

in advanced content knowledge were held for the first time this year. These institutes were conducted in Virginia and Missouri, respectively. In 2003, the center will increase the number of summer professional development institutes offered.

The poor performance of students on the 1998 National Assessment for Educational Progress, NAEP, Civics Report Card can be traced to inadequate teacher preparation and insufficient quantity of instruction. We know that outstanding programs and student outcomes are directly attributed to adequately prepared teachers.

Investment in professional development opportunities, such as the summer institutes and the National Academy sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, are helping to address this critical situation of teacher preparedness in the field of civics and government.

I commend the center for their efforts and applaud their investment in one of our most treasured resources, the American classroom teacher. ●

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL A. BENAC

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to bring to the attention of my colleagues a great American. Mr. Daniel A. Benac of Hillman, MI has made service to his country and community a cornerstone of his life. In 1942, Daniel answered the call to serve his country and joined the United States Army's 103rd Infantry Division. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Dan went back to Michigan where he became a member of a variety of important organizations including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the United Auto Workers. As a skilled tradesman, Dan also ran a successful small business. In the military, business and personal life, he has demonstrated his commitment to his country, family, and friends.

Dan's leadership capabilities are highlighted by his commitment to a variety of community-based organizations including the Masons, Shriners, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion. He also serves as a Board member for the United Auto Worker's state-wide coordinating committee for the Democratic Party and the National Council for Senior Citizens. Furthermore, Dan is the Chairman of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for Montmorency County and Past Chairman of the Montmorency County Democratic Party. Dan currently serves as the chairman of Region 1D, United Auto Worker Retirees, a region which encompasses 62 counties. Daniel was instrumental in the formation of the Montmorency County Democratic Party and has served as the party chairman for many years.

Dan and his wife Geraldine will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on February 9, 2003. They have three children, eight grandchildren, and fif-

teen great grandchildren. At 80 years of age, he has been, and continues to be, an inspiration to all who know him. I know my colleagues will join me in saluting Daniel Benac for his leadership in the community dedication to his country, and loyalty to his family and friends. ●

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce "Feed America Thursday," a resolution which designates November 21, 2002, the Thursday before Thanksgiving Day, as "Feed America Thursday."

This resolution encourages Americans to sacrifice two meals on November 21 and donate the money they would have used for food to a charity or religious organization of their choice. The charities and churches, in turn, are encouraged to feed the hungry with the funds received. "Feed America Thursday" will not only encourage Americans to help those in need, it will encourage a spirit of selflessness and sacrifice vital to our strength as a nation.

Each day people in our Nation suffer due to hunger. The United States Department of Agriculture recently reported that 33 million Americans, 13 million of whom are children, live in homes that do not have an adequate supply of food. Hunger among children is especially devastating because it has a serious impact on physical growth and brain development. The contributions this resolution encourages will serve the needs of those who suffer from hunger in our Nation, especially the children. This resolution will not only help alleviate hunger, it will both affirm and restore the spirit of giving in our society. Hunger affects people from every state and in all age groups.

I ask every American to join me in feeding the hungry and affirming the values that make our Nation great. This resolution, if passed, will provide food to the hungry and hope to our nation. ●

THE RETIREMENT OF SHERIFF BILL BREWER

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I have often heard it said that Wyoming is such a remarkable place to live because of the remarkable people who live there. For my part, I can not only assure you that it is true, but I have the proof in the form of one of the stories of our remarkable citizenry that I would like to share with my colleagues today.

In just a few weeks, Bill Brewer will be retiring after serving for 26 years as our Sheriff for Park County. All told, he will be closing the books on a career in law enforcement that totals almost 40 years.

As a former Mayor, I know full well the importance of a good Sheriff in city and county management and the important role law enforcement plays in the services we provide to the citizens of our communities. If nothing else, good city and county government demands that we ensure the safety of our

people to the fullest extent possible. That is why law enforcement officers like Bill Brewer are so important in the day to day life of our communities.

Sheriff Brewer has been an integral part of the daily life of the community of Cody and Park County since 1972, when he became the Sheriff of Park County. Over the years, he proved to be instrumental in bringing the Cody Police Department and the Park County Sheriff's Department together as he worked to bring both offices into the modern age. Through his efforts, he was able to improve the technology both offices have come to depend on as they became more effective and responsive to the needs of the people of the area. Thanks to his dedication to improving the system he was a part of, numerable changes were made in the way the offices communicated with each other. And thanks to his willingness to try new things, the kind of information they exchanged and the speed with which it was shared increased dramatically.

Sheriff Brewer's vision and commitment to making a difference in his corner of the world did not go unnoticed through the years, and he was named Wyoming Peace Officer of the Year in 1981. The award was presented to him to recognize his devotion to duty as well as his dedication and commitment to improving the tools his officers had access to in the performance of their daily duties.

For example, in the 1980's, Sheriff Brewer's foresight and commitment to ensuring Cody and Park County had the most modern crime fighting tools possible led him to create a SWAT team for the County. Although there was quite a bit of dissension about the formation of such a force, it proved to be an important addition to the law enforcement team of the area when there was a shooting at a bar in Cody. The perpetrators fled the scene and barricaded themselves in a cabin. It was then up to the newly formed SWAT team to capture them and bring them to justice. They were subsequently convicted and the story was broadcast across the nation as part of a television series of law enforcement.

In addition to his duties as a Sheriff, Bill has also been very involved with the youth of the community. He was a boxing coach and referee, as well as a baseball and basketball coach.

I would be remiss if I didn't also point out Bill's participation in the music community of the area. He plays the banjo and the guitar and he and his father played with the Wyoming Fiddlers Association. He also enjoys playing horseshoes and now that he's retired, I have no doubt that he is going to get into a lot more activities in the years to come.

Bill Brewer will long be remembered for all he has done to make his community a better place to live. For his almost forty years of service, he has made a huge difference in his neck of the woods of Wyoming. There is no way

to measure all Bill has accomplished as Sheriff and the lives he has touched in all his activities. A lot of the area bears his remarkable and gentle touch and is better for his having passed by.

Now, I have a hunch Bill and his remarkable wife Janet won't be slowing down so much as changing gears and direction in retirement. I wish them all the best in whatever they decide to do in the coming years. After all, Bill has done all we could have asked him to do, and more, for almost forty years. I hope he and Janet enjoy their retirement. They have been a great team for Park County and Wyoming and they have earned it.●

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 3:57 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 114. A joint resolution to authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

At 5:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5010) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5011) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

H.R. 2121. An act to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to

expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society and independent media in that country.

H.R. 4085. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

At 8:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it request the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 122. A joint resolution making further appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

At 11:05 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 resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 508. Concurrent resolution resolving all disagreements between the House of Representatives and Senate with respect to H.R. 3295.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the text to the bill (H.R. 3295) to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections and for other purposes.

The House insists on its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the title to the aforesaid bill.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 5427. An act to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4968. An act to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah.

S. 3099. A bill to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers.

S. 3100. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal pen-

alties for such misuse, and for other purposes.

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-9285. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the reimbursements to countries for support of U.S. military operations in connection with the global war on terrorism; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9286. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act case number 00-07; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9287. A communication from the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Rules Applicable to Surface Coal Mining Hearings and Appeals" (RIN1090-AA82) received on October 2, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9288. A communication from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governor of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)" received on October 3, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9289. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Black Lung Consolidation of Administrative Responsibilities Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9290. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Regulatory Law, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priorities for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care" (RIN2900-AL39) received on October 2, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9291. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Forms Services Division, Immigration and Naturalization, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegating the Secretary of Labor the Authority to Adjudicate Certain Temporary Agricultural Worker (H-2A) Petitions" (RIN1115-AF29) received on October 2, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9292. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9293. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Overseas Use of the Purchase Card in Contingency, Humanitarian, or Peacekeeping Operations" (DFARS Case 2000-D019) received on October 2, 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9294. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Fiscal Year 2001 funds obligated in support of the procurement of a vaccine for biological agent Anthrax; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9295. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Affirmative Action Employment Program Accomplishment Report for the period of October 1, 2000 through October 1, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.