

S. 2019. An act for the relief of Malia Miller.

S. 2289. An act for the relief of Jose Guadalupe Tellez Pinales.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5528. An act to authorize the construction of a Wakpa Sica Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5314) to require the immediate termination of the Department of Defense practice of euthanizing military working dogs at the end of their useful working life and to facilitate the adoption of retired military working dogs by law enforcement agencies, former handlers of these dogs, and other persons capable of caring for these dogs.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1651. An act to amend the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country.

H.R. 3218. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

H.R. 5178. An act to require changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 3:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 2943. An act to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1550) to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes, with amendments to the Senate amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2712. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3194. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 North George Street in Millersville, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert S. Walker Post Office."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4399. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building."

H.R. 4400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office Building."

H.R. 5309. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building."

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11325. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two items; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11326. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11327. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (16); Amdt. No. 425 [10-23/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA63) (2000-0007) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11328. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (71), amdt. no. 2015 [10-20/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA63) (2000-0008) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11329. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscella-

neous Amendments (55); Amdt. No. 2014 [10-20/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA63) (2000-0009) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11330. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model C1-600-2B19 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-312 [10-16/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0502) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11331. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB-120, 120ER, 120RT Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-122 [9-26/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0503) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11332. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model AS-350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, C, D, and D1, and AS-355E, F, F1, F2, and N Helicopters; docket no. 2000-SW-25 [10-16/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0504) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11333. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 1900, 1900C, and 1900D Airplanes, docket no. 2000-CE-29 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0505) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11334. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Model DG-800B Sailplanes; docket no. 99-CE-90 [10-13/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0506) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11335. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: LET Aeronautical Works Model L-13 "Blanik" Sailplanes; docket no. 99-CE-91 [10-13/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0507) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11336. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: British Aerospace HP137 Hk1, Jetstream Series 200, and Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes; docket no. 2000-CE-12 [10-13/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0508) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11337. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models

A-36 and B36TC Airplanes; docket no. 2000-CE-15 [10-13/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0509) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11338. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aerotechnic s.r.o. Model L13 SEH VIVAT Sailplanes; docket no. 2000-CE-01 [10-17/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0510) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11339. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB-120 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-356 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0511) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11340. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes Powered by P&W Engines; docket no. 99-NM-308 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0512) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11341. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300 and A300-600 Series Airplanes; docket no. 98-NM-207 [10-11/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0513) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11342. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8 Series Airplanes; docket no. 98-NM-135 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0514) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11343. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-100, 200, 200C, 300, 400, and 500 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-69 [9-20/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0515) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11344. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 329-300 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-364 [10-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0516) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11345. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes; docket no. 200-NM-17 [10-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0517) received on Octo-

ber 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11346. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 and 767 Airplanes Powered by GE Model CF6-80C2 Series Engines; Docket no. 99-NM-228 [10-18/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0518) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11347. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L and L1 Helicopters; docket no. 99-SW-35 [10-18/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0519) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11348. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-248 [10-18/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0520) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11349. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters; docket no. 2000-SW-24 [10-18/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA64) (2000-0521) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11350. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (65); amdt. 2016 [10-20/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA65) (2000-0523) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11351. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Columbia, MO; docket no. 00-ACE-21 [10-16/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0247) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11352. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Oelwein, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-12 [9-18/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0248) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11353. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fairfield, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-13 [10-5/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0249) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11354. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Subdivision of Restricted Areas R-6412A and B, and Establishment of R-6412C and D, Comp Williams, Utah docket no. 00-ANM-10 [10-5/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0250) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11355. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Piayune, MS; docket no. 00-ASO-28 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0251) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11356. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Harbo Springs, MI; docket no. 00-AGL-14 [10-6/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0252) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11357. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Dexter, MO; docket no. 00-ACE-31 [9-29/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0253) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11358. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Moberly, MO; docket no. 00-ACE-30 [9-29/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0254) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11359. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Atwood, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-19 [9-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0255) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11360. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class E Airspace; Simmons Army Airfield, NC; Docket no. 00-ASO-39 [9-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0256) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11361. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Ambler, AK; docket no. 00-AAL-4 [9-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0257) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11362. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Oakley, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-20 [9-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0258) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11363. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Melbourne, FL; docket no. 00-ASO-34 [9-22/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0259) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11364. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fairfield, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-13 [9-19/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0260) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11365. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Elkhart, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-22 [10-16/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0261) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11366. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Pittsburg, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-28 [10-24/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0262) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11367. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D & E Airspace and Amendment to Class E Airspace; Garden City, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-25 [10-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0263) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11368. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Health Service Corps Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 870, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-510).

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. BIDEN:

S. 3252. A bill to establish a national center on volunteer and provider screening to reduce sexual and other abuse of children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 3253. A bill to authorize Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development

program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3254. A bill to provide assistance to East Timor to facilitate the transition of East Timor to an independent nation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. SCHUMER)):

S. 3255. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to apply the medicaid disproportionate share hospital payment transition rule to public hospitals in all States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 3256. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3257. A bill to establish a Chief Labor Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3258. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to prevent discrimination based on participation in labor disputes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 3259. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a rehabilitation credit for certain expenditures to rehabilitate historic performing arts facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 3260. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish the conservation security program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 383. A resolution extending the authorities relating to the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. BIDEN:

S. 3252. A bill to establish a national center on volunteer and provider screening to reduce sexual and other abuse of children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, as everyone in this room knows all too well, I have devoted much of my career to fighting crime. And if there is one thing that I have learned over the course of the past 30 years in public service, it's this: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I have watched as the Boys and Girls Clubs and other non-profits have worked to make certain that kids have a safe place to go after school. I have been supportive of countless crime prevention initiatives to protect our children, our parents and those unable to protect themselves. And guess what, these programs have worked to prevent crime. But even those programs whose single purpose is to do good, have seen some bad times. And that is why today, I am introducing the National Child Protection Act.

Today, more than 87 million kids are involved each year in activities provided by child and youth organizations which depend heavily on volunteers to deliver their services. Millions more adults are also served by public and private voluntary organizations. Places like the Boys and Girls Clubs rely on volunteers to make these safe havens for kids a place where they can learn. But, while these non-profit organizations are doing God's work, there are some volunteers who have a different agenda—and there are abuses that occur.

The National Mentoring Partnership reports that incidents of child sexual abuse in child care settings, foster homes and schools ranges from 1 to 7 percent. This is basic stuff—these organizations can not function effectively without a safe infrastructure in place.

Currently most child-service organizations do background checks on volunteers, but they may have to wait weeks or months for the result of a state or national criminal background check. Conducting these checks is also costly and therefore many organizations conduct only a limited check of their volunteers. And some organizations don't have access to national fingerprint databases which means that while a volunteer may pass a name-check in one state, he may have been convicted of atrocities in another. Our children, our parents and the disadvantaged are at risk and they need help.

That is why my bill authorizes \$180 million over five years for the FBI to establish a national center to conduct national criminal history fingerprint