

70th anniversary of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and the Great River Road. Among the many accomplishments of the commission of the past 70 years are the development of a Great River Road Interpretive Center Network, a consumer Web site, and National Scenic Byway designation for the majority of the Great River Road. In carrying out its duties, the commission has partnered with a number of Federal agencies, including the National Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

On the occasion of its anniversary, I wish to congratulate the Mississippi River Parkway Commission, as well as the commission's new national Pilot, Patsi Ramiccitti from Bettendorf, IA. I am pleased that Patsi's energy and dedication to advancing one of the region's most vital assets are being recognized. May her efforts and those of all past, present and future members of the commission continue to strengthen the knowledge of and access to the incredible natural resources offered by the mighty Mississippi.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANCES LANDERS

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I would like to recognize remarkable contributions of 91-year-old Frances Landers of El Dorado, AR. At a time when most people consider retirement, Frances dedicated the past 30 years of her life to making education accessible to the children of Haiti. Through her selfless years of service, Frances' work and formation of the Haiti Education Foundation have opened educational doors of opportunity for hundreds of children who otherwise might never have learned to read.

Frances visited Haiti this past April to say her goodbyes, for this was most likely her last visit. She first came to Haiti in 1977 as a medical volunteer with her late husband Dr. Gardner Landers, an ophthalmologist, to help people with cataract problems. Dr. and Mrs. Landers began making two trips a year, providing surgery and eyeglasses to the Haitian people. During these visits, she met Father Jean-Wilfrid Albert, a chaplain of the mission hospital. Through Father Albert and her numerous mission trips, Frances discovered that many villages had no school and most citizens were illiterate. Impassioned to make a difference, Frances returned to Arkansas and began raising money. Through her dedication, perseverance and conviction, she soon launched one school, and over time, many others followed.

Because of her establishment of the Haiti Education Foundation, there are now 40 primary schools and 10 sec-

ondary schools, which are currently educating more than 11,000 Haitian children. Through donations and scholarships, the foundation provides schooling, hot lunches, shoes, school uniforms, textbooks, Creole bibles, milk, and goats for families. These schools set the foundation for students to enroll in universities and pursue careers that allow them to break past poverty barriers.

Ms. Landers continues to raise awareness and funding to ensure the foundation's success. She has lived in service to the people of Haiti and is an extraordinary example of what can be achieved when committed to a worthwhile endeavor. Today, I honor and thank Frances Landers for her continual interest in others and inspiring those around her to do the same.●

HONORING SOJOURNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the exceptional educators at Sojourner Elementary School of Milwaukie, OR. Last week, Intel Corporation named Sojourner the "Star Innovator" among six winners of the 2008 Intel Schools of Distinction Awards and among hundreds of applicants who entered the competition.

Intel Corporation chose Sojourner Elementary because of its groundbreaking teaching strategies in mathematics and the marked improvement of its young math students. Oregon State Assessment data indicate that mathematics achievement at Sojourner has steadily improved over the past 4 years. Sojourner uses an innovative "team teaching" approach. At each level, at least one teacher completes additional coursework and training in mathematics. This ongoing professional development has resulted in teachers specializing in content and academic knowledge in mathematics.

Increasingly, technology is playing an important role in the classroom, and teachers at Sojourner are using it effectively to excite and engage students. Computers at Sojourner are equipped with the software necessary to complete computer-based units from the school's math curriculum, and teachers are trained to implement these units. With Intel's Star Innovator award, Sojourner Elementary will receive additional funds, products, and services to continue its unique program.

Sojourner also involves parents in the learning process, a proven strategy for improving the performance of young students. Newsletters produced at each level inform parents as to the specific content in class so that parents can provide appropriate support at home. All families have math "kits" at home so that students can continue to develop ideas at the conceptual level. Families also have access to the dis-

trict Web site, where the online Student Learning Center provides valuable resources for practice activities at a variety of levels.

In the field of education, there is no single path to success. That is why it is important to highlight those programs like Sojourner's that are successful and reward their efforts. Intel's work in promoting mathematics and science education comes at a critical time when America needs more engineers and more mathematicians to stay competitive in a globalizing economy. I am grateful to the teachers at Sojourner Elementary who have worked so hard to set a new standard in math education and that Intel has taken on the responsibility of awarding these remarkable achievements. Our Nation benefits tremendously from sharing these best practices, and I am proud to honor the exceptional work that Sojourner Elementary is doing to educate our Nation's children and the future leaders of America.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1255. A bill to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-460).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2332. A bill to promote transparency in the adoption of new media ownership rules by the Federal Communications Commission, and to establish an independent panel to make recommendations on how to increase the representation of women and minorities in broadcast media ownership (Rept. No. 110-461).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 531. A bill to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the "Bennett Freeze" (Rept. No. 110-462).

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN), from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

H.R. 176. To authorize the establishment of educational exchange and development programs for member countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (Rept. No. 110-463).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

H.R. 5235. A bill to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1276. A bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 3197. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 3325. A bill to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes.

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. HATCH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a tax credit for qualified donations of employee services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3489. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3490. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 659. A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 660. A resolution condemning ongoing sales of arms to belligerents in Sudan, including the Government of Sudan, and

calling for both a cessation of such sales and an expansion of the United Nations embargo on arms sales to Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 661. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Spina Bifida Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Con. Res. 98. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the need for a national AIDS strategy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 732, a bill to empower Peace Corps volunteers, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN)

were added as cosponsors of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 906

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 906, a bill to prohibit the sale, distribution, transfer, and export of elemental mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 932

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 932, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Montana