will not continue to be filled up every so many years because there is a dereliction of responsibility—so that 15 years from now, these utilities will not be coming back to Congress looking for an additional $57 billion. The bill requires utilities to assess the condition of their facility and pipes and develop a plan to pay for the long-term repair and replacement of these assets. That plan will include Federal assistance, but it will be limited assistance.

We also make additional structural changes to the law both to address financial concerns and to help achieve improved management of these water systems. One such change to the Clean Water Act is to incorporate a Drinking Water Act provision that allows States, at their discretion, to provide principal forgiveness on loans and to extend the repayment period for loans to disadvantaged communities. This flexibility will provide help to communities struggling with high combined sewer overflow cost to secure additional financial help. This bill also promotes other important cost saving measures that many communities are ready experimenting with throughout the country.

Finally Madam President, New Hampshire is the midst of our worst drought in 50 years. In an effort to help communities facing water shortages, this bill directs the U.S. Geological survey to assess the state of water resources. The USGS is then to share with localities information on water shortages and surplus, planning models and streamlined procedures for local interaction with federal agencies responsible for water resources. This type of information will be helpful to New Hampshire communities facing a severe water shortage.

I am pleased that Republicans and Democrats worked together to introduce this bipartisan bill to address one of the very urgent needs of the nation. It will be a tremendous help to many struggling communities in New Hampshire and across the country. It is my hope that we can move it through the committee process and see it passed by the Senate in short order. Madam President, I want to express my appreciation to Senator CRAPO, who has been my partner in this for over two years. I also want to thank Senators JEFFORDS and GRAHAM for their work in getting us to this point—their leadership will be crucial in getting this bill to the President's desk.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BIG TEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Mr. KOHL. Madam President, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the University of Wisconsin's men's basketball team. On Wednesday, the Badgers beat Michigan, 74–54, in Madison to finish 11–5 and clinch at least a share of the Big Ten Conference Championship and a No. 1 seed in next week's Conference Tournament. The players and coaches on the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team provide an example of commitment, skill and sportsmanship as they bring the school its first Big Ten Conference title in men's basketball since 1947.

Not too many people gave this young team a chance to succeed before the season began. Based on the preseason consensus, this was to be a rebuilding year and the Badgers would finish near or at the bottom of the league standings. However, in the spirit of the Wisconsin faithful who have supported the men's basketball program both in times of glory and moments of frustration, the Badgers proved themselves to be a hardworking, highly motivated and resilient team.

I especially want to recognize the phenomenal job of first-year UW coach Bo Ryan, who, from day one, brought a winning atmosphere. Likewise, the close-knit group of players committed themselves to improving throughout the season. It all culminated with the team winning its last six Big Ten games. Coach Ryan and his players have given the State of Wisconsin a lot of great basketball to look forward to in the years to come.

Winning the Big Ten is an impressive achievement, one that the players, coaches, and fans should be proud of for as long as they live. The Badgers' season, however, is not done yet. I look forward to cheering the team on during ''March Madness,'' and hope to watch this hard-working team make it all the way to Atlanta for the Final Four. On Wisconsin!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 4–H

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today, it is with great pride that I congratulate one of the finest organizations in the United States for a truly remarkable accomplishment. This year marks the centennial anniversary of 4–H, a youth organization that was launched by a group of volunteer visionaries who wanted to challenge America's youth to become a fundamental building block of our Nation's communities. With the motto, ''To make the best better,'' the organization has grown from an agriculture based institution into a well balanced mix of 7 million urban and rural members.

4–H encourages service; it promotes civility; broadens life experiences; and pushes a better way of life through a healthy spirit and healthy living. After 100 years of existence, the organization has grown to more than 50 million alumni, of which 55 are Members of Congress.

In an interview with Roll Call Daily, I had the chance to reflect on my 4–H experience. I remember well how 4–H taught me how to be a leader, how to prioritize and organize, as well as running meetings with efficiency and purpose. 4–H projects paid for nearly all of my tuition to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The value of 4–H to America's youth can be measured in the accomplishments of its members—both past and present, and in the hours and hours of service the many 4–H clubs across the country have dedicated to service projects and personal development. Congratulations, and, I wish the organization many more successful years.•

TRIBUTE TO DREW HENDERSON OF HENRY CLAY HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I proudly pay tribute to Drew Henderson of Henry Clay High School in Lexington, KY for his most recent academic accomplishment.

Drew Henderson recently discovered, via his mom's delivery bright and early one morning, that he belongs to an elite academic category. He is one of only 12 students nationwide to score a perfect 36 on the ACT Assessment. Drew has been blessed with natural learning abilities and has worked extremely hard to ensure that these talents are not ignored or denied the proper attention. Drew has already applied to 11 schools, with his top choices being Harvard, Princeton, and Penn State. He wants to focus his studies primarily on biology during his time as an undergraduate and then pursue a career in the area of medicine. Besides his commitment to his studies, Drew serves as the National Honor Society treasurer at Henry Clay High School, belongs to both the debate team and beta club, and is the captain for the golf team.

I applaud Drew for his academic as well as his extra curricular achievements and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Drew has made Henry Clay High School and the Commonwealth of Kentucky very proud.•

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVIESS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I stand today among my distinguished colleagues to congratulate the students, administration, and faculty of Daviess County High School for winning a Preparing America's Future Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

This recent accolade is just one in the line of many bestowed upon the diligent students and devout faculty of Daviess County High School. In 2001, the U.S. Department of Education selected Daviess County High School as a 1999–2000 National Blue Ribbon School shortly after the Commonwealth awarded them with a Kentucky Blue Ribbon award.

The prestigious Preparing America's Future prize is presented to six high schools throughout the entire Nation that have taken significant strides in improving their academic standards for all students. Daviess County High School was among this elite group

based specifically upon their reputation for excellence and a rigorous evaluation of their progress in 12 key school improvement strategies. The review showed above all else that the school is accurately meeting the needs and expectations of today's students. I would like to offer a special thanks to Principal Brad Stanley for his inspiring leadership and robust commitment to the education of our nation's and the Commonwealth's future. With this competent captain at the helm, Daviess County High School will surely experience smooth sailing ahead.

I hope Daviess County High School is as proud of this accomplishment as I am. This award highly reflects upon not only the students and faculty but also the overall community and its dedication to its children. I thank you all for working towards a better educated Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING SARAH CONN AND JEWELL OF WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

● Mr. BUNNING. Madam President, I have the distinct honor today of recognizing the recent accomplishments of Sarah Conn and Jewell, both residents of Winchester, KY.

At this year's 126th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show held in New York City, 12-year-old Sarah Conn and her graceful Boston Terrier, Jewell, put on quite a performance, taking Best in Breed and winning the prestigious Open Junior Handler title. In winning Best in Breed, Sarah amazingly bested a woman who has been showing Boston Terriers for an astonishing 50 years and a man who is rated the top handler in the Boston Terrier category. Sarah and Jewell rose to the occasion, overcoming all obstacles to prove that they do indeed belong at the top.

Sarah and Jewell have obviously worked extremely hard to earn this honorable distinction and deserve our praise for their diligent efforts. I know that the people of Winchester as well as the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are proud of their achievements. I finally ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sarah and Jewell for proudly representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in this year's Westminster Dog Show.●

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 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 12:03 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1542. An act to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 112 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412), the Speaker has appointed the following member on the part of the House to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Hans P. Blascheck of Champaign, Illinois.

At 12:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 60 years of service to the United States.

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of Black History Month and the contributions of Black Americans as a significant part of the history, progress, and heritage of the United States.

The message also announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. COMBEST, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Mr. HOLDEN.

The message further announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3448) to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio: Provided, that Mr. PALLONE is appointed in lieu of Mr. BROWN of Ohio for consideration of title IV of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title II of the House bill and section 216 and title V of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. COMBEST, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. HOLDEN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of title II of the House bill and sections 216 and 401 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1542. An act to deregulate the Internet and high speed data services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 60 years of service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution recognizing the significance of Black History Month and the contributions of Black Americans as a significant part of the history, progress, and heritage of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time on February 27, 2002, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2356. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

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–5558. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination confirmed for the position of Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, received on February 1, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–5559. A communication from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report dated February 27, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–5560. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the