

But, Mr. President, Senator COHEN and I on this little subcommittee have lived through the thick and the thin of congressional life. Senator COHEN has done it with integrity, with intelligence, with humor, and with elan, and sometimes with some poetry.

He served the people of Maine and the people of this Nation with distinction. The Senate will be a lesser place when he leaves, and I will miss him as a friend and as a colleague. And we wish him nothing but the greatest happiness because he surely deserves it.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. FRIST addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with statements limited to 5 minutes.

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

TRIBUTE TO DEAN SCHOFIELD

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I would like to pay tribute to Dean Schofield from Pierre, SD. Dean is retiring this month after serving 35 years with the South Dakota Department of Transportation. Dean's tireless dedication to our State has been exemplary.

Dean's career began at the Department in 1961. His career steadily advanced over the years, from an assistant engineer to deputy secretary of the Department, the position he held when he announced his retirement.

Mr. President, during my 22 years in Congress, I have often relied on Dean's insight and suggestions as I've worked to promote South Dakota's transportation system. Indeed, Dean has always kept me and my staff aware of South Dakota's transportation priorities.

For example, I recall last year when Dean testified before a Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee hearing on rail service. Dean has also lent his expertise on highway and air service issues. His knowledge and contributions have been invaluable.

I congratulate Dean upon his retirement and offer my good wishes to both he and his wife, Delcie. Dean leaves behind big shoes to fill.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent a copy of an executive proclamation by the Governor of the State of South Dakota honoring Dean be printed in the RECORD immediately following my remarks.

There being no objection, the proclamation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas, Jerald D. (Dean) Schofield, a graduate of Pierre High School, with a degree in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University, started his career with the Department of Transportation on January 9, 1961 in Pierre as an Assistant Engineer, advancing to Project Engineer in 1968, Assistant Secondary Roads Engineer in 1973, Con-

struction Program Engineer in 1974, Office Administrator of Planning and Programs in 1980, Director of the Division of Planning in 1986, and Deputy Secretary in 1989, the position he held until his retirement; and

Whereas, Dean has been recognized by his peers in national and regional organizations by being selected to serve on many committees as well as being selected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (WASHTO); and

Whereas, Dean was deeply involved in development the Rural States' position and assisting in the passage of ISTEA, as well as many other Federal issues—his work (as often was the case) was accomplished in the background where he meticulously provided essential support information and was always willing and able to fill in on short notice; and

Whereas, Dean has been instrumental in developing the Department's Computerized Needs Data Book, the 5-Year Construction Program with its project prioritization system based on needs; the annual Strategic Plan and the legislative program; and

Whereas, Dean served on many Department, as well as several statewide and special Governor's Task Forces; and

Whereas, Dean brings a special, although quiet, skill to every area he encounters and has always encouraged other employees and has been a mentor and a model by his leadership and example of superior work ethic and commitment to family, profession, church and community; and

Whereas, Dean, through his knowledge, judgment, openness, integrity, thoroughness and organizational skills, has earned the respect of everyone he has dealt with, both within and outside the DOT, including legislators, county commissioners, governors, congressmen, landowners, fellow employees and ordinary highway users; and

Whereas, Dean has been voted, by unofficial poll, to be the Department's most considerate and genuinely caring employee and one who will be sorely missed by his many friends and co-workers; and

Whereas, after 35 years and 8 months of exemplary service to the state of South Dakota and the SDDOT, it is now time for Dean to retire to his home in Pierre with Delcie, his wife of 32 years, to devote his time to traveling, carpentry, gardening, attending athletic events, and enjoying his 3 children, Darrell, Darla, and Davis, and 5 grandchildren, Brittanie, Matthew, Nathan, Taylor, and Kaitlyn, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this outstanding South Dakotan;

Now, therefore, I, William J. Janklow, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 30, 1996, as Dean Schofield Day in South Dakota, and I join with Dean's family, friends and co-workers in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NELLIE NORTON SCHNELL CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nellie Norton Schnell of Fayette, MO, who will celebrate her 100th birthday this Friday, September 27, 1996. She is a truly remarkable individual. Nellie has witnessed many of the events that have shaped our Nation into the greatest the world has ever known. The longevity of her life has meant much more, however, to the many relatives and friends whose lives she has touched over the last 100 years.

Nellie Norton Schnell's celebration of 100 years of life is a testament to me and all Missourians. Despite being visually and hearing impaired, Nellie organized and planned her own birthday celebration to take place this Friday at her grand-daughter's home in Boonville, MO. Her achievements are significant and deserve to be saluted and recognized. I would like to join her many friends and relatives in wishing her health and happiness in the future.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, 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. 1281. An act to express the sense of the Congress that it is the policy of the Congress that United States Government agencies in possession of records about individuals who are alleged to have committed Nazi war crimes should make these records public.

H.R. 1720. An act to reorganize the Student Loan Marketing Association, to privatize the College Construction Loan Insurance Association, to amend the Museum Services Act to include provisions improving and consolidating Federal library service programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2988. An act to amend the Clear Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules.

H.R. 3153. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a final rule relating to materials of trade exceptions from hazardous materials transportation requirements.

H.R. 3877. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 351 West Washington Street in Camden, Arkansas, as the "David H. Pryor Post Office Building".

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

S. 811. An act to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop facilities, and for other purposes.