

crops, and provide better insurance programs. One of Williams' most storied accomplishments was getting the average farmer involved in the leadership and policy development process, most notably by developing the National Cotton Council's Producer Steering Committee. To this day, the Steering Committee continues to ensure producers have an active voice on policy issues. He never underestimated the knowledge and influence carried by the producer. Farmers all over Arkansas appreciated that and never forgot the respect he gave their opinions.

Cecil Williams took each event in stride and persevered with leadership and optimism. His ability to develop and foster leadership among the producer ranks was and still is an impressive feat. His relentless defense of agriculture, and the years he spent cultivating active and knowledgeable producers in Arkansas will be long remembered by those whose lives he touched through his tireless devotion. I am always proud to see Arkansas farmers when they make their way to Washington or when I am traveling the state. These are, without a doubt in my mind, the best farmers in America thanks to the leadership of people like Cecil Williams.

During his lifetime, Williams always led by example and stayed true to his cause; rarely will you find such a noble and grounded leader. This was a man who could see the big picture and still thoroughly understand the components needed on the ground. He believed firmly in what he represented and remained active in production agriculture and the legislative arena up until his last days.

Arkansas agriculture has suffered a great loss with the passing of Cecil Williams, but we will continue to remember this great man and benefit from his foresight and leadership. During his lifetime, Cecil Williams saw the passage of numerous farm bills and agricultural laws. From his active role in production agriculture and agricultural policy, he was also able to see the consequences of both good and bad farm policy. As Congress works on drafting the 2007 farm bill, let us not forget the legacy Cecil Williams left behind and take heed from the wisdom of his decades of experience.

I pay my tribute to this legend of Arkansas agriculture and express my greatest condolences to his family. He will be missed.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 521. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heaney Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse".

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance structure, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 1:32 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 249. An act to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

H.R. 493. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

H.R. 1332. An act to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1678. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur.

H. Con. Res. 68. Concurrent resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Gian Carlo Menotti and recognizing the success of the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina, which he founded.

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 249. An act to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1678. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 7. Calling on the League of Arab States and each Member State individually to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 121. Concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 493. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1702. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's implementation of actions recommended to streamline the certification process for airplane seats and restraint systems; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1703. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report covering the fiscal year from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1704. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Two Chemical Substances from Preliminary

Assessment Information Reporting and Health and Safety Data Reporting Rules" ((RIN2070-AB08)(RIN2070-AB11)(FRL No. 8124-9)) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1705. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Deadline for Rulemaking to Address the Control of Emissions from New Marine Compression-Ignition Engines at or Above 30 Liters per Cylinder" ((RIN2060-A026)(FRL No. 8306-7)) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1706. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL No. 8302-5) received on April 26, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1707. A communication from the Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's annual report relative to U.S. assistance and cooperative activities with Eurasia for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1708. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to applications for court orders made to federal and state courts to permit the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications during calendar year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1709. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1710. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence Covering the Period January 4, 2005, to December 8, 2006" (Rept. No. 110-57).

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. HAGEL:

S. 1225. A bill to establish a process for aliens who meet certain conditions to be granted permanent resident status; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1226. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and deliv-

ery of pediatric care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1227. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish carbon dioxide new source performance standards for new coal-fired electric generated units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1228. A bill to amend section 485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding law enforcement emergencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for the application of mandatory minimum maturity standards applicable to all domestic and imported Hass avocados; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for contributions to qualified tuition programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1231. A bill to amend part A of title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance teacher training and teacher preparation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1232. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1233. A bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1234. A bill to strengthen the liability of parent companies for violations of sanctions by foreign entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1235. A bill to impose appropriate penalties for the assault or murder of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, for the retaliatory assault or murder of a family member of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1236. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding highly qualified teachers, growth models, adequate yearly progress, Native American language programs, and parental involvement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1237. A bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1238. A bill to repeal certain provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, close tax loopholes, impose windfall profits tax on major integrated oil companies, provide a re-

serve fund for biofuels research and infrastructure, and payments for low-income households; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1240. A bill to provide for the provision by hospitals receiving Federal funds through the Medicare program or Medicaid program of emergency contraceptives to women who are survivors of sexual assault; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1241. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify student housing eligible for the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1242. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act and Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to establish a biofuel pilot program to offer crop insurance to producers of experimental biofuel crops and a program to make loans and loan guarantees to producers of experimental biofuel crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1243. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1245. A bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1246. A bill to establish and maintain a wildlife global animal information network for surveillance internationally to combat the growing threat of emerging diseases that involve wild animals, such as bird flu, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1247. A bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.