

provision as passed simply can't be done.

Because of time constraints we were unable to resolve the language in the provision. It is not our intention to increase consumers costs for telephone services in order to alert them about "slammers." If the current bill increases costs, and we believe it could, we need to modify this section so consumers are protected without having to pay for that protection. I sincerely hope we can continue to work to improve this section in the conference committee, if there is one, or before the bill is enacted into law, to make sure that we are not creating a burden on telecommunications carriers which will be passed on to consumers. ●

COMMENDING THE CREDIT UNIONS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the Credit Unions for Kids program, an effort which began in my state of Oregon but which has since spread to more than 35 states across the nation and has served as an outstanding example of community service.

The Credit Unions for Kids program represents credit union employees and members in Oregon and Southwest Washington who have volunteered their resources and time in raising \$1.7 million to benefit the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation. Last year, Oregon ranked first in the average dollars raised per credit union on a nationwide basis.

This is a day for celebration, not only for this donation, but for the generosity exhibited by a twelve-year fund-raising effort undertaken by the employees, families, and members of the credit unions in Oregon and Southwest Washington. This combined effort serves as an example to the businesses, communities and corporations in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the nation that anything is possible, even fulfilling the dream of a new children's hospital, one floor at a time.

For a moment, I would like to focus on the recipient of this donation—the new Doernbecher Children's Hospital which replaces a very old and outdated facility on the campus of Oregon Health Sciences University. This four-story, 250,000 square-foot facility houses 120 beds, including the medical/surgical units, a pediatric intensive care unit, the Kenneth W. Ford Cancer Center and the Doernbecher Neonatal Care Center. The hospital also has a 16-bed floor dedicated to inpatient and outpatient cancer treatment.

Perhaps what is most impressive about this facility is the focus on the need of the children and families whom it will serve. Designed by Doernbecher staff, parents and patients, the hospital has places for families to gather together, facilities for families who wish to cook their own meals, and patient rooms that have extra beds so that parents may stay with their children.

There are separate playrooms, outdoor play structures and a schoolroom. There are large and numerous windows welcoming natural light. There is artwork of birds and frogs, sculptures, painting, and poems.

One particular poem, "Naknuwisha" which appears in the waiting room of the hospital and is a Sahaptin term among the Yakima, meaning "to care for something precious, particularly children who need our help" was written by Kim Stafford in 1996 and serves as a constant reminder to all who enter the hospital that this is a place for children, and a place where healing and hope begin:

Naknuwisha
young friend,
be part of something old—
be home here in the great world
where rain wants to give you drink
where forest wants to be your house
where frogs say your name and your name
where wee birds carry your wishes far
and the sun reaches for your hand—
be home here
be healed
be well
be with us all
young friend.

Mr. President, this beautiful new hospital is the foundation of a commitment made by the community, families, friends, physicians, and by businesses who have given the gift of time and resources to turn a dream into a reality. I am proud to recognize the Credit Unions of Oregon and Washington, and to congratulate them on their contribution to this facility and this day of celebration of the opening of the Credit Unions for Kids floor of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Congratulations, and thank you. ●

NAN S. HUTCHINSON SENIOR HALL OF FAME HONOREES

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am delighted to recognize and congratulate a group of exemplary citizens upon their induction into the 1998 Dr. Nan S. Hutchinson Senior Hall of Fame. These men and women have each given a great gift to their communities—they have given of themselves.

Arnold Abbott, 73, works everyday to fulfill his self-appointed mission to feed and help the homeless on the streets of Broward County. He also organized a small, dedicated core of volunteers to assist him in finding clothes, counseling and living arrangements, and to reunite the homeless with their family members.

Ruth Forbes, 76, began her work of community service in 1993 with the Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council. In her time there, she has held the positions of Legislative Chair, Vice Chair, and Chairperson. In addition to improving the lives of those in her own age group, she also aids disadvantaged children.

Arnold & Joann Lanner, 76 and 79, respectively, work with the "I Am Somebody" program at elementary schools. This program is aimed at increasing

students' self esteem. In addition, they have raised over \$120,000 for the Hepburn Center, an intergenerational, community-based organization that provides after-school care and organizes activities for the elderly.

Evelyn Jones Lewis, 70, began her volunteer work when she was appointed to serve on the Florida Advisory Council on Aging. Since then, she has been active in urging Congress to pass legislation that would improve the ever-changing nutritional and transportation needs of the elderly.

Claire F. Mitchel, 76, is truly an asset to the elderly community because she promotes acceptance and celebration of the aging process. She promotes these values in work with organizations like the Rape Crisis Center, Women in Distress and the Older Women's League.

Estella Mae Moriarty, 62, exemplifies the true meaning of altruism by embracing foster-care children of all ages who have been abandoned, abused or neglected. Realizing that children need a permanent home in the developing stages of their lives, she co-founded the SOS Children's Village, which provides care and comfort for children in distress.

Lily Ann Olfern, 68, is involved with a telephone service bank to build a public safety building. Thanks to her many hours on the phone, the new facility will be opening in Davie next year. She also bags toys for children on Christmas, feeds the homeless on Thanksgiving, and teaches senior citizens how to avoid various scam operations.

Reuben Sperber, 90, came to Florida to retire. However, he has worked just as hard during his twenty years in this community as while he was in the workforce. Over the years, Reuben has served in his temple, given of his time at the Margate General Hospital, and become one of the most respected members of the Alzheimer's Family Center's Board of Directors.

Jacob Statemann, 76, has dedicated his time to the Southeast Focal Point Senior Center in Hollywood for over 10 years. At the Center he has taught classes ranging from current events to foreign language, and he has never hesitated to organize holiday events or assist other classes that need help. He also leads a senior choral group at HUD housing.

Ira Šubin, 83, spends much of his time and efforts helping the Area Agency on Aging's Advisory Council plan social events and fundraisers. His advocacy for the Seniors for Seniors Dollar Drive, along with matching funds that the program has received from the state, has substantially increased the quality of services that the Area Agency on Aging can provide.

Mr. President, all of these outstanding seniors have diligently and selflessly given of their time and energy to make Broward County a better place for all its residents. Florida is very fortunate to have these inspiring senior citizens who give so much to our communities. I congratulate them today

and wish for them many more productive and healthy years.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. VINCE DAVIS: 27 YEARS AT THE PATTERSON SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Vince Davis, who is retiring this spring after 27 years at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Since I was first elected to the United States Senate in 1984, Vince and I have had occasion to discuss important issues of the day in foreign affairs, as well as the underlying trends and currents that shape and guide world events looming just over the horizon. I have never failed to find his views both penetrating and insightful, and have always appreciated his counsel over the years.

But now, Vince has decided to pursue new interests after nearly three decades of toiling in the academic vineyard, and so it's appropriate that we bid him adieu with fondness and with gratitude.

Thinking back over the span of his career, I believe Vince Davis's mark on Kentucky and the world has been and always will be the enormous store of labor and love he poured into the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce. It's clear to me that Vince's tireless and inspired stewardship of the program has fashioned the Patterson School into the glimmering jewel of excellence for which it is now justly famous. Vince has given his all to the School, and two generations of bright young students have been immeasurably enriched by his exertions.

Mr. President, there is an old Irish proverb that says, "The work praises the man." In that spirit, each time I think of the Patterson School, I will remember Vince Davis, for the Patterson School is his work, and we all should praise that which he leaves as his legacy.

Mr. President, I also ask that an article from the Lexington Herald Leader of Sunday, April 19, 1998, be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

TEACHER PRAISED FOR YEARS AT UK
DIPLOMACY SCHOOL
(By Holly E. Stepp)

For years, the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce has urged the state's residents—from the business community to average Joes—to think globally.

And one of the leaders behind that charge was retiring professor and former director Vincent Davis.

Last night, Davis, the Patterson Chair professor, was honored for his dedication to that mission during a black-tie dinner at Lexington's Wyndham Garden Hotel. More than 200 alumni and friends of the 39-year-old-school came out to celebrate Davis' commitment to the program.

His retirement becomes effective at the end of this semester.

"With Vince's retirement, not just the Patterson School, but the University of Kentucky, loses one of their academic giants of the past half century," said current director John D. Stempel.

Davis, 67, was the school's second director for 22 years after an active and reserve career in the U.S. Navy. He receives much of the credit for building the school's prestige as a world-class international relations program.

"Patterson School has a unique combination of superior foreign-affairs training and related community outreach," said David D. Newsom, former ambassador and adviser to the Patterson School. Newsom, who was undersecretary of state during the Carter administration, was the featured speaker.

Although the Patterson School was founded in 1959, it was the brainchild of UK's first president, James K. Patterson, who served from 1878 to 1910.

Patterson died in 1922 at the age of 89. In his will, he ordered that his estate's assets go to the university for the creation of such a school, with the proceeds invested for a prolonged period before UK could gain the money.

The school, Patterson also ordered, should be named in honor of William Andrew Patterson, his son.

Davis worked to build the program into one nationally known for the quality of its graduates. Although enrollment is limited to 25 to 30 students, the Patterson School is often compared to similar but larger programs at prestigious universities, such as Harvard and Princeton.

Current and past students of the school praised Davis as an interested mentor with a quick wit.

Davis, himself, didn't dwell on the accolades bestowed on him, including a \$100,000 endowed trust to support Patterson students' internships.

"All I have done is to work to carry on the great tradition started by my predecessors," Davis said.

On his retirement, he said he got a hint from a former student a couple of months ago that it was time to retire.

"When your former graduate students start to retire, perhaps it's wise to consider joining them."●

ANTI-SLAMMING AMENDMENTS
ACT

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, yesterday, an amendment offered by Senator FEINSTEIN to the anti-"slamming" bill, S. 1618, was passed without debate. While this amendment was intended to enhance the privacy rights of patients, the consequence of this amendment would be far different. Specifically, this amendment would change current federal law and put patients at risk of criminal liability if they record their conversations with health providers and health insurers without first alerting and obtaining the consent of those providers and insurers.

This Feinstein amendment modifies the wiretap law, in title 18 of the United States Code, but was never considered by the Committee of the Judiciary, which has jurisdiction over this law. The risk of passing legislation quickly and bypassing the Committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter is amply revealed by the unin-

tended consequence of this amendment.

If this amendment becomes law, the minority rule adopted by only a small number of States—sixteen—requiring the consent of all parties for the lawful interception of telephone calls, would be applied to all conversations that take place between patients and health insurers or providers. There are a number of legitimate reasons for patients to want to record their calls with a health provider or insurer: medical instructions can be complicated. Insurers' explanations of coverage or decisions regarding reimbursement may be complicated. Patients may have sound reasons for recording those conversations if they are unable to take notes or want to keep the oral instructions for future reference. For example, patients, especially Alzheimer sufferers, may want to record their calls as a memory aid, and be too embarrassed to say so.

A more carefully crafted amendment would have reduced the unwarranted risk of criminal liability to patients. If this provision were to become law, we would have to revisit this issue promptly.●

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—
H.R. 2676

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Chair appoints the following conferees to H.R. 2676.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. BROWNBACK) appointed Mr. ROTH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KERREY, and from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN and Mr. CLELAND conferees on the part of the Senate.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 105-44

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on May 13, 1998, by the President of the United States: Treaty with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Document No. 105-44).

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty