

Justin's poem offers excellent advice on dealing with feelings of anger and aggression.

What can I do about the problem at hand?
It can't be solved by one man
To begin, I must look inside myself
And put my violence on the shelf

One of the top priorities of the Do the Write Thing Challenge is to address youth violence by drawing attention to the problem of easy access to guns. This is a laudable and important goal. One step the Senate can take to prevent easy access to guns is to pass the Children's Access Prevention Act, which Senator DURBIN introduced. Under this bill, adults who fail to lock up a loaded firearm or an unloaded firearm with ammunition would be held criminally liable if a child uses the weapon to kill or injure him or herself or another person. The bill also increases the penalties for selling a gun to a juvenile and creates a gun safety education program that includes parent-teacher organizations, local law enforcement, and community organizations. This bill is similar to a bill President Bush signed into law during his tenure as the Governor of Texas. I support this bill and hope the Senate will act on it during this Congress.

In addition to preventing our youth from having unsupervised access to deadly weapons, we should encourage schools to conduct violence prevention programs. We need to provide funding to allow schools to partner with local law enforcement in crime prevention, creative onsite school violence prevention programs, and alcohol and drug counseling.

I know my colleagues will want to join me in congratulating Chastity and Justin for their writings and efforts to combat youth violence, and I urge my colleagues to join me in pushing for the passage of sensible gun safety legislation like Senator DURBIN's bill.●

CEDAR GROVE'S 100TH YEAR OF INCORPORATION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of a historical milestone in my State of West Virginia. July 13, 2002, marks the 100th year of incorporation for the town of Cedar Grove—making it the oldest town in Kanawha County. I take this opportunity to congratulate Cedar Grove on its centennial.

Cedar Grove is a small community nestled along the upper Kanawha Valley. Although only in existence for 100 years, the history of the town's site is much longer. The first settlement in the Kanawha Valley was on the site of what is now Cedar Grove. Walter Kelly first settled the area, then known as Kelly's Fort, in 1744. This was one of the first settlements started after the English bought what is now West Virginia from the Iroquois Indians. This site was also hotly contested land during the Civil War, when control of the Kanawha Valley went back and forth between the North and the South.

From being the oldest settlement in the area to the oldest town, Cedar Grove has stood the test of time and remains strong to this day. It has been a historical keystone to the Kanawha Valley, and has greatly contributed to the richness of West Virginia culture and history.

On behalf of all citizens from the Mountain State, I would like to once again commend Cedar Grove on its 100th birthday and ask that my distinguished colleagues join with me in recognizing its rich history.●

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET REQUEST ACT—PM 102

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to my constitutional authority and consistent with sections 202(c) and (e) of The District of Columbia Financial Management and Responsibility Assistance Act of 1995 and section 446 of The District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganization Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Request Act.

The proposed FY 2003 Budget Request Act reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. For FY 2003, the District estimates total revenues and expenditures of \$5.7 billion

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 11, 2002.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:29 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 2362. An act to establish the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission.

H.R. 3971. An act to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service fighter deaths that are caused by wildlife entrapment or burnover.

H.J. Res. 87. A joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 11:08 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, the of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2486. An act to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,

through the United States National Weather Research Program, to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to inland flood forecasting improvement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2733. An act to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work with major manufacturing industries on an initiative of standards development and implementation for electronic enterprise intergration.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2486. An act to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the United States National Weather Research Program, to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to inland flood forecasting improvement, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2733. An act to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work with major manufacturing industries on an initiative of standards development and implementation for electronic enterprise integration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2726. A bill to treat certain motor dealer transitional assistance as an involuntary conversion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2727. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. Res. 303. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Acadians in the American colonies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a co-sponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 2513

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2513, a bill to assess the extent of the backlog in DNA analysis of rape kit samples, and to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence.

S. 2528

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2528, a bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation.

S. 2642

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2642, a bill to require background checks of alien flight school applicants without regard to the maximum certificated weight of the aircraft for which they seek training, and to require a report on the effectiveness of the requirement.

S. 2654

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income loan payments received under the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 293

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 293, a resolution designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

AMENDMENT NO. 4215

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4215 proposed to S. 2673, an original bill to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting

services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2726. A bill to treat certain motor dealer transitional assistance as an involuntary conversion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation important to thousands of independent small businesses across the country. The legislation I am introducing is a modest tax proposal designed to aid the Nation's 2,801 Oldsmobile franchised automobile dealers who are currently in the process of ending that relationship with General Motors, GM, due to GM's decision to eliminate the Oldsmobile product line. This legislation is similar to legislation that has been introduced in the House with bipartisan majority of the House Ways and Means Committee.

As many of my colleagues know, GM notified their 2,801 Oldsmobile dealers in the United States on December 12, 2000 that they were phasing out the 100 year-old Oldsmobile brand and its complete line-up of vehicles. The announcement came with little warning to Oldsmobile dealers. In fact, many of the dealers had recently signed a new agreement with GM on November 1, 2000, with most dealers receiving a five-year term.

As a consequence of its actions, GM is in the process of compensating Oldsmobile dealers to assist in the phase-out of their Oldsmobile dealerships. These dealers will be required, out of financial necessity, to reinvest the payment from GM into other dealership opportunities. In many cases, these dealers may face a significant financial burden in connection with their efforts to continue in the automobile retail business.

The legislation I am introducing today seeks to lessen that burden by treating GM's financial assistance payments, made in connection with GM's unilateral decision to phase-out the Oldsmobile product line, as an involuntary conversion under an existing section of the Internal Revenue Code. Thus, the effect of the legislation is to allow the Oldsmobile dealer to defer tax consequences on GM's payments, provided that the proceeds are reinvested in other dealership properties in the time period specified in the Code.

Small and family-owned businesses, such as automobile dealerships, form the economic backbone of local communities across our country, particularly in rural states like my home state of New Mexico. Allowing Oldsmobile dealers to reinvest the entire payment received from GM into replacement dealership property gives these dealers an opportunity to continue family-owned businesses and greatly benefits local economies throughout New Mexico and the Nation. I look forward to working with my colleagues on advancing this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2726

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE TREATED AS AN INVOLUNTARY CONVERSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, in the case of a taxpayer who was a party to a motor vehicle sales and service agreement with a motor vehicle manufacturer who announced in December 2000 that it would phase-out the motor vehicle brand to which such agreement relates—

(1) amounts received by such taxpayer from such manufacturer on account of the termination of such agreement shall be treated as received in an involuntary conversion to which section 1033 of such Code applies, and

(2) the period described in section 1033(a)(2)(B) of such Code shall begin on December 12, 2000.

(b) CHARACTER OF CONVERTED PROPERTY.—In applying section 1033 of such Code for purposes of this section, the property involuntarily converted shall be treated as being property used in the trade or business of a motor vehicle retail sales and service dealership.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to amounts received after December 12, 2000, in taxable years ending after such date.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2727. A bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act to protect and preserve the Nation's important fossil record for the benefit of our citizens. Vertebrate fossils are rare and valuable natural resources that are threatened by a growing commercial market which is being supplied, in part, by the illegal collection of fossil specimens. This Act establishes a comprehensive national policy for preserving and managing paleontological resources found on Federal lands. It provides uniformity to the patchwork of statutes and regulations that currently exist, and it ensures that the