "Sweetheart Ball" on March 6, 1999, in Dearborn, Michigan. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Ms. Aguirre.●

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
RUBEN BURKS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. Ruben Burks for his continuing dedication to the UAW, and his support of children in the Flint community. Mr. Burks has been a member of the UAW since 1955 when he went to work as an assembler at General Motors in Flint, Michigan. Throughout his career in the UAW, Mr. Ruben has served in several capacities, including shop committeeperson, alternate committeeperson, and Local 598 executive board member. In 1970 Mr. Burks was appointed to the International Union staff where he served UAW members in General Motors and independents, parts, and suppliers plants. Last year Mr. Burks had the privilege of being elected secretary-treasurer of the UAW, making him responsible for various administrative departments of the international Union. In addition, he directs the UAW's Veterans department.

A long-time community activist, Mr. Burks is actively involved in numerous civic, charitable, and youth organizations in the Flint community, including the Special Olympics, March of Dimes, Red Cross, and Easter Seals. He has also served as a director of the Flint Urban League, Goodwill Industries of Flint, and the Sam Duncan Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mr. Burks is also an active member of the advisory board of the University of Michigan at Flint.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mr. Ruben Burks will be the recipient of this year's March of Dimes "Humanitarian of the Year Award." Mr. Burks is being honored with this award as a result of his tireless commitment to the Flint community. He will receive this award at the 27th annual March of Dimes "Sweetheart Ball" on March 6, 1999, in Dearborn, Michigan. I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Burks.●

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR
WALTER C. WATKINS JR.

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. Walter C. Watkins, Jr., recipient of this year's March of Dimes "Humanitarian of the Year Award." Mr. Watkins' distinguished career in the field of banking began in 1968, when he joined NBD as a management trainee. Mr. Watkins has since gone on to become the President of NBD Bank in Michigan, and head of BANK ONE'S middle market customers in Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Mr. Watkins is a member of the board of Fisk University, as well as the boards of the Detroit Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC). In addition, Mr. Watkins serves on the advisory board of Black Family Development, Inc., and is a member of the Urban Bankers Forum, the Leadership Detroit Alumni Association, and 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit. Mr. Watkins' community involvement also extends to past board affiliations with the Detroit Medical Center, the Public Administration Foundation, and the Rehabilitation Institute, where he served as chairman.

I want to commend Mr. Watkins for his distinguished career and numerous contributions to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Watkins, who will receive his award at the 27th annual March of Dimes "Sweetheart Ball" award dinner on Saturday, March 6, 1999, in Dearborn, Michigan.●

FILING OF FIRST DEGREE
AMENDMENTS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding adjournment of the Senate, Members have until 1 p.m. to file first-degree amendments to amendment number 31 to the Ed-Flex bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 8,
1999

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, March 8. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and there then be a period of morning business until 2 p.m. with the following limitations: 12 o'clock to 12:30 under the control of Senator GRAMS, or his designee; 12:30 to 1 o'clock under the control of Senator VOINOVICH; and 60 minutes under the control of Senator DURBIN or his designee.