

than 20 percent of all schools in the State have rated so well in reading and math.

Much of the credit for Churchill Elementary School's success belongs to its principal, David Wangen, and the dedicated teachers. The students and staff at Churchill Elementary School understand that in order to be successful, a school must go beyond achieving academic success; it must also provide a nurturing environment where students can develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for success throughout life. All of the faculty, staff, and students at Churchill Elementary School should be very proud of their accomplishments.

I congratulate Churchill Elementary School in Cloquet for winning the Award for Excellence in Education and for its exceptional contributions to education in Minnesota. ●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6232. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2005 Defense Environmental Programs report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6233. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of female members of the Armed Forces for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6234. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of 16 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6235. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Daniel James III, Air National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6236. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Component Breakout" (DFARS Case 2003-D071) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6237. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition of Ball and Roller Bearings" (DFARS Case 2003-D021) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6238. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competition Requirements for Federal Supply Schedules and Multiple Award Contracts" (DFARS Case 2004-D009) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6239. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisi-

tion Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidation of Contract Requirements" (DFARS Case 2003-D109) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6240. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractor Performance of Acquisition Functions Closely Associated with Inherently Governmental Functions" (DFARS Case 2004-D021) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6241. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Service Contracts and Task and Delivery Orders" (DFARS Case 2002-D024) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6242. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation to amend and repeal certain portions of law governing the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Export Credit Guarantee Programs, including the Supplier Credit Guarantee Program (SCGP); to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6243. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No 7769-6) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6244. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpropimorph; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No 7761-3) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6245. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No 7759-9) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6246. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No 7769-1) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6247. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, proposed legislation relating to the statute of limitations for espionage offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6248. A communication from Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report covering the 6-month period that ended September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6249. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records Management; Electronic Mail; Electronic Records; Disposition of Records" (RIN3095-AB39) received on March 28, 2005; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6250. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Declassification of National Security Information" (RIN3095-AB38) received on March 28, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Documentation of Nonimmigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (RIN1400-AC06) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6252. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)—Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the OCS—Proprietary Terms and Data Disclosure" (RIN1010-AC81) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6253. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2006-13) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6254. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations Concerning Disclosure of Relative Values of Optional Forms of Benefit" ((RIN1545-BD97)(TD 9256)) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6255. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Known and Potential Environmental Effects of Oil and Gas Drilling Activity in the Great Lakes"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6256. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the URL address of a document entitled "Enforcement First" received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6257. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to the Control of VOC Emissions from Yeast Manufacturing" (FRL No. 8051-7) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6258. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Revised Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 8051-6) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6259. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Iowa; Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)" (FRL No. 8040-5) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6260. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8050-2) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6261. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuel and Fuel Additives: Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Test Methods" (FRL No. 8052-1) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6262. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for the Award of Monitoring Initiative Funds under Section 106 Grants to States, Interstate Agencies, and Tribes" (FRL No. 8051-3) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6263. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Notice 20 for Significant New Alternatives Policy Program" (FRL No. 8050-9) received on March 28, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 2489. An original bill to implement the obligations of the United States under the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, signed by the United States on June 12, 1998 (Rept. No. 109-226).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower (Rept. No. 109-227).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Con. Res. 60. A concurrent resolution designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (Rept. No. 109-228).

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 Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2488. A bill to require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct an inde-

pendent safety assessment of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2489. An original bill to implement the obligations of the United States under the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, signed by the United States on June 12, 1998; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2490. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a real estate stock index investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2491. A bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2492. A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2493. A bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 2494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the payment of premiums for high deductible health plans, to allow a credit for certain employment taxes paid with respect to premiums for high deductible health plans and contributions to health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ALLEN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2495. A bill to authorize the National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor slaves and other persons that fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2496. A bill to expand the definition of immediate relative for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2497. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to award grants to State courts to develop and implement State courts interpreter programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 420. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that effective treatment

and access to care for individuals with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis should be improved; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to amend the age restrictions for pilots.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to protect the Nation's law enforcement officers by banning the Five-seven Pistol and 5.7 x 28mm SS190 and SS192 cartridges, testing handguns and ammunition for capability to penetrate body armor, and prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale, or purchase of such handguns or ammunition by civilians.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for the depreciation of certain leasehold improvements.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.