

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