

signed into law the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 which will make a number of desperately needed changes to our Nation's transportation infrastructure. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with my colleagues to pass this legislation. More importantly, I want to take special notice of a particular section of this law and the Louisiana citizens who did their civic duty in bringing a serious problem to the attention of their representatives in Washington.

The National Highway System Designation Act contains numerous specific projects that will benefit society and commerce and, as with all of the legislation we concern ourselves with in the U.S. Senate, proves the worth of our democratic process. Included in this law is a provision which I think most clearly demonstrates how important our system of representative democracy is and, hopefully, will help to renew our sense of civic duty and alleviate the apathetic attitude toward government that is so common today.

In one of the fastest growing areas in Louisiana, Ascension Parish, there is a section of State Highway 42 known commonly as "Dead Man's Curve." Unfortunately, this name truly reflects the road's history. On this section of the two lane highway which curves drastically and cannot accommodate its growing traffic load, nearly 50 serious automobile accidents have occurred in the last 4 years. When the road becomes wet, as roads often do in south Louisiana, this poorly designed road becomes a death trap causing numerous multiple car sideswipes and head-on collisions. One particularly tragic accident last year took the lives of three young people and galvanized public support for the effort to make LA 42 safe.

On August 20, 1994, in a head-on collision on this dangerous S-curve, Mandy Acosta age 18, her cousin Brett Leggette age 13, and his friend Brett Frederic also age 13 died. In one horrible accident two sisters had lost their teen-aged children. An extended family and an entire community were devastated.

When the grieving period had run its course, these sisters decided that they would not simply stand by and watch history repeat itself, but would become involved to make sure that this road would not take more of our sons and daughters. Ms. Templet and Ms. Leggette organized the community through public marches and petition drives. They contacted Parish President Tommy Martinez who immediately mobilized his resources. Engineers Mr. Glenn Shaheen and Mr. Mark DeBossier were called in to find out what needed to be done. Mr. David Young coordinated their message and worked with the Louisiana congressional delegation to find the surest way to get the Government to fulfill its duty in protecting the lives of its citizens.

Mr. President, the dedicated and passionate work of these two sisters, Par-

ish President Martinez, and their community did make a difference. As a result of their involvement, the Federal Government has now dedicated itself to finding the best way to fix Dead Man's Curve. I am pleased that the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 includes \$250,000 for this problem. I am most pleased, however, that Congress and the President have proven that our system works and that civic duty has not lost its meaning.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL O. BOFINGER

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure today to rise to pay tribute to Paul O. Bofinger, president of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, upon his retirement. Paul has served the New Hampshire conservation community loyally for 30 years as an intelligent and clear voice of reason and stubborn common sense. Upon graduation from Cornell University in 1953 and the University of Michigan in 1955, Paul has been actively involved in the New Hampshire conservation debate. Paul's profound insight and powerful influence on New Hampshire environmental policy has helped to create the special tradition of balance and consensus building that we are proud of in New Hampshire.

Over the past three decades Paul Bofinger has received numerous awards and honors including the American Foresters John Artson Warder Medal, the Nature Conservancy's Conservation Achievement Award, the University of New Hampshire Granite State Award, and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire Tudor Richards Award. Paul received a 1982 Governor's Award of Distinction and was named 1994 Forester of the Year by the Granite State Division of the Society of American Foresters. He is a Franklin Pierce College Honorary Doctor of Human Letters, and a recipient of the Chevron Conservation Award. Paul Bofinger served in 1984 and 1985 at Harvard University as a C. Bullard Fellow.

Paul's leadership assured the success of the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program and the creation of the majestic Lake Umbagog National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Under his presidency, the New Hampshire Forest Society has become one of the premier land trusts in the Nation. During the past several years Mr. Bofinger and the New Hampshire Forest Society have contributed greatly to the work of the Northern Forest Lands Council. He has positioned New Hampshire as a leader in the regional effort to protect the traditional land use patterns of the great Northern Forest for the benefit of future generations. Through Paul's stewardship of New Hampshire conservation policy, his strong commitment to the development of broad consensus-based groups, and his disciplined approach to conservation policy through respectful dialog, New Hampshire's forest conserva-

tion and land use process has become a model for the rest of the country to learn and benefit from.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Paul Bofinger on an exemplary career as a leader of New Hampshire forest conservation and a voice of wise moderation. I wish him good fortune and God-speed as, upon retirement, he pursues new life challenges.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following military nominations reported out of the Armed Services Committee today: Thomas Schwartz and Paul Funk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirm, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed, en bloc, are as follows:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 239, H.R. 2204.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2204) to extend and re-authorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

So the bill (H.R. 2204) was deemed read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 6, 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date; that no resolutions come over under the rule; that the call of the Calendar be dispensed with; that the morning hour be deemed to have expired; and that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the hour of 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1833, regarding partial-birth abortions in status quo.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, it will be the majority leader's intention to move to proceed to House Joint Resolution 79, the constitutional amendment regarding flag desecration, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6. I hope between now and then we will have consent to go to that. We would like to complete action on this bill on December 7.

I know there has been an objection raised as to consideration. I hope we do not have to file cloture to proceed to this very important piece of legislation and that my colleagues may cooperate with us. If it takes that, we will pro-

ceed on that basis. I know we have at least 60 votes to proceed and I hope we have 60 votes if cloture is needed on the amendment itself.

We can expect votes to occur possibly on the constitutional amendment and can expect amendments to the partial-birth abortions bill.

Also, for the information of all my colleagues, the schedule for the next few days is as follows: As I said, tomorrow we will start at 10 a.m. on flag burning, or debate a motion to proceed to that measure; at 5 p.m., resume the partial-birth abortions bill. Therefore, late sessions can be anticipated.

On Thursday and Friday, complete action on partial-birth abortions if not previously disposed of; resume and, hopefully, complete action on the constitutional amendment regarding flag desecration.

Also, the Senate could be asked to consider any available appropriations conference reports once received from the House. We expect to receive State, Justice, Commerce from the House on Wednesday afternoon.

And then the following week, the State Department reorganization bill, S. 1441, if agreement cannot be reached to activate the original consent agreement of September 29, 1995, we will start on that bill on Monday.

Other items next week: Available appropriations conference reports; H.R. 660, fair housing exemption bill, hopefully under a time agreement of 1 hour. It may be that we can dispose of that this week.

There will be a Bosnia resolution next week. We are still in the process of drafting that resolution. We have had meetings today, and we hope to have additional discussions tomorrow and the next day. It is my hope that we can have some resolution that can be supported by a majority of our colleagues. I am not certain what day next week that will come up.

It is very likely next week there will also be a conference report on welfare

reform. I think we have about concluded the conference. I just ask my colleagues, the original bill passed in the Senate by a vote of 87 to 12. We believe we have retained most of the Senate provisions in the conference, and I ask my colleagues on both sides—this bill had strong bipartisan support—to take a close look.

Eighty-eight percent of the American people want welfare reform. We will have it on the floor, we hope, next week. We hope the President of the United States will sign it. In my view, it is a good resolution of differences between the House and the Senate. We still have one or two minor—well not minor—issues in disagreement we hope to resolve tomorrow, and then we hope to bring it up by midweek next week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 5, 1995:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS A. SCHWARTZ, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER TO BE PLACED ON THE RETIRED LIST OF THE U.S. ARMY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER SECTION 1370 OF TITLE 10, U.S.C.

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. PAUL E. FUNK, 000-00-0000