crops, and provide better insurance programs. One of Williams’ most sto- 
ired accomplishments was getting the average farmer involved in the leader- 
ship and policy development process, most notably by developing the Na- 
tional Cotton Council’s Producer Steering Committee. To this day, the 
Steering Committee continues to en- 
sure producers have an active voice on 
policy issues. He never underestimated 
the knowledge and influence carried by 
the producer. Farmers all over Arkans- 
as 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 pro- 
cducer ranks was and still is an impres- 
sive feat. His relentless defense of agri- 
culture, and the years he spent culti- 
vating active and knowledgeable pro- 
ducers in Arkansas will be long remem- 
bered by those whose lives he touched 
through his tireless devotion. I am al- 
ways proud to see Arkansas farmers 
when they make their way to Wash- 
ington 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 
understand the components needed on the ground. He believed 
firmly in what he represented and 
remained active in production agri- 
culture and the legislative arena up 
until his last days.

Arkansas agriculture has suffered a 
great loss with the passing of Cecil Wil- 
liams, but we will continue to remem- 
ber this great man and benefit from his 
foresight and leadership. During his 
lifetime, Cecil Williams saw the pas- 
sage of numerous farm bills and agri- 
cultural laws. From his active role in 
production agriculture and agricul- 
tural 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 pro- ceedings.)

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 con- 
ference on the disagreeing votes of the 
two Houses on the amendment of the 
Senate to the bill (H.R. 1591) making 
emergency supplemental appropri- 
tions for the fiscal year ending Sep- 
tember 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the 
Speaker has signed the following en- 
rrolled 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. 
Hoaney 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, an- 
nounced that the Speaker has signed the 
following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1681. An act to amend the Congress- 
ional Charter of The American National 
Red Cross to modernize its governance struc- 
ture, 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 cen- 
tury, 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; to the Com- 
mittee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1678. An act to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize ap- 
propriations to provide assistance for domes- 
tic 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 individu- 
ally 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 rec- 
ognizing the benefit to school-based music education, and for other 
purposes; to the Committee on Health, Edu- 
cation, 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 re- spect to health insurance and employment.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were 
laied before the Senate, together with 
accompanying papers, reports, and doc- 
ments, and were referred as indicated:

EC–1702. A communication from the Ad- 
ministrator, Federal Aviation Administra- 
tion, Department of Transportation, trans- 
mitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to 
the Administration’s implementation of ac- 
tions recommended to streamline the certifi- 
cation process for airplane seats and re- 
straint systems; to the Committee on Com- 
merce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1713. A communication from the Chair- 
man, Federal Energy Regulatory Commis- 
sion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 
Commission’s annual report covering the fis- 
cal year from October 1, 2005, through Sep- 
tember 30, 2006; to the Committee on Energy 
and Natural Resources.

EC–1704. A communication from the Prin- 
cipal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of the Administrator, Environmental Protec- 
tion Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, 
the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Removal of Two Chemical Substances from Preliminary