

so many folks, and of their dedication to making our communities, our Nation and our world a better place in which to live and raise families. Today I pay tribute to one such person—a very special person—I was blessed to have met along the way.

Del Greenfield, who passed away just last month, was an extraordinary wife, mother, and citizen whose uncommon commitment to humankind and peace touched thousands of people and enriched our world in ways that will ripple across generations for as long as we humans will inhabit this Earth.

I met Del and her husband, Lou, long ago when I was running the Grey Panthers in Oregon. She was a well-known political activist and worked for some outstanding public servants, including Governor Bob Straub and my former colleague, Congressman Les AuCoin. In the early eighties, Del began to lead the Portland chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and it was there that she made a profound and unforgettable impression on so many government leaders who played a role in deciding matters of war and peace, equality and inequality, justice and injustice.

She was well known to those of us in public office for several reasons. We all came to respect her tremendous command of grassroots politics. She harbored an unflinching belief in the power of people to effect change, and she was quite skillful at organizing her troops and using the strength of the many to overcome the sometimes unnatural advantages of the most fortunate few.

She was also unforgettable because of her unyielding, boundless passion for her beliefs and her mission. Del was full of praise for us when she approved of what we were up to—and thankfully, that was most of the time with me—but she never, ever gave up when we took an action she disagreed with. Even when that disagreement had long passed, Del continued to view those disappointments as potential teachable moments, as opportunities for our growth. On those occasions, Del could chew on you pretty good, but if she liked you, she always did it with a smile on her lips and a twinkle in her eyes. She frequently forgave, but she never forgot.

And, importantly, and this was perhaps the root of her high standing with all of us, there was never any doubt about Del's motives. If she possessed any ego, I never encountered it. The one thing I always knew about Del, even on those rare occasions where we disagreed, was that it was never about her. She was inherently decent and kind and involved in all of her causes for all the right reasons.

I am so proud to have had Del and Lou as two of my earliest supporters and am so honored to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from such a wonderful, powerful woman. She and Lou leave to us all a legacy of hope and goodness that will be carried on for

generations to come by her wonderful children, their grandchildren, their great grandchildren, and the thousands of others who have been touched by their loving, good works.

Because I know she is still watching me closely, and because I know she could care less about how many nice things I have to say about her, Del, I will think of you every opportunity I get to end this misguided war in Iraq. And I will think of you every time I have an opportunity to bring about lasting peace, justice, and equality. Your lessons and love will never be forgotten.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:01 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, 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. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the program and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, 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. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1368. A bill to amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority of the Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to threaten transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure more investment and innovation in clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1371. A bill to establish a program to award innovation prizes to individuals and

entities for researching and developing innovative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1372. A bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1373. A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1374. A bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1375. A bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 194. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the landmark case *In re Gault*, et. al., in which the Supreme Court held that all children accused of delinquent acts and facing a proceeding in which their freedom may be curtailed have a right to counsel in the proceedings against them; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 195. A resolution commending the Oregon State University College of Forestry on the occasion of its centennial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from

Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 700

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from consideration as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects.

S. 919

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to reauthorize Department of Agriculture conservation and energy programs and certain other programs of the Department, to modify the operation and administration of these programs, and for other purposes.

S. 921

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude

from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under Federal student loan repayment programs.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1249

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for

ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to members of the Armed Forces and veterans with traumatic brain injury the services that best meet their individual needs, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 192

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 192, a resolution recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1368. A bill to amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority of the Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have come to the floor to introduce S. 1368, a bill to reauthorize a Federal-State partnership known as the Denali Commission. This Commission plays a crucial role in the development of basic infrastructure for communities in rural Alaska.

The Denali Commission was originally established by Congress in 1998. The unique structure of the Commission ensures the most efficient allocation of Federal funds, as it caps administrative expenses at 5 percent and capitalizes on the use of strategic partnerships. Over the course of the past decade, the Commission has partnered with Federal and State agencies, tribal organizations, and local communities to address the unique challenges asso-

ciated with living in Alaska. In just a short period of time, the Commission has improved the living conditions of rural Alaska by providing job training, teacher housing and funds to improve options for handling solid waste. The bulk fuel projects undertaken by the Commission have reduced the costs of rural energy. The health clinics have increased the availability of health services to rural villages that are isolated from metropolitan areas. There are 240 Alaska Native Villages, and over 100 communities have been served by the Denali Commission.

Although the Denali Commission has made tremendous strides to ensure rural Alaska has basic living conditions, there still is work to be done. Many of the rural communities have no roads and their transportation infrastructure is deteriorating. Numerous villages can only be accessed by water, and the docks in the communities are in desperate need of repair. The projects conducted by the Denali Commission not only keep communities connected to mainstream Alaska, projects also foster economic growth. The unemployment rates in many villages remain above 50 percent. The high cost of basic needs, such as milk and oil, coupled with public infrastructure that is comparable to developing nations create difficult circumstance in rural Alaska. The Denali Commission is our best hope for properly addressing these issues and meeting the needs of Alaskans.

The continuation of the Denali Commission's presence in rural Alaska is of critical importance to the future of rural Alaska. The bill I introduce today would reauthorize the Denali Commission for 5 years, through fiscal year 2014.

Other provisions of this bill would also amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to make the Commission stronger and more efficient.

Senator MURKOWSKI is an original cosponsor of this legislation, and it is our hope the Senate will act quickly to reauthorize the Denali Commission.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to threaten transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation that would provide immunity to individuals who report suspicious activities that may reflect terrorist threats to our transportation system. I am very honored that Senators KYL and LIEBERMAN have joined me in introducing this important bill.

The recent arrest in New Jersey of six men charged with conspiring to murder American soldiers at Fort Dix underscores the need for this bill. Law

enforcement officials have noted that their investigation was triggered by the report of an alert store clerk who said a customer had brought in a video that showed men firing weapons and shouting in Arabic. This reminded the store clerk of the 9/11 terrorists.

But for the report of this store clerk, it is unlikely this potential plot against Fort Dix—a plot that if executed would have caused the loss of lives—would have been uncovered. That store clerk's action may have saved literally hundreds of lives and represents a core truth of the dangerous times in which we live. Our safety depends on more than just police officers, intelligence analysts, and soldiers. It also depends on the alertness and civil responsibility of ordinary American citizens, including the peaceful and tolerant people who form the vast majority of America's Muslim communities.

We must encourage average citizens to be watchful and report behavior that appears to be suspicious or threatening. That imperative is especially strong in the area of mass transportation, where there is the potential for mass casualties, where vehicles and aircraft can be used as weapons, and where there is often only a brief period of time for assessing and reacting to alarming behavior. That is why the slogan "See something, say something," is used in the New York subway.

Unfortunately, we have seen that plaintiffs can misuse our legal system to chill the willingness of average citizens to come forward and report possible dangers. As was widely reported last fall, six Islamic clerics were removed from a USAirways flight after other passengers expressed concerns that some of the clerics had moved out of their assigned seats and had requested, but apparently were not using, seatbelt extenders that could possibly double as weapons.

As a result of that incident, what happened? Well, the USAirways officials decided to remove these individuals from the plane so they could further investigate. What happened to the individuals who courageously came forward and reported this suspicious behavior? Unbelievably, they were sued for voicing their fears that the clerics could be rehearsing or preparing to execute a hijacking. These honestly concerned passengers found themselves as defendants in lawsuits that were filed in March.

The existence of this lawsuit clearly illustrates how unfair it is to allow private citizens to possibly be intimidated into silence by the threat of litigation. Would that alert clerk in the store have come forward if he thought there was a chance he was going to be sued? Would the passengers have spoken up if they had anticipated there would be a lawsuit filed against them? Even if such suits fail, they can expose citizens to heavy costs in time and legal fees.

Our bill would provide civil immunity in American courts for citizens