McDowell has served as President of the Michigan Community College Association, and he has been a member of the Michigan Educational Trust Board, the National Advisory Panel for the Community College Program at the University of Michigan, the American Association of Community Colleges and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

He has further assisted his community by serving on the board of Wayne County Private Industry Corporation, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the City of Livonia Ethics Board. This selfless leadership has been recognized by many organizations, including his alma maters—Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Purdue University. Both of these institutions awarded him their distinguished alumni awards. In addition, he was selected one of the top fifty community college presidents in the United States by the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

I hope my Senate colleagues will join me in saluting Dr. McDowell for his career of public service, particularly the commitment to education which he has exhibited for the last two decades.

CONCRETE CANOE COMPETITION

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues in support of the Concrete Canoe Competition.

Civil Engineers design the backbone of our Nation’s infrastructure. By designing, building, and maintaining our infrastructure, these engineers have quietly helped to shape the history of our Nation and its communities. Civil Engineers contribute daily to our standard of living through their designing, building, and maintaining our transportation, clean water, and power generation systems.

A great example of civil engineering ingenuity is manifested through the National Concrete Canoe Competition. The Concrete Canoe Competition provides college and university students an opportunity to use the engineering principles learned in the classroom, and apply them in a competitive environment where they further learn important team and project management skills.

I am very pleased to announce that on June 16, 2001, the University of Alabama at Huntsville won an unprecedented fifth national Championship in the Concrete Canoe Competition.

RETIREE OF JOHN C. HOY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW ENGLAND BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is an honor today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of John C. Hoy, president of the New England Board of Higher Education, who is retiring this month. Mr. Hoy has dedicated the past twenty-three years to serving the higher education institutions of New England, and his leadership will be greatly missed.

Since he became president of the Board in 1978, Mr. Hoy has led the effort to provide an accessible and affordable education for every New Englander. To accomplish this goal, he established reforms in his own organization, and he also involved individuals and businesses throughout New England in effective partnerships that served students and institutions alike. Among his primary achievements was the publication of numerous important books, including studies on the relationship between higher education and economic well-being in New England, the links between U.S. competitiveness and international aspects of higher education, and the effects of legal education on the New England economy.

In addition, John Hoy offered much-needed support to minority communities. He enthusiastically participated by Blacks and Hispanics in higher education, and he worked effectively to increase the number of ethnic minority students completing PhD programs. He also created a scholarship program for Black South African students at South Africa’s open universities under apartheid.

John Hoy also cared deeply about the way technology was changing higher education, in New England and around the country. Under his initiative, the Board explored the promise of biotechnology and manufacturing in New England, and worked to improve technical education, with the help of both professional educators and the private sector. In addition, he worked with the regional boards of higher education to coordinate telecommunications among higher educational institutions.

John C. Hoy deserves great credit for all he has done to enhance higher education in New England. His accomplishments are deeply appreciated by all of us who know him, and I welcome this opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement.

HONORING DR. BERNARD MEYERS

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to say thank you to Dr. Bernard “Bernie” Meyers, President and General Manager of Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC (BBWI). BBWI manages the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) for the United States Department of Energy.

The INEEL is the third largest employer in the state of Idaho and the largest employer in the hometown of Idaho Falls. For the past 2 years Bernie’s professional and personal skills have helped lead the INEEL in its mission to be an enduring national resource that delivers science and engineered solutions to the world’s environmental, energy and security challenges.

On August 1, 2001, Bernie will retire as President of BBWI and assume additional duties on behalf of Bechtel. In addition to his duties as President of BBWI, Bernie is also Senior Vice President in the 30,000 employee worldwide Bechtel organization.

Bernie’s 39-year professional career includes 26 years spent with Bechtel, where he has risen through the nuclear engineering ranks while serving as an Engineer, Supervisor, Project Manager, Vice President, and finally as Senior Vice President.

Bernie’s stewardship of Bechtel BWXT Idaho represents a strong demonstration of Bechtel’s commitment to provide customer satisfaction and operational excellence for the Idaho community. In addition to being a Senior Vice President, Bernie has in the past directed major Bechtel companies, managed North American operations, headed up the firm’s Engineering and Construction operations, managed Bechtel’s nuclear business line and served as an “in-the-trenches” project manager for some $30 billion worth of nuclear power jobs.

During that same time, Bernie gained INEEL-applicable experience in integrating safety through diverse workforces and in serving as a leader in nuclear technologies and nuclear operations. Over the years, he has managed large, complex and highly technical entities; overseen research and development organizations, and helped expand and existing business lines into both national and international markets. He also has integrated technical, management and business systems across multiple offices, companies, sites, and disciplines.

Bernie is a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Concrete Institute, and has authored a textbook, as well as more than 60 professional papers. He holds a master’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri and a doctor’s degree in civil engineering from Cornell University.

During his time in Idaho, Bernie Meyers has provided sound thinking, decisive leadership and an intelligent vision for the future of the INEEL. He has provided honest and frequent communications about INEEL activities with Idaho’s Congressional delegation, Idaho elected officials, key stakeholders, business and community leaders and the site’s employees.

Under Bernie leadership, BBWI has proven to be a solid corporate neighbor throughout the state of Idaho. His advocacy for science education has helped to firmly establish the JASON Science Education program in the state, creating an awareness of science
and technology careers for Idaho’s elementary and secondary school students. His support of art, cultural and civic causes have contributed to the financial well being of many of organizations in Idaho.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, I want to say thank you to Bernie Meyers for a job well done. I want to wish Bernie and his wife Rita all the best as they tackle new challenges in the years ahead.

WE THE PEOPLE COMPETITION

Mr. MILLER. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding performance in the national finals of the ‘We the People…The Citizen and the Constitution’ contest in Washington, D.C. on April 21–23, 2001.

Joey Angel, David Connor, Darrell Davis, Eric Ellio, Jesse Gelbaum, Lindsey Green, Kyle Hale, Matthew Hall, Thomas Jones, David Lee, Jennie Long, Greer Pasmanick, Benjamin Riddick, Emily Rubinson, Matthew Snyder, Sanjay Tamhane, Jordan Tritt, and Scott Visser.

The leaders of this exceptional group of students are: Celeste Boemker, Teacher, Parker Davis, State Coordinator, and John Carr, District Coordinator.

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 session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations where were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 32

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

To the Congress of the United States:

One of the first actions I took when I became President in January was to create the National Energy Policy Development Group to examine America’s energy needs and to develop a policy to put our Nation’s energy future on sound footing.

I am hereby transmitting to the Congress proposals contained in the National Energy Policy report that require legislative action. In conjunction with executive actions that my Administration is already undertaking, these legislative initiatives hold additive value in addressing the underlying causes of the energy challenges that Americans face now and in the years to come. Energy has enormous implications for our economy, our environment, and our national security. We cannot let another year go by without addressing these issues together in a comprehensive and balanced package.

These important legislative initiatives, combined with regulatory and administrative actions, comprise a comprehensive and forward-looking plan that utilizes 21st century technology to allow us to promote conservation and diversify our energy supply. These actions will increase the quality of life of Americans by providing reliable energy and protecting the environment.

Our policy will modernize and increase conservation by ensuring that energy is used as efficiently as possible. In addition, the National Energy Policy will modernize and expand our energy infrastructure, creating a new high-tech energy delivery network that increases the reliability of our energy supply. Further, it will diversify our energy supply by encouraging renewable and alternative sources of energy as well as the latest technologies to increase environmentally friendly exploration and production of domestic energy resources.

Importantly, our energy policy improves and accelerates environmental protection. By utilizing the latest in pollution control technologies to cut harmful emissions we can integrate our desire for a cleaner environment and a sufficient supply of energy for the future.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 176. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:21 a.m., message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 691. An act to extend the authorization of funding for child passenger protection education grants through fiscal year 2003.

H.R. 2153. An act to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3131. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

At 5:59 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 311. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), as amended by Public Law 95–555, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leaders, the Speaker appoints the following members on the pat of the House of Representatives to the Commission on