

health of our economy is threatened by the escalating price of energy and dire predictions about our energy supply and demand equation. We cannot allow our energy problem to derail our economy. We cannot allow the greenhouse gases to negatively impact the American people and their way of life. We must act at the earliest possible moment in the coming session to address energy issues that we were not able to address in a bipartisan fashion in the 106th Congress.

TRIBUTE TO SID YATES

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, Sid Yates, who first came to Congress in 1948 and who served with great distinction until his retirement at the end of the last Congress. All of us who knew and loved Sid were saddened by his recent death. He was a soft-spoken leader who demonstrated time and again his unequivocal commitment to his constituents in Chicago and his unwavering respect for the nation's best principles. He was a public servant in the truest and most noble sense, and he was a powerful inspiration to all of us who were fortunate enough to work with him.

During his years as Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Sid skillfully advanced legislation to sustain and protect our national parks and historic sites. He was a brilliant legislator who has done more to preserve our national historic and cultural legacy than any other member of Congress.

Sid was also well known as Congress's leading advocate for the National endowments for the Arts and Humanities. He was a strong and courageous defender of these important agencies. Especially during times of controversy over the agencies, he spoke effectively and persuasively to preserve their vital programs. Because of Sid Yates, art and music and dance and theater are now more accessible to families across the nation through their schools and in their cultural institutions. It's an outstanding legacy, and I know I join my colleagues in Congress in a commitment to honor Sid Yates' memory with a renewed effort to support the endowments.

Sid Yates will long be remembered as a man who brought graciousness, integrity and civility to public service. He is a patriot who is deeply missed here in Congress as well as in his beloved Chicago. I commend all that he accomplished, and all of us are grateful for his five decades of selfless and principled public service. He will be remembered fondly for many years to come.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Repub-

lican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun safety legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

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Francisco Aguillon, 31, Chicago, IL; Helton Calderio, 42, Detroit, MI; Lashon Carter, 18, Kansas City, MO; Archie Dean, 29, Pittsburgh, PA; Roland Ford, 15, Washington, DC; Eddie Griffith, Sr., 71, Memphis, TN; Richard Hall, 19, Pittsburgh, PA; Larry Lavigne, 22, New Orleans, LA; Willie Matthews, 48, Oakland, CA; Preston Noble, 25, Philadelphia, PA; William Ohlig, 21, Philadelphia, PA; Billijo M. Pyle, 51, Akron, OH; Derrick Smith, 20, Rochester, NY; Doniell Smith, 14, Washington, DC; Gene Thompkins, 57, Akron, OH; and Jorge Vega, 34, Miami-Dade County, FL.

Two of the victims of gun violence I mentioned, 15-year-old Roland Ford and 14-year-old Doniell Smith of Washington, D.C., were shot and killed by four masked gunmen while the two boys and their friends were walking back from a Halloween party hosted by their church. The gunmen fired nearly 30 shots into the group, injuring two and killing Roland and Doniell. A police department representative described the two boys as "strait-laced kids who weren't involved in any negative activity in the community."

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HONORING WWII VETERANS

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise to commend the Idaho youth who have honored World War II veterans in recent months. Several Idaho high schools, including Pocatello High School, Highland High School, and Century High School, as well as Bosie high School, have become tremendously involved in Operation Recognition. In addition, students at Eagle High School have fundraised extensively for the National WWII Memorial that will be placed on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Operation Recognition is a new program through which honorary high school diplomas are awarded to WWII veterans. The veterans who receive

these diplomas left for service in the war before they completed their studies. The gesture of awarding an honorary diploma is a way to thank veterans and demonstrate appreciation for the sacrifices that they made.

Students whose high schools award honorary diplomas often assist in planning the details of the ceremony. In the process of developing memorable and personal additions to the graduation, these young people learn about the war and its historical significance.

Pocatello High School has selected December 7th of this year, which is the 59th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, as the date of its ceremony for graduating veterans. Honorary diplomas will also be awarded to those who attended nearby Highland High School and Century High School. As part of the festivities, one student from each high school will interview a veteran who attended his or her school. The graduates and their families are invited to stay after the ceremony for a reunion. Students have been asked to help decorate the stage and escort attendees to their seats.

The Boise High School History Club is already preparing for the April 17, 2001, Boise High veterans' graduation. Students in the club have done exhaustive research to find eligible veterans. They have also been working to publicize the event, preparing a yearbook for each graduating veteran, and making arrangements for a homeroom mentor program. The students are arranging speaking opportunities for the veterans and a range of social activities, including a cookout. Idaho State Veterans Home Volunteer Coordinator, Tom Ressler, says that the goal is to establish a relationship between veterans and students before the graduation.

Eagle High School students showed their appreciation for WWII veterans by raising more than twenty-three thousand dollars for the National WWII Memorial. Their year-and-a-half fundraising effort proved to be the most successful of all our nation's high schools. The enthusiastically-run fundraising campaign included candy sales, a giant tag sale, and concession stands. The students also marched in parades and ran advertisements on television.

Eleventh grade American history teacher, Gail Chumbley, and student chairs Fil Southerland and Kate Bowen spearheaded the initiative. Ms. Chumbley reported that the fundraising campaign has motivated many students to learn about WWII outside of class. Ms. Chumbley, Mr. Southerland, and Ms. Bowen will present The National Campaign Chairman, Senator Bob Dole, with a commemorative check at the monument's groundbreaking ceremony that will be held on Veterans' Day this year.

I take great pride in the fact that members of the youngest generation of Idahoans, who have grown up in a time of relative peace and unprecedented prosperity for our country, take time to honor our nation's WWII veterans.

Through their endeavors, these students have learned much about WWII. In the process, they have heightened their community's awareness of this important part of American history and the brave people who were part of it.●

COMMENDATION FOR JARED HOHN AND THE HOTSHOTS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the Sawtooth Hotshots for their valiant efforts in fighting the recent forest fires that raged through the Black Hills of South Dakota and other western states. The Hotshots are U.S. Forest Service fire crews that specialize in putting out large forest fires. The work is tough, demanding and invaluable. The Hotshot crew is dedicated, spending countless hours training for situations like those faced this summer. Once the fires occur, they often literally work around the clock to save the forests.

Nowhere is this spirit more exemplified than by Jared Hohn, a 21-year old college student from Hill City, South Dakota. For the last four summers, Jared has worked as a member of the Hotshot crew, fighting fires all over the country to help put himself through college at the University of South Dakota. As a member of the crew, he often works 16 hour days and, in one instance, worked for 42 hours straight fighting desert fires.

The work is dangerous and many lives have been lost. But the 80 hours of training that the crew receives at the start of each summer greatly helps to minimize the danger that they face. The training teaches proper firefighter techniques and understanding of the forces that affect fires, like weather patterns.

The dedication to public service and to saving lives is reflected in Jared and the entire Hotshot crew. Jared and the Hotshots are a hard-working group who literally lay their lives on the line to improve the world around us and to protect us from fires. We owe a great deal to them and to the Forest Service for preforming such a valuable public service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hayes, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2485. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

S. 3164. An act to protect seniors from fraud.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 154. Concurrent resolution to acknowledge and salute the contributions of coin collectors.

S. Con. Res. 165. Concurrent resolution to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 1474.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5239) to provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution (H.J. Res. 102) recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4907. An act to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5461. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to eliminate the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice of shark finning.

H.R. 5537. An act to waive the period of Congressional review of the Child in Need of Protection Amendment Act of 2000.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, and requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 434. Concurrent resolution commending the men and women who fought the year 2000 wildfires for their heroic efforts in protecting human lives and safety and limiting property losses.

H. Con. Res. 439. Concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 2614.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil

War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estate of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2060. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2300. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

H.R. 2498. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.