

to meet familiar faces in passing. Although the town may be steadily expanding its collection of businesses, the residents have not let them overwhelm their beautiful scenic community.

Once again, I want to congratulate the town of Bedford on its 250th anniversary. Stable and secure communities such as Bedford are essentially the backbone of this great nation. It is an honor to serve its citizens in the United States Senate.●

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TRIBUTE TO TOM SCHWIEGER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the outstanding leadership of Tom Schwieger, President and CEO of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Tom's seventeen years of service have been marked by integrity, vision and dedication, earning him the respect and admiration of the people of New Hampshire.

During his tenure at the Manchester Chamber, Tom has initiated and overseen some of the most important revitalization projects of the last fifty years. He was the driving force behind the development of the Manchester Airport and the newly approved Civic Center. In 1998, as a testament to the success of Tom's efforts, Manchester was named the best small city in America in which to live.

When I speak with Tom, I am always left with the impression that he truly loves what he does. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious and Tom has assembled a very prestigious Board of Directors. As BJ Eckhardt of Business New Hampshire Magazine remarked, "people are honored to serve on the board; no one says 'no' to Tom."

In addition to his many professional achievements, Tom has served as a mentor and an inspiration to many members of the Chamber staff. Many current New Hampshire community leaders credit Tom with giving them their start and helping to shape their careers.

Walter Lippman once said, "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on." In his seventeen years at the Chamber, Tom has given the organization direction, drive, and a sense of mission. He has served with spirit and devotion, and his legacy will serve as an example to his successors for years to come.

Tom, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you in the United States Senate. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. May you always continue to inspire those around you.●

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TRIBUTE TO SITESURFER PUBLISHING—NEW HAMPSHIRE "BUSINESS IN THE ARTS" AWARD WINNER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute

to Sitesurfer Publishing upon its recognition as a 2000 New Hampshire "Business in the Arts" award winner in the microenterprise category.

Sitesurfer Publishing has proven that a little bit of time and energy is all it takes to make a significant impact in the arts. This company has allowed such organizations as the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord to become more competitive in today's high-tech world of on-line business. Sitesurfer created a website for the Capitol Center which resulted in thousands of dollars worth of contributions and tickets sold. This type of competitive edge has attracted worldwide visitors and increased the appeal of corporate sponsorship packages, proving to be the sort of revenue needed to continue the Capitol Center's many programs.

Sitesurfer has gone a step further in assuring the future of the Capitol Center's newest technology by providing the necessary hands-on training for the Center's staff to maintain and update the website, while still making itself available for support and hands-on work when it is needed. Sitesurfer understands the importance of making the arts accessible to others by providing memberships and complimentary tickets to their employees and clients.

Without the support of dedicated businesses, the arts would not be able to flourish in the state. Despite its small size, Sitesurfer Publishing has demonstrated that even small businesses can take an active role in the community not only by donating money, but by investing time and hard work into civic causes. Sitesurfer truly signifies the deep personal commitment of small businesses across the state to supporting the causes that make New Hampshire the place to call home. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

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TRIBUTE TO LOU SISSON—WAKEFIELD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lou Sisson upon her recognition as the Wakefield Citizen of the Year by the Greater Wakefield Chamber of Commerce.

Lou's tireless efforts to better her community are truly inspirational in a time where civic duties are declining. Aside from her duties as owner of the Wakefield Inn, Lou has been an active member of the Lions Club, the Women's Club, the Heritage Commission and a founding member of the Wakefield Arts Club. Her long list of involvements are a testament to her strong dedication to the community and her commitment to making various events and programs available to all Wakefield citizens.

Lou's hard work on the Sidewalk Committee led to the construction of numerous sidewalks throughout downtown Wakefield, making the streets safer for pedestrians. She is also in-

volved in a summer youth program which recently created a two-mile heritage trail that outlines information about the town's historic sites, providing educational and recreational opportunities for all town residents. Lou truly enjoys volunteering and cites the friendly, personable town atmosphere as the true motivation for her efforts.

It is citizens like Lou who make our communities stronger and exemplify what is good about America today. Lou's dedication to making her community a better place to live is commendable. It is truly an honor to serve her in the United States Senate.●

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4516) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. OBEY, as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9937. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic rollover of involuntary cash-out" (Rev. Rul. 2000-36) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9938. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on section 403(b) plans" (Revenue Ruling 2000-35) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9939. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Default rollover of involuntary cash-out" (Rev. Rul. 2000-36) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9940. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retention of Income Tax Return Preparers' Signatures" (RIN 1545-AW52) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9941. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telefile Voice Signature Test" (RIN 1545-AR97) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9942. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Medicare and Choice" (RIN 0938-AI29) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9943. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Commission, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-600, -700, and -800 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 2000-NM-209" (RIN 2120-AA64 (2000-0376)) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9944. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Commission, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Oakley, KS; Docket No. 00-ACE-20 [7-14/7-17]" (RIN 2120-AA66 (2000-0175)) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9945. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations Crystal Falls and Republic, Michigan" (MM Docket No. 98-128, RM-9308, RM-9385) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9946. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Las Vegas, Nevada" (MM Docket No. 99-252, RM-9648) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9947. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations Sulphur Bluff, Texas" (MM Docket No. 99-287, RM-9712) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9948. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Reno Nevada" (MM Docket No. 99-291, RM-9665) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9949. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tallulah, Louisiana)" (MM Docket No. 99-348; RM-9765) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9950. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Hemet, California)" (MM Docket No. 99-349; RM-9766) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9951. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Simmesport, Louisiana)" (MM Docket No. 99-350; RM-9769) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9952. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Holbrook, Arizona)" (MM Docket No. 99-351; RM-9785) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9953. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Mojave, California)" (MM Docket No. 99-353; RM-9787) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9954. A communication from the Associate Managing Director-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2000, Report and Order" (MD Docket No. 00-58, FCC 00-240) received on July 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9955. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief of Management, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order In the Matter of Redesignation of 17.7-19.7 GHz Frequency Band, Blanket Licensing of Satellite Earth Stations in 17.7-20.2 GHz and 27.5-30.0 GHz Frequency Bands, and Allocation of Additional Spectrum in 17.3-17.8 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz Frequency Bands for Broadcast Satellite-Service Use" (RIN IB Docket No. 98-172, FCC 00-212) received on July 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9956. A communication from the Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extending Wireless Telecommunications Services to Tribal Lands" (Wt Docket No. 99-266, FCC 00-209) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9957. A communication from the Associate Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Establish New Personal Communications Services, Narrowband PCS, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making." (GEN Doc. 90-314, ET Doc. 92-100, PP Doc. 93-253, FCC 00-159) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9958. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report regarding the incidental capture of Sea Turtles in Commercial Shipping Operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9959. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification relative to the termi-

nation of danger pay for Eritrea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9960. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of six rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama-Approval of Revisions to the Alabama State Implementation Plan: Transportation Conformity Interagency Memorandum of Agreement; Correction" [FRL #6735-6], "Azoxytobin or Methyl(E)-2-3-; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" [FRL #6594-1], "Butyl Acrylate-Vinyl Acetate-Acrylic Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" [FRL #6593-9], "Humic Acid, Sodium Salt, Exemption Tolerance" [FRL #6595-9], "Pendimethalin; Re-establishment of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" [FRL #6596-5], "Tebuconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" [FRL #6596-7] received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9961. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules entitled "Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 311(b)(9)(A), CERCLA Section 311(b)(3) "Announcement of Competition for EPA's Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilots"" (FRL 6837-1), "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Approval of National Low Emission Vehicle Program" (FRL 6838-5), "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revised 15% Plan for the Metropolitan Washington, DC Ozone Non-attainment Area" (FRL 6735-4), "Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL 6594-6), "Vinclozolin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL 65948) received on July 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9962. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District and Kern County Air Pollution Control District" received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9963. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas Permitting of New and Modified Sources in Nonattainment Areas," (FRL 6735-3) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9964. A communication from the General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of the Inspector General, Department of Defense Inspector General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9965. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9966. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 13-379 entitled "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 236, S.O. 00-49, Act of 2000"

adopted by the Council on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9967. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the copies of D.C. Act 13-378 entitled "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 288, S.O. 98-163, Act of 2000" adopted by the Council on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9968. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Contracts" (DFARS Case 2000-D009) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9969. A communication from the Chief of Programs and Legislation Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a notice relative to a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Supply and Transportation function over a sixty month period at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9970. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, a notification relative to functions performed by military and civilian personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9971. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Tropical Botanical Garden Annual Audit Report for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9972. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Program: Procedures for the Conduct of Referendum" (Docket Number: LS-99-14) received on July 14, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9973. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Research and Promotion Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blueberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order" (FV-99-701-FR) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9974. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 2000-33 Automatic Enrollment in Section 457(b) plans" (Rev. Rul. 2000-33) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MACK, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2101: A bill to promote international monetary stability and to share seigniorage with officially dollarized countries (Rept. No. 106-354).

By Mr. GRAMM, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2266: A bill to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee (Rept. No. 106-355).

By Mr. GRAMM, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2453: A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to humanity, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-356).

S. 2459: A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation (Rept. No. 106-357).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1474: A bill providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas (Rept. No. 106-358).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2425: A bill 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 (Rept. No. 106-359).

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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. BIDEN:

S. 2908. A bill to authorize funding for successful reentry of criminal offenders into local communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 2909. A bill to permit landowners to assert otherwise-available state law defenses against property claims by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 341. A resolution authorizing the printing of certain materials in honor of Paul Coverdell.

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STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2908. A bill to authorize funding for successful reentry of criminal offenders into local communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE OFFENDER REENTRY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT OF 2000

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today I am proud to introduce the Offender Reentry and Community Safety Act of 2000. I am introducing this legislation because all too often we have short-term solutions for long-term problems. All too often we think about today, but not tomorrow. It's time that we start looking forward. It's time that we face the dire situation of prisoners re-entering our communities with insufficient monitoring, little or no job skills, inadequate drug treatment, insufficient housing and deficient basic life skills.

According to the Department of Justice, 1.25 million offenders are now liv-

ing in prisons and another 600,000 offenders are incarcerated in local jails. A record number of those inmates—approximately 585,400 will return to communities this year. Historically, two-thirds of returning prisoners have been rearrested for new crimes within three years.

The safety threat posed by this volume of prisoner returns has been exacerbated by the fact that states and communities can't possibly properly supervise all their returning offenders, parole systems have been abolished in thirteen states and policy shifts toward more determinate sentencing have reduced the courts' authority to impose supervisory conditions on offenders returning to their communities.

State systems have also reduced the numbers of transitional support programs aimed at facilitating the return to productive community life styles. Recent studies indicate that many returning prisoners receive no help in finding employment upon release and most offenders have low literacy and other basic educational skills that can impede successful reentry.

At least 55 percent of offenders are fathers of minor children, and therefore face a number of issues related to child support and other family responsibilities during incarceration and after release. Substance abuse and mental health problems also add to concerns over community safety. Approximately 70 percent of state prisoners and 57 percent of federal prisoners have a history of drug use or abuse. Research by Justice indicates that between 60 and 75 percent of inmates with heroin or cocaine problems return to drugs within three months when untreated. An estimated 187,000 state and federal prison inmates have self-reported mental health problems. Mentally ill inmates are more likely than other offenders to have committed a violent offense and be violent recidivists. Few states connect mental health treatment in prisons with treatment in the return community. Finally, offenders with contagious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis are released with no viable plan to continue their medical treatment so they present a significant danger to public health. And while the federal prison population and reentry system differs from the state prison population and reentry systems, there are nonetheless significant reentry challenges at the federal level.

We need to start thinking about what to do with these people. We need to start thinking in terms of helping these people make a transition to the community so that they don't go back to a life of crime and can be productive members of our society. We need to start thinking about the long-term impact of what we do after we send people to jail.

My legislation creates demonstration reentry programs for federal, state and local prisoners. The programs are designed to assist high-risk, high-need offenders who have served their prison