

I ask consent that Kylie's NAGC—Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award composition be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

The composition follows:

"Mama, a problem is only a problem until you solve it." These were the words I spoke when I was only three. Ever since then I have been solving all different kinds of problems, whether they only took a couple minutes or months to figure out. What I like about problems is that each and every one of them is different and you have to pull together all of your knowledge and creativity to figure them out.

I got interested in problem solving when I was little. My Dad taught me how to solve all kinds of problems. Whether it was figuring out the money in Monopoly or deciding how to make a stable structure out of Legos all kinds of "problems" were tackled. I was very lucky to have great first and second grade teachers who daily stretched my skills and encouraged me to set high goals. Mrs. Davidson and Ms. Newton taught me how to really push myself.

In second, third and fourth grades, my principal offered the "Principal's Problem of the Week." These were optional challenging word or math problems that always got me thinking. I was awarded top "Principal's Problem of the Week Solver" three consecutive years. In grade school I went to the library once every week and solved challenging problems for gifted children.

I've been in Odyssey of the Mind for three years now. Odyssey of the Mind is a team problem-solving competition with both "long-term" and "spontaneous" problems. The long-term solution you work on for months before you go to the competition. The spontaneous problem's name kind of explains itself. You get the problem and usually you get 1 minute to think and 2 minutes to answer. The team I was on in fourth grade made it all the way to World Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. Raising the money to get there was a problem in itself. We had a lot of fun there and we took 25th place out of 44 teams in our division even though we were a very young team.

This year in 5th grade my biggest challenge has been learning how to speak French. I have also served as a peer mentor in a group for students having problems making and maintaining friendships. I like helping others solve their problems.

Problem solving opens up a lot of opportunities for me. The cure for cancer is a problem. Putting the pieces together at a crime scene and helping find a serial killer are important problems that will help people feel safer in their beds. I could help people solve their problems if I were to become a psychologist. I could be a teacher and help kids learn how to solve problems. Or maybe I could be a top presidential adviser and solve international problems.

Problems solving is a way to exercise your brain. It is a fun way to expand your knowledge horizon. I hope to stay at it for a long, long time.●

RECOGNITION OF THE LYON COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the Lyon College Concert Choir on the occasion of their performance at the National Cathedral, March 17, 2002. Lyon College, located in Batesville, AR, offers a liberal arts education of superior quality in a personalized setting. A selective, independent, undergraduate, residen-

tial teaching and learning community affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, USA, Lyon encourages the free intellectual inquiry essential to social, ethical and spiritual growth. With a rich and scholarly and religious heritage, Lyon develops, in a culture of honor, responsible citizens and leaders committed to continued personal growth and service. We in Arkansas are extremely proud of the young people from Lyon College who will fill the cathedral with song on March 17.●

CITY OF ABSECON CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

● Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I bring to your attention the lovely waterfront community of Absecon, which is celebrating its centennial year on March 24, 2002. Absecon, originally Absecum, comes from the Algonquin Indian word Absegami, meaning "Across Little Water." Located in Atlantic County, Absecon was incorporated as a city on March 24, 1902. It is governed by an elected body consisting of a mayor and council members. The community, which lies adjacent to Atlantic City, encompasses 6 square miles and is predominantly residential, with a population of approximately 7,700 residents.

Finding the area lush with pines, cedars, and bayberry bushes, early English settlers in Absecon earned their living clamming and oystering. Soon wharves lined the creek, and boats large and small were built along the banks of this bustling seaport. In 1795, Thomas Budd purchased 10,000 acres of land in what later became Atlantic County. He paid 4 cents an acre for the land on which Atlantic City now stands. It was called Further Island, further from Absecon, and later called Absecon Beach and finally became Atlantic City. The land was originally purchased for control of the waterways and not for farming.

In 1819, Dr. Jonathan Pitney, saddlebags brimming with medical supplies, a blanket, and clothing, rode into Absecon on horseback to set up his medical practice. Only 21 years old, Dr. Pitney came to Absecon after completing 2 years as an assistant in a hospital on Staten Island, following his graduation from a New York medical school. Few in the village could have known that this young doctor would one day become famous and be forever known as the "Father of Atlantic City." For by 1834, the village known as Absecum in Galloway Township still only consisted of a tavern, store, and 8 to 10 dwellings.

When not visiting patients, Dr. Pitney could always be found strolling the shoreline taking in the sea air. It did not take long for Dr. Pitney to realize the benefits of the sea air and to determine that this area was magical and had the ideal climate for a health resort. Convinced the municipal authorities that a railroad to the beach would be beneficial, he was to be responsible for the construction of the

railroad east across New Jersey through the salt marshes to Absecon Island, now Atlantic City. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Pitney again became a leading force in the Village, petitioning Congress to construct a lighthouse at the north end of Absecon Island. Years later the Absecon Lighthouse was constructed putting an end once and for all to the countless scores of shipwrecks along the shoals and beaches near "Graveyard Inlet."

By 1899, Absecon's population was only 530 people but, in March of 1902 the legislature of the State of New Jersey approved an act to incorporate Absecon City in the County of Atlantic, as a city. From these humble beginnings, Absecon has grown to become a charming city by the water, housing a Central Business District and Light Industrial areas.

I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Peter C. Elco and the citizens of Absecon on their centennial. May they have another 100 years of prosperity and community.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:06 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2341. An act to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, and for other purposes.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

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class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2175. An act to protect infants who are born alive.

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-5730. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Bureau of Land Management Appropriations Reauthorization Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5731. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Analog Spectrum Lease Fee Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5732. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Promoting Certainty in Upcoming Spectrum Auctions Act"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 206: A resolution designating the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as "National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 207: A resolution designating March 31, 2002, and March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day".

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 221: A resolution to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers..

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1356: A bill to establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, Europeans Latin Americans, and European refugees during World War II.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Sally Strop, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Don Slazinik, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Kim Richard Widup, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2013. A bill to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe performance standards for the reduction of pathogens in meat, meat products, poultry, and poultry products processed by establishments receiving inspection services; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2014. A bill to provide better Federal interagency coordination and support for emergency medical services; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2015. A bill to exempt certain users of fee demonstration areas from fees imposed under the recreation fee demonstration program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2016. A bill to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2017. A bill to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 2019. A bill to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 226. A resolution designating April 6, 2002, as "National Missing Persons Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 780, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals who do not itemize their deductions a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1258, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

S. 1278

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1278, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to increase the hiring of firefighters, and for other purposes.

S. 1752

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1752, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.