

spoken by Jesus Christ, and was the lingua franca in the Near East.

Mr. President, Father Doumato has enjoyed an interesting and fulfilling career in the ministry of his church. Like many of us, his life has been filled with challenges, hardships and hope. Unlike many of us, however, he has enjoyed some truly unique and rich experiences. He was born in 1918 and raised in the shadow of the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary in the city of Homs, Syria. He was educated in Homs, first in his Church's school and later by Jesuit Brothers. His interest in theology and his Church was an early and important part of his life. His father, the late Gabriel Doumato, who immigrated to Rhode Island in 1973, was an ardent supporter of the Church and served his community in many capacities.

Upon completing his education, Father Doumato taught in the Church's schools across Syria. At the beginning of World War II, he entered the French-run National Police Academy and graduated with honors in 1939. For the next ten years, he served as a member of the National Police Force. Throughout this period, he continued to serve the Church as a deacon and was constantly urged by His Holiness Patriarch Ephraim, the Church's supreme leader, to join the ministry. In 1949, he resigned his commission and entered the Seminary of the Syrian Orthodox Church in Syria.

Father Doumato was ordained into the priesthood in August 1950 by His Holiness Patriarch Ephraim and immediately assigned to serve the church in Central Falls, Rhode Island. Because of visa delays however, he was unable to attend to this position for two years. In the meantime, he remained in Homs and served as personal secretary to His Holiness the Patriarch.

Accompanied by his wife, Victoria, and their four young children, Father Doumato arrived in Rhode Island in August 1952 to lead his new congregation. Ever since his arrival, Father Doumato has quietly and faithfully served God, his parish, our State and, indeed, our country. He has also authored numerous publications about the history of the church and its Divine Liturgy. In 1970, his dedication and self-sacrifice was recognized and honored when he was elevated to the position of Cor-Episcopose—the highest distinction of the priesthood. In 1991, he was again honored for his service and was awarded the Holy Cross of the Archdioceses of the United States and Canada.

In closing, I would like to extend my very best wishes on this special occasion to Father Doumato, to his family, and to his parishioners at Saint Ephraim's Church. We are all very proud of Father Doumato, and appreciative of his many contributions to his community, and to our state.

I would now like to recognize my colleague, Senator REED, who also wishes to honor Father Doumato.●

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I, too, wish to join Senator CHAFEE in paying trib-

ute to the Very Reverend Abdulhahd Gabriel Doumato on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as leader of the parish of Saint Ephraim's Syrian Orthodox Church in Rhode Island.

A proud and patriotic "American", Father Doumato loves his adopted country and is happiest when helping the new immigrants within his flock assimilate into American society. Mr. President, Father Doumato is responsible for sponsoring hundreds of new citizens to our great nation, granting them the opportunity to live the American dream. He has educated these families—including those of six of his brothers and sisters—about our system of government and the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility of American citizenship.

Father Doumato is often heard telling his parishioners, "There is no country like the United States. It truly is the land of opportunity and you should thank God for the opportunity you have to live in this great land." A good shepherd, Father Doumato has been a shining example to his family and his flock.

The Doumatos are a sizable and considerable clan in Rhode Island—the extended family numbers over 120 persons. We cannot imagine that there has been a single elected official in the Blackstone Valley area, or across the State, that has not come into contact with a member of the family. Indeed, father Doumato's children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces have been industrious citizens and have served our country in numerous positions of distinction, including as officers in the Armed Forces, diplomats, university educators, U.S. Senate aides and senior advisors, engineers, and leaders in law, the arts, medicine, commerce and industry. He and his family have richly contributed to the betterment of our community in Rhode Island.

Mr. President, in closing, I would also like to wish Reverend Doumato and his wife, Victoria, a happy and healthy 57th Anniversary, which they will celebrate later this year.

May his children and grandchildren—along with his parishioners—continue to benefit from his wisdom!●

CHANNEL ONE NETWORK

● Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I will ask to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD two letters recognizing the efforts of the Channel One Network in educating school-age children in the dangers of drug use.

These letters were originally included in the transcript of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions hearing on July 13 regarding Drug Free Schools.

The first is from Richard Bonnette, President of the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Mr. Bonnette thanks Channel One for supporting the mission of Partnership for a Drug-Free America by changing millions of young people's attitudes about drugs.

In the second letter, I join Mr. Bonnette's praise of Channel One's airing of \$25 million worth of pro bono anti-drug public service announcements over the last ten years as part of its news broadcasts to school-aged children.

I am pleased to join Mr. Bonnette in congratulating Channel One on their efforts.

I ask that these letters be printed in the RECORD.

The letters follow.

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, July 14, 1999.

Hon. JAMES JEFFORDS,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I respectfully request that the attached letter from Richard Bonnette, President and CEO of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America be made a part of the record for the Committee's July 13, 1999 hearing on Drug Free Schools.

Mr. Bonnette writes in praise of the excellent public service of the Channel One Network in educating our nation's youth about the dangers of drug use. I would like to join Mr. Bonnette's praise of the Channel One Network.

Over the past ten years, Channel One has aired more than \$25 million worth of anti-drug public service announcements as part of its news broadcasts to school-aged children. The efforts of the Channel One Network demonstrates good corporate citizenship. When we in Congress call upon the media and entertainment industries to act responsibly for the benefit of our children, this is part of what we are talking about.

Mr. Bonnette's letter refers to a study conducted between 1995–1997 by the Partnership for a Drug Free America. The study found strong evidence that students in Channel One schools had significantly more negative attitudes about drugs, and were much more aware of the risks of drugs than students in non-Channel One schools. I am pleased to here add my praise of their efforts.

Sincerely,

SAM BROWNBAC,
U.S. Senator.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A
DRUG-FREE AMERICA,
New York, NY, May 14, 1999.

Mr. KEVIN MCALILEY,
President and CEO, Channel One Network,
New York, NY.

DEAR MR. MCALILEY: I am writing to thank Channel One for its unceasing dedication and steadfast commitment to educating the young people of this country about the dangers of drug use. Channel One has supported the Partnership's mission by extensively covering the drug issue through your programming and by airing more than \$25 million worth of anti-drug public service announcements—pro bono—since your inception in 1990. The incontrovertible fact is that because of Channel One, millions of teens are keeping away from drugs.

For the past ten years, Channel One has been instrumental in supporting Partnership for a Drug-Free America's mission by changing millions of young people's attitudes about drugs. This is not speculation—it is fact. The Partnership conducted the Partnership Attitude Tracking Study, 1995–1997 and compared Channel One students' attitudes towards drug use versus those of students from non-Channel One schools. The study found conclusive evidence that Channel One students had significantly more negative attitudes about drugs and were much more

aware of the risks of drugs than students in non-Channel One schools. By utilizing your Web site, Channel One has also been able to expand its reach beyond the Channel One school audience and encourage national youth involvement in this issue.

Please accept our thanks and congratulations for Channel One's important work. Channel One's passion and concern for America's children is admirable and your support of the Partnership has been vital in reinforcing anti-drug messages to teens.

Sincerely,

RICHARD D. BONNETTE.●

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

On July 22, 1999, the Senate passed S. 1217. The text of the bill follows:

S. 1217

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the administration of the Department of Justice, \$82,485,000, of which not to exceed \$3,317,000 is for the Facilities Program 2000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That not to exceed 43 permanent positions and 44 full-time equivalent workyears and \$8,136,000 shall be expended for the Department Leadership Program exclusive of augmentation that occurred in these offices in fiscal year 1999: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 41 permanent positions and 48 full-time equivalent workyears and \$4,811,000 shall be expended for the Offices of Legislative Affairs and Public Affairs: *Provided further*, That the latter two aforementioned offices may utilize non-reimbursable details of career employees within the caps described in the aforementioned proviso.

JOINT AUTOMATED BOOKING SYSTEM

For expenses necessary for the nationwide deployment of a Joint Automated Booking System, \$6,000,000, to remain available until expended.

NARROWBAND COMMUNICATIONS

For the costs of conversion to narrowband communications as mandated by section 104 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 903(d)(1)), \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such funds may be transferred to any Department of Justice organization upon approval by the Attorney General: *Provided further*, That any transfer pursuant to the previous proviso shall be treated as a reprogramming under section 605 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section.

COUNTERTERRORISM FUND

For necessary expenses, as determined by the Attorney General, \$27,000,000, to remain available until expended, to reimburse any Department of Justice organization for (1) the costs incurred in reestablishing the operational capability of an office or facility

which has been damaged or destroyed as a result of any domestic or international terrorist incident; (2) the costs of providing support to counter, investigate or prosecute domestic or international terrorism, including payment of rewards in connection with these activities; and (3) the costs of conducting a terrorism threat assessment of Federal agencies and their facilities: *Provided*, That any Federal agency may be reimbursed for the costs of detaining in foreign countries individuals accused of acts of terrorism that violate the laws of the United States: *Provided further*, That funds provided under this paragraph shall be available only after the Attorney General notifies the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate in accordance with section 605 of this Act.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER COMPLIANCE FUND

For payments authorized by section 109 of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (47 U.S.C. 1008), \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPEALS

For expenses necessary for the administration of pardon and clemency petitions and immigration related activities, \$30,727,000.

In addition, \$59,251,000 for such purposes, to remain available until expended, to be derived from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$32,049,000; including not to exceed \$10,000 to meet unforeseen emergencies of a confidential character, to be expended under the direction of, and to be accounted for solely under the certificate of, the Attorney General.

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the United States Parole Commission as authorized by law, \$7,176,000.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

For expenses necessary for the legal activities of the Department of Justice, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed \$20,000 for expenses of collecting evidence, to be expended under the direction of, and to be accounted for solely under the certificate of, the Attorney General; and rent of private or Government-owned space in the District of Columbia, \$299,260,000; of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 for litigation support contracts shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the funds available in this appropriation, not to exceed \$55,166,000 shall remain available until expended for office automation systems for the legal divisions covered by this appropriation, and for the United States Attorneys, the Antitrust Division, and offices funded through "Salaries and Expenses", General Administration: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available to the United States National Central Bureau, INTERPOL, for official reception and representation expenses.

In addition, \$185,740,000 for such purposes, to remain available until expended, to be derived from the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

In addition, for reimbursement of expenses of the Department of Justice associated with processing cases under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, not to exceed \$4,028,000, to be appropriated from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, ANTITRUST DIVISION

For expenses necessary for the enforcement of antitrust and kindred laws, \$112,318,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding section 3302(b) of title 31, United States Code, not to exceed \$112,318,000 of offsetting collections derived from fees collected in fiscal year 2000 for premerger notification filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 18a) shall be retained and used for necessary expenses in this appropriation, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated from the General Fund shall be reduced as such offsetting collections are received during fiscal year 2000, so as to result in a final fiscal year 2000 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not more than \$0.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

For necessary expenses of the Offices of the United States Attorneys, including intergovernmental and cooperative agreements, \$589,478,000; of which not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall be available until September 30, 2000, for (1) training personnel in debt collection, (2) locating debtors and their property, (3) paying the net costs of selling property, and (4) tracking debts owed to the United States Government: *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$8,000 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, of the amount made available under this heading, not to exceed \$20,000,000 may be transferred to, and merged with, funds in the "Federal Prisoner Detention" appropriations account: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$10,000,000 of those funds available for automated litigation support contracts shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the operation of the National Advocacy Center shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall remain available until expended for the expansion of existing Violent Crime Task Forces in United States Attorneys Offices into demonstration projects, including inter-governmental, inter-local, cooperative, and task-force agreements, however denominated, and contracts with State and local prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies engaged in the investigation and prosecution of violent crimes: *Provided further*, That, in addition to reimbursable full-time equivalent workyears available to the Offices of the United States Attorneys, not to exceed 9,044 positions and 9,312 full-time equivalent workyears shall be supported from the funds appropriated in this Act or made available during fiscal year 2000 under any other Act for the United States Attorneys, of which 2,107 positions and 2,171 full-time equivalents shall be dedicated to civil or civil defensive litigation: *Provided further*, That \$27,000,000 shall only be available to support or establish task forces to enforce Federal laws related to preventing the possession by criminals of firearms (as defined in section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code), of which \$5,000,000 shall be for a task force in each of the paired locations of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey; Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Albuquerque, New Mexico; Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina; Baltimore, Maryland, and Prince Georges County, Maryland; and Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah; and of which \$1,000,000 shall be for the task force coordinated by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and \$1,000,000 shall be for the task forces coordinated by the Office of the