

His work on various Agency efforts has been largely out of public view. But that's not to say he didn't have an impact. Program audits, financial controls, budgetary accuracy, facility relocation, personnel management—all must be managed efficiently, effectively, and with absolute integrity. Any shortcomings here can lead to chaos in an organization. Yet as the Agency's first Executive Director, Rob Snyder maintained the highest standards, held himself accountable, and kept this infrastructure in solid shape so that senior program managers could focus on making the missile defense program a successful one.

He has been a hero behind the scenes, and because of his enduring contributions to the missile defense program, we stand on the threshold of eliminating long-standing vulnerabilities to the very real threat of ballistic missile attack to our homeland, our deployed troops, and our allies and friends.

Among other recognitions, he has received the Department of Defense's highest award for civilians. With over 16 years in the SES—almost half of his Federal service—he has had an extraordinarily productive career and one we in this Chamber are right to honor.

We will miss his wise counsel as he moves on to a well-earned retirement. We owe him a profound debt of gratitude for the contributions he has made to our Nation and our security over a lifetime of service. I am sure I speak for all of us in this body in saying that we wish him and his family many years of health and happiness.●

#### NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of National Bible Week 2004. During the week of November 21–28, communities and churches across the United States will participate in this annual celebration by reading and reflecting on the teachings of the Bible. In doing so, they recognize the Bible's importance in our daily lives. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as Senate Co-Chairman of National Bible Week this year, and I commend the National Bible Association for its sponsorship of this yearly tradition.

The first National Bible Week, organized in 1941, was created as a way to extend comfort and hope to our nation during the tumultuous days of World War II. Today, our country is again in a time of difficulty. As our brave men and women of the Armed Forces continue to fight the War on Terror, I call on my fellow Americans to look to God's Word for its great inspiration, spiritual guidance, and strength. I pray that all Americans, particularly our soldiers and their loved ones, would receive "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

I believe Americans of all religions and faith backgrounds can find wisdom and understanding in the Holy Scrip-

tures. Indeed, the Bible and its teachings have greatly influenced my own life. I encourage all Americans to read the Bible and consider the wisdom, lessons, and traditions that have come to us from it. I congratulate the National Bible Association for its dedication to the celebration of the Holy Bible.●

#### 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 sundry nominations, withdrawals and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 13, 2004, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 524. An act to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes.

S. 1368. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 2195. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors.

S. 2864. An act to extend for eighteen months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

S. 2883. An act to amend the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to limit the tort liability of private entities or organizations that carry out responsibilities of the United States Central Authority under that Act.

S. 2895. An act to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

S. 2896. An act to modify and extend certain privatization requirements of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962.

H.R. 1533. An act to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts.

H.R. 2608. An act to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2714. An act to reauthorize the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 3858. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

H.R. 4175. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4278. An act to amend the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4555. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards.

H.R. 4567. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4837. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5185. An act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

H.R. 5186. An act to reduce certain special allowance payments and provide additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans.

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the enrolled bills were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) during the adjournment of the Senate, on October 13, 2004.

Under authority of the order of the Senate on January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 13, 2004 during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1134. An act to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

S. 1721. An act to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 712. An act for the relief of Richi James Lesley.

H.R. 867. An act for the relief of Durrehahwar Durrehahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan.

H.R. 2023. An act to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2984. An act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears.

H.R. 3056. An act to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P.

H.R. 3217. An act to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary