

on Friday, April 30, 1999, at 11 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Older Americans Act" during the session of the Senate on Friday, April 30, 1999, at 11 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING HAWAII'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the work and accomplishments of a team of individuals in Hawaii who have been honored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as 1999 "Environmental Heroes." We seldom take the time to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of those working at the community level, with high school students, far from Washington, D.C. Their dedication can make a big difference in people's lives and the health of our environment.

Honored in Hawaii were Hawaii Sea Grant's Extension Director Bruce Miller, Hawaii State Representative Brian Schatz, and Youth for Environment Service Coordinator Sean Casey.

This marks the third year that NOAA has recognized individuals and organizations throughout the United States for their "tireless efforts to preserve and protect the nation's environment." The 1999 NOAA Class of Environmental Heroes included 34 individuals or programs, and the honorees are traditionally announced as part of Earth Day activities nationwide. Each honoree was also sent personal commendations from Vice President Al Gore who congratulated this year's heroes for their commitment and accomplishments in protecting the environment of our nation.

The Hawaii team was recognized for their creation of Youth for Environmental Service, called YES. The YES program educates and engages K-12 students in discussions of local environmental issues and activities that sustain the environment. YES gives students a chance to get involved through projects such as restoring trails, planting trees, picking up litter from beaches and streams, and more. To date, YES has given presentations to more than 65,000 students in 450 schools, involved 25,000 students in environmental community service projects, removed 20 tons of debris from Honolulu streams, restored one

mile of the most used hiking trail on Oahu; planted approximately 2,000 plants, cleaned 40 beaches, stenciled more than 2,500 storm drains with a "Dump No Waste" message, and organized more than 350 other community service projects.

The YES project is an excellent example of the partnering of extension and educational goals through the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant Program. Mr. President, I extend my warmest congratulations to our three Hawaii Environmental Heroes.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO US AIRWAYS

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate one of the many employers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which, through innovation and dynamic business planning, has recently received prestigious recognition. The W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha Aviation Institute have ranked US Airways number one in their annual "Airline Quality Rating" study.

I congratulate the over 16,000 Pennsylvanians who work at US Airways on their dedication and hard work. I also make special note of President and Chief Executive Officer Rakesh Gangwal, whose ongoing commitment to excellence has had a major impact on this airline, to the great benefit of our Commonwealth.

In my eight years of service in the U.S. House and Senate, I have watched as US Airways (formerly USAir) has struggled through some very difficult times. For this airline to be recognized as number one in quality only a few years after its financial struggles is a true testament to the energy and skill of its workforce and executives. An indication of this is Mr. Gangwal's first comment after learning of the quality rating, "While we are very proud of our No. 1 ranking and its reflection of accomplishment, there is more to be done in meeting the needs of the traveling public and we are focused on achieving this goal."

Again, I offer my congratulations to US Airways and its many employees. I look forward to continued work with its executives, management teams, and labor unions.●

EFFORTS TO RESEARCH S.A.D.

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the seventh and eighth graders from Dzantik'i Henni Middle School. They are doing important work by educating the public on something that affects much of Alaska in the winter: Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. This disorder causes severe depression during the winter months in Alaska when there can be up to 24 hours of darkness in some places.

About one in three Alaskans suffer from mild to severe Seasonal Affective Disorder. Researchers suggest SAD may play a role in a variety of Alaska's social and medical problems, ranging from spousal abuse to alcoholism.

These incredible students, led by teacher Robert Traul Jones, developed a community health project to combat SAD. The project had two major goals. The first was to educate people about depression and its impact on northern communities and their residents. The second goal was to provide affordable treatment for this condition. The students did this by designing, marketing and building high-intensity light boxes, which they distributed to the surrounding communities. The light boxes combat the daily darkness outside with light therapy.

Their efforts were extraordinarily successful. The students projected 10 units being sold and ended up selling 39 units. The students are currently working with the Juneau Economic Development Commission to transfer their business to a local nonprofit organization.

Mr. President, it is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of these students. Their hard work and dedication is an inspiration to us all. These are the future leaders of our country and our single greatest resource. The seventh and eighth grade students from Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School should be proud of their achievements in combating SAD.●

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

• Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the 25th year anniversary of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is a fraternal organization of law enforcement professionals and their families actively serving communities throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, France, England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Mexico.

This fraternal organization was established in Bangor, Maine, in 1974 and has grown to more than 10,000 members both male and female. They share a common bond of promoting motorcycling, which includes safety and awareness to the non-motorcycle riding public.

In addition, the Blue Knights also assists many organizations and communities with developing and implementing fund-raising programs such as the March of Dimes "Bikers for Babies," the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Breast Cancer Foundation's "Race for the Cure" and the Blue

Knights "Youth Identification Program." The combined efforts of the Blue Knights has made a positive contribution to society.

The Blue Knights began in April 1974 when Ed Gallant, a police officer with the Bangor Police Department, had an idea and several of his colleagues worked with him to see the idea become a reality. The idea was to form a motorcycle club for people in law enforcement. The news of the Blue Knights organization spread after an article in the Bangor Daily News was picked up by U.P.I. inquiries started pouring in and consequently chapters started to form worldwide.

As an honorary member of the Blue Knights, I have had the privilege of meeting numerous members from around the world and participate in many worthy causes. On this, their 25th anniversary, I applaud the efforts of the Blue Knights and look forward to learning of their future successes.●

TRIBUTE TO KEN KNIGHT

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Kenneth Y. Knight, a fellow Utahan whose selfless contributions have benefited many, and whose indelible imprint will be felt for many years to come across the great State of Utah.

Ken Knight is truly a hero to the community of Salt Lake City. His selfless acts of kindness along with his unparalleled wisdom have made him one of the most respected individuals the State of Utah has had the good fortune of calling "one of its own."

Ken is truly a "man for all seasons." He is a devoted husband and father, a highly respected businessman, a loyal community servant, and a deeply patriotic and religious leader.

Mr. Knight has had a life full of extraordinary achievement. As a youth, he gained the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank—an honor he continues to hold dear—and was elected student body president at his high school. He excelled in academics and athletics as well.

For the past several years, Ken Knight has distinguished himself in business, serving as Vice Chairman of the Board of Sinclair Oil Corporation and Little America. He was instrumental in the remarkable expansion of Sinclair and Little America, and he has mentored and shared his skills with dozens of corporate employees and community leaders.

Mr. Knight's special friend and professional partner R. Earl Holding recognized the value of Ken's service when he stated, "Perhaps the biggest challenge I faced with Ken—a challenge in which I failed was to keep him to myself. Every organization, every board, and every worthwhile charity you can think of, all wanted him to be part of their cause. His personal contribu-

tions—in time and resources—have been profound. He loves the community and the community loves him. And he had the admiration and respect of civic and government leaders throughout the State of Utah."

Many organizations in Utah have benefited from his service and involvement including—Intermountain Health Care, the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce, Brigham Young University, the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Salt Place Advisory Board, the Utah Travel Council, LDS Hospital, U.S. West, Utah Economic Development Corporation, the LDS Foundation's National Executive Committee for Natural Resources, Utah Youth Village, and the Utah Symphony.

Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, described Mr. Knight this way: "The measure of any man is his contribution to the society of which he is a part. Using that measure, Ken stands very tall. He truly has been a giant in our city. He knows the pulse of the community. He measures well before he leaps. There is nothing impetuous about him. He is quiet and methodical . . . He has been a good friend to each of us. He has been a man of singular accomplishment. We are all indebted to him."

While serving as Chairman of the Utah Symphony, Mr. Knight was faced with a great challenge. "Ken is the kind of person who relishes a challenge and it was in that spirit that he took on the chairmanship of the Utah Symphony during its darkest hour, when it had virtually depleted its reserves after running deficits for a period of several years," stated Harris H. Simmons, president and chief executive officer for Zions Bancorporation. To secure its future, he led legislative efforts and a public referendum to permanently devote civic funds for artistic achievement. This action not only saved the symphony, but it also widened cultural opportunities in dance, opera, theater, and other artistic expressions.

"When he was Chairman of the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau, he was the champion for expansion of the Salt Palace Convention Center, which has had a positive economic impact of hundreds of millions of dollars from increased convention and visitor spending," stated Richard E. Davis, president and CEO of the Bureau.

While serving the Chamber of Commerce he helped overhaul the Workers Compensation Fund in Utah. Fred Ball, who was the Executive Director of the Chamber at the time, stated, "The results of his efforts have now made Utah one of the very best States in the Nation for both rates and for benefits. Costs and claims were reduced dramatically and all agree that without Ken Knight, it would never have happened. Every Utah business, large and small, are enjoying the efforts of Ken Knight."

Ken and his wife Nancy have raised five wonderful children, all of whom are decent, responsible citizens and—like their parents—achievers. Perhaps the greatest tribute written about Ken comes from his daughter Lucy Knight Andre when she wrote: "My father is often honored for his many professional and civic accomplishments. While those honors are well-deserved, they do not represent the most important and least known side of my father—his complete devotion to his family. He adores his children and his grandchildren, and everything he has done in his life has been for the ultimate benefit of his family . . . He taught us to work hard, laugh often, and never look at any problem as insurmountable. He has a great love for his Heavenly Father and an absolute commitment to his Church. He taught us by example the importance of service to our God and our fellow men. Whatever his myriad accomplishments in the community might be, those of us in his family have a remarkable legacy of ingenuity, devotion and love."

These are indeed wonderful words for a truly remarkable man. It is an honor for me to call all of his magnificent achievements to the attention of the Senate.●

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 39, S. 609.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 609) to amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 to prevent the abuse of inhalants through programs under the Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. KYL. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed at this point in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 609) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 609

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

Section 4131 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7141) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(7) ABUSE.—The term 'abuse', used with respect to an inhalant, means the intentional breathing of gas or vapors from the inhalant for the purpose of achieving an altered state of consciousness.