

from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS], the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], and the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 64, a resolution to designate the week of May 4, 1997, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES—SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the time has been changed for the May 1, 1997, hearing scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to receive testimony on S. 357, a bill to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to manage the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The hearing will now take place at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, instead of 9:30 a.m. as previously scheduled.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE WE THE PEOPLE . . . COMPETITORS FROM MISSOURI

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, on April 26-28, 1997, more than 1,200 students from 50 States and the District of Columbia will be in Washington, DC to compete in the national finals of the We the People. * * * The Citizen and the Constitution Program. I am proud to announce that the class from Westminster Christian Academy will represent Missouri. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning local competitions in their home State.

The distinguished members of the team representing Missouri are: David Bradsher, Christopher Brown, Russell Bruch, Jessica Cozad, Tony Culella, Josh Darr, Elizabeth Erkmann, Lauren Gray, Joshua Hamer, Matthew Harris, Angela Heirendt, Joshua Hendricks, Sarah Henning, Rachael Higby, Charles Hinderliter, Valerie Hopkins, Shauna Kruse, Nina Langenberg, Taylor Long, Stacey McDowell, Mark Pollitt, Kelly Reed, Jordan Reinwald, Christine

Shoemaker, Anna Suh, and Megan Turner.

I shall also recognize their teacher, Ken Boesch, who also serves as district coordinator for the program, and Terry Taylor, the State coordinator, who also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the team reach the national finals.

The We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution Program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The 3-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students' oral presentations are judged on the basis of their knowledge of constitutional principles and their ability to apply them to historical and contemporary issues.

Now in its 10th academic year, this constitutional studies program has had more than 75,000 teachers and 24 million students participate nationwide at both the elementary and secondary school levels. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers. The We the People * * * program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and its place in our history and our lives. I wish these students the best of luck in the national finals and look forward to their continued success in the years ahead.●

HONORING R. PAUL NELSON

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable educator from my home State of Michigan, R. Paul Nelson. Mr. Nelson, the president of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI, is retiring after 28 years of service to the Aquinas College community.

Paul Nelson joined Aquinas College in 1969, where he was responsible for advising and retaining students. In 1975, Mr. Nelson became dean for continuing education, where he implemented innovative programming in adult education. He helped to create Aquinas' Graduate Management Program, which is now the largest masters degree program in western Michigan.

In 1984, Mr. Nelson became vice-president for student development, and he established a model career development program which used both field experience and internships to help students explore and begin to attain their career goals.

In 1990, Paul Nelson was named president of Aquinas College by the board of trustees. In his 7 years at the helm of this vibrant institution, Mr. Nelson brought to life his vision of an Aquinas College which serves as a "faith and values-centered learning community committed to educating the whole person for a life and career of service."

Mr. Nelson has been an accessible leader whose remarkable ability to re-

member the name of any student he met on campus is well known. His dedication to educating people of all ages and promoting lifelong learning should be a model for all who seek a career in higher education. I have no doubt that his career will be an inspiration for future educators, students and administrators at Aquinas College.

Mr. President, I am honored by the opportunity to recognize the achievements of R. Paul Nelson, and hope my colleagues will join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to him on the occasion of his retirement as president of Aquinas College.●

LOYALTY DAY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, on July 18, 1958, through Joint Resolution 479, the Senate and the House of Representatives designated the first day of May of each year as Loyalty Day. On this special day, Americans celebrate the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America in recognition of America's unmatched heritage of freedom. I would like to join Americans across the land in this celebration, particularly the fine Americans of Climax Springs VFW Memorial Post 3600 in Climax Springs, MO. Post 3600 will have their 12th annual Loyalty Day parade on May 3, 1997.

On this important day of reaffirming our loyalty to America, we must reflect on what it truly means to be an American. Thomas Jefferson identified the ideals so important to us when he said that all men are "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Even in a time of great national trauma, Abraham Lincoln could echo these sentiments by stating that America is a nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," and "that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom * * * that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from this Earth."

The fundamental principle in these two statements by these two great Americans is the significance of liberty in the American experience. This historical commitment to freedom, most clearly seen in the lives of those who have fought and died for our country, deserves not only our loyalty but a celebration of that loyalty. That is the essence of Loyalty Day and I urge all Americans throughout this great land to join Climax Springs VFW Post 3600 in the celebration of the freedoms God has blessed us with in America.●

THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I supported Senate Executive Resolution 75, a substitute for the resolution of ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention [CWC] offered by Senator