

DR. M. GRAHAM CLARK

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I would pay tribute to Dr. M. Graham Clark, of Point Lookout, MO, who died earlier this month and will be sadly missed by his family and all of us who were privileged to be counted among his friends.

Dr. Clark was a tremendous educator, businessman and community leader. He came to what was then known as the School of the Ozarks in 1946, a high school, as vice-president and became its president in 1952.

On his watch of nearly a half century, the institution grew from a high school into a junior college and then a four-year college, and was brought into regional accreditation. Dr. Clark was proud, and deservedly so, of the fact that the College was accredited even before it issued its first full degree. The school Dr. Clark built was also nationally recognized for its adherence to Christian principles and the strong work ethic of its students. He viewed the school as his mission, and tirelessly raised funds for its improvement, even when he was well into his eighties.

During his more than 50 years of service to College of the Ozarks, and to all of Southwest Missouri, Dr. Clark touched millions of people's lives. His leadership will be remembered for generations to come. Those who knew him best know that his commitment and love of the College was second only to his dedication to his Lord and Savior, and to his family.

Our culture is quick to glorify the here and now, the "flash in the pan" celebrities, the "cause" of the day. By that measure, Clark stood apart. While he could no doubt have made a fortune in the for-profit sector, he devoted his considerable intellectual and business skills to the work of building a top-notch educational institution. He was a strong Christian who never hid nor apologized for his beliefs. He spent his entire life making life better for young people in the Ozark region, his family, his church, and his community. His love for others knew no social boundaries. We are in his debt, and remember him fondly. •

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 sessions 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:30 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. 801. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 811. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

At 7:03 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 concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 83. A concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1: An original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 107-7).

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. JEFFORDS:

S. 1. An original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 636. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a decommissioning pilot program to decommission and decontaminate the sodium-cooled fast breeder experimental test-site reactor located in northwest Arkansas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 637. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) to authorize the establishment of individual fishery quota systems; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 638. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 639. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include wireless telecommunications equipment in the definition of qualified technological equipment for purposes of determining the depreciation treatment of such equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 641. A bill to amend section 842 of title 18, United States Code, relating to explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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S. 642. A bill to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide assistance for unincorporated neighborhood watch programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. INOUE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 643. A bill to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr.