

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. to continue the markup of S. Res. 172, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a close hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on September 23, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, the Immigration Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 23, 1999 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia be permitted to meet on Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on Quality Management at the Federal Level.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ON THE SERVICE OF JUDGE LEWIS STITH TO SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to recognize today one of South Carolina's finest public servants, Judge Lewis Stith. August 1 marked Mr. Stith's 43d year of continued service to the town of Sullivan's Island.

A native of Sullivan's Island, Mr. Stith and his wife, Marguerite, raised their five children there after he returned from service in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He later served in the Korean war.

In 1956, Lewis Stith was appointed a Charleston County magistrate, a position he held for 25 years. In 1981, he was appointed municipal judge of Sullivan's Island, a position he still holds. Judge Stith's civic accomplishments are numerous and include helping to organize the Sullivan's Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department 51 years ago.

The Sept. 1-7 issue of the Moultrie News featured an article which pays tribute to Lewis Stith's commitment to Sullivan's Island and to his wife and children who are continuing the island leadership tradition. I ask that the article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Moultrie News, Sept. 1999]

LEWIS STITH OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

The "Island Boys" ruled the beach back then. Lewis Stith, Burt and George Wurthman, Frank and Vernon Damewood, Tony Blanchard, and John and Otis Pickett, just to name a few, spent their days enjoying the ocean, and playing half rubber on the beach at Sullivan's Island. Life was simple. Being surrounded by summer cottages and neighbors that knew everyone made life a yearlong vacation. The Pavilion was located at Station 22 and Burmester's Pharmacy was where Sullivan's Restaurant now stands. The soldiers at Fort Moultrie shot off the cannons everyday at 5 p.m. to mark the end of the day.

Lewis Stith, who was born at Station 24, November 9th, 1921, is still there and though his life has taken him on many journeys, he always returns because, "There's no place in the world like Sullivan's Island!"

The son of Luther P. and Susan Maguire Stith, Lewis is a well known figure on Sullivan's Island. After high school, Lewis went on to work for the Army as a Post Exchange Clerk and later as a bookkeeper until WW II. He then entered the Coast Guard and served at various shore stations and was eventually assigned to a troop transport—U.S.S. General A.W. Brewster APA 155—as a gunners mate. He traveled the European, Asiatic and Pacific theaters transporting troops. At the end of the war, Lewis was discharged on the WWII Point System in 1945.

Lewis returned to Sullivan's Island to be with his wife Marguerite Strickland and eventually raised five children. His sons are well known islanders as well. Paul is a Wachovia Bank Manager, Marshall is the Mayor of Sullivan's Island and owner of Station 22 Restaurant, and Anthony is the Sullivan's Island Fire Chief. Their two daughters, Debbie White and Susan Hindman, are both school teachers. The Stith's have six grandchildren.

After several jobs, 35 years at the Exxon corporation and also serving in the Korean War, Lewis was appointed a Charleston County Magistrate on August 1st, 1956, by State Senator T. Allen Legare. He remained a Magistrate for 25 years. On August 1st, 1981, Lewis was appointed Municipal Judge for Sullivan's Island and is still serving in this position.

"When I was first appointed Magistrate in 1956," said Stith "Mount Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, and the Isle of Palms had only one police officer in each town. Buck Gossett was the only Highway Patrolman in the area and Charleston County had very few officers back then."

Fifty-one years ago, five guys got together to form the Sullivan's Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Lewis, along with Art Chiola, Joe Rowland, Red Wood and Leo Truesdale are the original five members and

are still active in the volunteer effort today. The Army donated two trucks and a station to house them. They were the first volunteer rescue squad in the county.

Lewis served as chief of the department, and recalls one particular devastating fire that was very chilling. "I think it was 1952 on Station 28. The house was in the shape of an H. The kitchen wall backed up to the children's bedroom wall and a gas fire ignited and spread. Art Chiola and I found the children the next day in a closet," he said, describing the remains as gruesome. "Apparently, they couldn't find the door and entered the closet looking for a way out."

The Volunteer Fire Department started some of Sullivan's Island's most popular events including the annual Fish Fry and Oyster Roast. Fifty one years ago, the Fish Fry started as a fund raiser for Red Wood's sister-in-law who need surgery for an aneurysm. It eventually grew into a large community event and the proceeds raised now go to fund the Fire and Rescue Division's special training and equipment. "We have a tremendous turnout these days," said Lewis. "When we first started it was in the same location that it is now, but all we had was some cinder blocks and a steel plate to cook on. Now things have grown and we have the present facility called 'The Big Tin.'"

Lewis and Marguerite remember the good old days on the island. "After Labor day," said Marguerite, "The vacationers would all go home and there would only be about 25 permanent residents."

"We played recreation activities with the soldiers and got to see first run movies at the fort," added Lewis. "Middle Street was the only road through the town and you could drive your car on the beach."

Marguerite was a Charleston girl, and Lewis met her through a friend. He began to date her and, according to Marguerite, "We'd come over the Sullivan's Island Bridge and every time he would say, 'Smell that good salt air? Isn't it great?' I never told him that I could smell that same air on the Cooper River Bridge and in Charleston," she said laughing. "He thought there was no better place than Sullivan's Island, and he was right!"

After Hurricane Hugo though, the island completely changed. "All the summer cottages were wiped out entirely and replaced with massive homes that tower over the beach. But this is still God's country!" said Lewis. "You can't find a better place to raise a family."

August 1st of this year marked the 43rd Anniversary of Lewis's continued service for the Town of Sullivan's Island. He's done many other things for the town, including forming the VFW Walter Brownell Post #3137 on Sullivan's Island. He served as the first Commander.

Lewis attributes all of his success to many things, but his greatest accomplishment he said, was marrying his wife and raising his five successful children. "I owe it all to my good family upbringing. I grew up during the Depression and we just learned to take care of what you had. I am also a member of Stella Maris Catholic Church. These things have taken me where I'm at today."

Still active as a judge, and still loving Sullivan's Island like he always has, Lewis sums it up by saying, "I've been all over the world, and there is no place like the sandy spot we live on. I love it here."●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID LEWIS WILLIAMS

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to offer a tribute to Kentucky State Senator David Williams,

as sincere congratulations for 15 years of service in the General Assembly and as encouragement for many more years of accomplishments and victories still to come.

David is one of the sharpest politicians and smartest people I know. His long-time passion for politics and desire to serve Kentucky is evidenced in his hard work in the Kentucky Senate—and in his perseverance getting there. David's strong convictions about issues and principles important to Kentuckians have helped him become a prominent figure in the State legislature, but his climb to the top was not an easy one. David lost his first campaign for public office when he ran for county judge-executive, and has often faced tough opposition in the Senate. To his credit, David has remained committed to his constituents and to the values they elected him to represent.

When he was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives 15 years ago, David was a country lawyer from Burkesville, Kentucky. His sharp mind and peerless rhetorical skills were evident right from the start, and helped David eventually come to lead the now-Republican Majority in the Senate.

As a fellow public servant, I know first-hand the kinds of commitments and sacrifices that have to be made in order to effectively serve a constituency. Clearly, David has demonstrated his willingness to take on that responsibility, and has been an example through his ability to handle the daily demands of being a Senate leader. Additionally, he is a great family man. David's wife Elaine has surely been a great support and encouragement to him, and deserves commendation for her tireless work in the field of education, as the instructional supervisor for Cumberland County Schools. David is also devoted to his parents, Lewis and Flossie Williams, of Cumberland County. David's father served as Cumberland County clerk for nine consecutive terms, and was a high school principal and basketball coach when David was growing up. His parents' work in education and politics gave David a solid background that has prepared him well for his current leadership role in the State Senate, and will certainly continue to inspire him in future endeavors.

David, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, thank you for your fifteen years of service to the 16th district and to the people of Kentucky. I have every confidence in your ability to lead the State Senate, and know that your best days are yet to come.

Mr. President, I ask that an article which ran in the Louisville Courier-Journal on September 5, 1999, be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal, Sept. 5, 1999]

WILLIAMS GETS CLOSER TO SENATE PEAK
(By Tom Loftus)

BURKESVILLE, KY.—David Williams began learning hard political lessons at a young age.

In the second grade he lost an election "for some kind of class favorite" by a single vote. "At that time I was chivalrous enough to vote for my opponent," Williams said. "I decided I wasn't going to do that again."

It wasn't the last election Williams would lose, yet come away a bit the wiser—and with his passion for a career in elective office undiminished.

Today, after serving 15 years in the General Assembly—many of those years in a minority faction of the minority Republican Party—David Williams stands as perhaps the most powerful member of the General Assembly.

This summer's defections of two Democratic senators to the GOP gives the Republicans a majority in the Senate for the first time ever—making Minority Leader Williams into Majority Leader Williams, and likely Senate President Williams.

So when the legislature convenes in January, the Senate will be led by this 46-year-old lawyer from Burkesville, a man described as smart and articulate by some, cocky or condescending by others.

Williams calls himself a compassionate conservative. Many Democrats consider him their favorite Republican senator.

At his core, he's a man who lives government and politics.

"We can't get him out to golf; he really doesn't have any time-consuming hobbies," said Cumberland District Judge Steve Hurt.

"He has always been fascinated by the political process. He's the kind of guy who sits up at night watching 'Hardball with Christ Matthews' and C-SPAN."

In January, Williams plans to play a little hardball of his own.

Last week he said he'd exercise the majority's rightful power to bounce Louisville Democrat Larry Saunders as Senate president.

"I want the majority of the members of the Kentucky state Senate to choose the president they feel most comfortable with," Williams said.

"And if it happens to be David Williams, I would be most proud to serve in that position."

POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS RUN IN THE FAMILY

Williams runs a one-man law practice in his hometown of Burkesville, county seat of the predominantly Republican Cumberland County. He and his wife, Elaine, who is instructional supervisor for the Cumberland County schools, live in a house valued on tax rolls at \$225,000. They have no children. Williams is the only child of Lewis and Flossie Williams, who still live in the house where David grew up.

The family regularly attended Burkesville United Methodist Church, and Williams' parents put a high value on the importance of a good education. Lewis Williams was a principal and basketball coach who, after losing his first campaign for county clerk, won nine consecutive elections for that office without opposition.

"We went to Lincoln Day dinners when I was a small boy. I heard (U.S. Sen.) John Sherman Cooper, (Fifth District Congressman) Tim Lee Carter, (U.S. Sen.) Thurston Morton and all those folks," Williams said. "I grew up in the courthouse. After school and on Saturdays I'd hang out there when I was a kid. And I was actively involved in the local party when I was 15 or 16 years old."

At Cumberland County High School, Williams was the senior class president, lettered in baseball, and was captain of the football team. His quotation next to his photo in the 1971 yearbook is: "The scales of justice can only be balanced by the weight of involvement."

Williams said he particularly liked playing football. He was a center on offense and a

tackle on defense. "If I had been a step quicker I could have played college ball," he said. (Hurt, who quarterbacked the 1971 Cumberland County team, suggested Williams would have to have been a bit more than one step quicker.)

In fact, though he and his wife like to fish and keep a pontoon boat on Dale Hollow Lake, their favorite pastime is college sports. As a legislator he takes advantage of the chance to buy two tickets to University of Kentucky and University of Louisville football and basketball games. He travels to most UK football games on the road and attends postseason basketball tournaments when UK plays.

"The football season is something I really enjoy," he said. "I usually try to catch U of L when I can. I'm one of those rare people who like both UK and U of L."

Williams is a graduate of both.

After high school, he and his then-girlfriend Elaine Grubbs, went on to UK. They dated off-and-on through college.

At UK Williams was true to his high school yearbook quotation. Among other things he was in the student senate and ran for student body president—the clean-shaven frat boy who ran against an opponent he describes as "long-haired and hippie-ish." Williams lost.

After graduation, Williams enrolled at the U of L Law School. He married Grubbs after his first year there.

Williams said he could have studied law at UK but wanted to broaden his experience. And he liked Louisville.

"My closest relatives live in Louisville— aunts and uncles on my father's side of the family—and I visited Louisville often as a boy," Williams said. "I lived in Louisville during some of the summers when I was growing up because when my dad was a teacher, he would go to Louisville and roof houses on construction crews and make good money in the summer. . . . We would go up and live with relatives."

LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH SETBACKS

After law school, Williams returned to Burkesville to practice law and—at age 25—ran for county judge-executive. His opponent was incumbent Harold E. "Barney" Barnes—a Democrat who had been appointed by Gov. Julian Carroll when the elected judge died in office. Williams lost.

"It taught me some interesting political lessons about incumbency," Williams recalled. "When the governor and the local judge have an unlimited amount of blacktop and things like that, it can have a big effect."

But in 1984 Williams ousted state Rep. Richard Fryman of Albany, a fellow Republican. Two years later he succeeded retiring Sen. Doug Moseley of Columbia and has been re-elected to the state Senate three times since—the last two times without opposition.

During his Senate tenure, though, Williams was twice rejected by the voters in years when his Senate seat was not up for reelection.

In 1992 he won a Republican primary for the U.S. Senate but was drubbed in the general election by popular incumbent Democrat Wendell Ford, who won with 64 percent of the vote.

But perhaps the nadir of Williams' political career came the following year.

While stewing in a minority faction of the Senate Republican caucus, Williams decided to try to be a prosecutor and ran for commonwealth's attorney in his home four-county district. He lost.

But he never considered dropping out of politics.

"I didn't think any of the losses were due to my lack of ability or people not liking

me," he said. "I'm no Lincoln, but even Lincoln got beat two or three times."

Longstanding alliances within the small Senate Republican caucus had largely kept Williams out of a leadership position there. But the number of Senate Republicans grew during the 1990s.

During the 1998 session, after the Republican minority had grown to 18 senators, Williams was part of (but he insists did not lead) an attempt to oust Sen. Dan Kelly's Republican leadership team—a coup that failed when Republican senators voted 9-9.

After the 1998 elections changed the makeup of the caucus, Williams finally had the votes he needed to win election as Senate Republican leader.

And defections of two Democratic senators to the GOP mean he's likely to become Senate president.

A MIX OF ATTORNEY AND PREACHER

Williams said Kentuckians can expect him to take generally conservative stands on most issues.

"But I don't hate government," he said. "I'm not a person who is afraid to use government to effect change. . . . I come from an area of the state that has needs. I've grown up and lived with people who have needs. I've grown up in areas that needed roads, that needed schools."

In fact, in 1990 Williams was one of only three Senate Republicans who voted for the Kentucky Education Reform Act, which included a massive tax increase.

"I voted for it because the school districts in rural Kentucky did not have adequate resources, the students there did not have adequate opportunity," Williams said. "I'm not unalterably wed to every aspect of the Kentucky Education Reform Act. . . . But I still feel like I cast the right vote."

Besides his support of KERA, Williams is known in the legislature for his long fight to win funding for a resort lodge at Dale Hollow, his advocacy of workers' compensation law reform (which Gov. Paul Patton pushed through in 1996), and helping to increase state spending on adult education.

Williams is better-known, though, for his skill as a debater. "David Williams is and has always been one of the most articulate members of the Senate," said Senate Democratic Leader David Karem of Louisville. "There's a wonderful mix of the courtroom attorney and the traditional Kentucky preacher in the way he delivers his speeches from the floor."

Williams said Republicans are inclined to oppose two ideas Patton has floated this year as ways of raising state revenue—raising the gas tax and expanding legal gambling.

But he said he's not prepared yet to slam the door on either idea. "We haven't seen a bill yet," he said.

And if Williams succeeds in leading the Senate, might he make another race for statewide office?

Williams said he has no plans to seek higher office, though he's not ruling out the possibility.

Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, said Williams could be a strong candidate for governor in 2003. "He hasn't said anything," Buford said. "But I would watch that."●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BETHESDA FALCONS

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Bethesda Soccer Club Falcons for winning the Under-16 girls Maryland State Cup Championship.

The Falcons defeated their opponent, the Soccer Club of Baltimore Force, 11-

0. This victory marked the team's seventh consecutive state title—one for every year that they have been eligible to win—which also happens to be a Maryland record.

Every Falcons team member was a contributor to this important victory. On the offensive, the game's leading strikers were Audra Poulin and Jenny Potter, who had three goals apiece. Jenna Linden added two goals to the team's fight, while Christi Bird, Stephanie Sybert, and Allison Dooley chipped in the remaining scores for the Falcons. This overpowering offense was aided by the passing and play-making abilities of the Falcons' talented midfielders: Beth Hendricks, Tara Quinn, Jennifer Fields, Susannah Empson, and Tanya Hahnel.

One of the keys to the Falcons' victory was their unwavering and steadfast defense which allowed no goals and only a few shots by the unrelenting Baltimore Force. This defense was anchored around defenders Caitlin Curtis, Amy Salomon and Alison West, while the goal posts were kept clear by goalies Anna Halse-Strumberg and Kerry York.

It was a fitting ending to the tournament in which the Falcons, through five games, outscored their hard-working opponents 29-0. The following day, the Falcons continued their winning efforts by defeating the Baltimore Soccer Club Pride—another great Maryland team. The Falcons finished in first place in the Washington Area Girls' Soccer Association Under-17 Premier Division.

Mr. President, as many of my colleagues know, I believe we must get behind our kids and support them in their hard work. The importance of this principle was demonstrated by Falcons coach, Richie Burke, who did just that. As a result, the team fought hard and produced a definitive victory. I'm proud to have such a great team and a fantastic coach in Maryland, and I'm proud of all the participants in the Maryland State Cup Championship for their hard work and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANCIS WILSON

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Francis M. Wilson and his wonderful and admirable life.

Mr. Wilson served as a tech-sergeant during World War II in Germany when he was only 18 years old. He was an engineer in the Detroit Public School District, a devoted family man, and an active citizen. The challenges he successfully faced in these capacities have distinguished him within his family, his town, his state, and his country.

As a very young boy, he sold "Liberty" magazines to supplement his family's income during the Great Depression. Growing up during a time of financial strife led him to find solace in nature. Mr. Wilson was exposed to nature during his experience in the military and developed a love and

knowledge of it. As a young adult he was able to identify a variety of birds, insects, trees, and flowers. He then went on to form and preside over a group of citizens that forced new construction to adhere to guidelines designed to protect nearby lakes.

Once he reached adulthood, Mr. Wilson found his real love, Dolores. Together they found great joy in their children and grandchildren. Mr. Wilson wanted to ensure that they received all the advantages that he did not have. He inspired his children to put themselves through college. He provided them with the opportunity to grow up in a safe environment, allowing them to mature at a more deliberate pace than the one that was forced upon him. His wife, Dolores, expresses the best tribute to Mr. Wilson when she writes "this brave, honest, dedicated, ordinary man was to his family and America 'the staff of life' that fuels generations to come."

Mr. Wilson expressed his passion for education through his involvement with children as an engineer of thirty years in the Detroit Public Schools. He gave and received respect from all he knew. He not only led by lecture but, more importantly and effectively, by example. He never left any doubt as to where he stood in a debate and firmly believed in right and wrong. Mr. Wilson offered little patience for individuals passing on responsibility as an excuse for negligent or bad behavior. Personifying Winston Churchill's statement, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," Mr. Francis M. Wilson left this world an honorable, loyal, selfless servant to his country and a loved and missed father, grandfather and husband.●

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAKLAND, MARYLAND

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Town of Oakland, Maryland. The Mayor of Oakland, Asa McCain, Jr., and the entire community are planning numerous events to commemorate this milestone.

Like so many of Maryland's historic cities and towns, Oakland, which was founded in 1849, has carved its own unique place in American history. At Oakland's center is one of the oldest railroad stations in the country. The Queen Anne style railroad station designed by E.F. Baldwin and built in 1885 by the B & O Railroad is now in the National Registry.

The railroad was responsible for popularization of the Oakland area as a resort in the late 1800's and resulted in Garrett County's flourishing export of timber and coal. Recently purchased by the "Save the Oakland Station Committee," the station will be restored to its original splendor in an effort to provide a cornerstone for continued growth in the County. In recognition of