

this country, delivering important supplies to the attack sites of New York City and Arlington, VA. Many of these truckers have been volunteering time, equipment, and use of their vehicles to supply these areas in efforts of relief, regardless of the escalating gas prices throughout the country. This is a commendable act, as airlines have been shut down and delivery has been severely restricted, truckers have responded to the call of America. I commend the work performed by this industry. We have often heard about those on the front line, but not of those in the shadows, holding part of America's infrastructure intact with their service. I say thank you to the hard-working men and women of the trucking industry who continue to contribute to the relief effort throughout the country.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 25, 1994 in Hollywood, CA. Three men and five juveniles wielding baseball bats and a golf club allegedly assaulted two gay men. Juan Huiza, 19, and Marvin and Guillermo Hendriquez, both 20, were charged with suspicion of civil rights violations and assault with a deadly weapon.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DAVID R. CHEVALIER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to former U.S. Army Sgt. David Chevalier of North Hampton, NH, for his heroic service to the United States of America during the Korean Conflict.

On June 13, 1953, David was injured in action while courageously serving his country in Korea. David has earned the Purple Heart medal for his dedicated service to our country with pride.

As a Vietnam veteran and son of a Naval aviator who died in a World War II related incident, I commend David for his selfless dedication to his state and country. He is an American hero who fought to preserve liberty and justice for all citizens of the United States. It is truly an honor and a privi-

lege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ELETROPAC COMPANY, INC.

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Electropac Company, Incorporated, of Manchester, NH, on the celebration of their 25th year in business.

For 25 years, Electropac Company, Incorporated headed by Raymond Boissoneau, has provided high quality printed circuit boards to businesses in New Hampshire, the United States and worldwide markets. The company has constantly invested in the latest technology and processes and has produced innovative products for their customers.

Electropac is one of North America's leading suppliers of printed circuit boards with \$45 million in annual revenue and currently employs more than 400 dedicated team members. Electropac has consistently prided itself in their dedication to complete customer satisfaction and teamwork.

I commend the leadership and employees of Electropac for their exemplary accomplishments in the business world. The contributions of Electropac have been of significant benefit to the citizens of our state and have provided economic stimulus and employment opportunities. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. O'NEIL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to James E. O'Neil of Chesterfield, NH, on being named as the Keene Chamber of Commerce 2001 Citizen of the Year.

Jim has served the community of Keene for many years contributing to the overall quality of life in the region. He is involved in leadership positions with organizations including the Monadnock United Way and Center Stage of Cheshire County and is a board member for Cheshire Medical Center and Monadnock Family Services. Jim is also an executive trustee of Kingsbury's charitable foundation to benefit the Chesterfield School.

Jim and his wife, Joan, have been married for 29 years and have two children: a daughter, Rachel, who resides in Cambridge, MA, and a son, Jay, a resident of Durham, NH.

I commend Jim for a lifetime of community service to the greater Keene area. He is an exemplary role model for the citizens of his community and our entire State. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO COVER

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay

tribute to COVER, a non-profit program based in Lebanon, NH.

The COVER organization works in partnership with low income, elderly and disabled citizens assisting them with urgent home repairs. The volunteers organized by COVER have successfully prevented the imminent displacement of more than 100 Upper Valley residents due to substandard or inaccessible housing.

The members of COVER work together to ensure that home repair projects are supplied with recycled materials to conserve natural resources. The volunteer labor pool allows cover to build positive relationships throughout the community bringing neighbors together to accomplish the refurbishing needs of area homes.

More than 700 hard working volunteers at COVER have completed more than 100 home repair projects in the Upper Valley region since 1998.

I applaud the tireless efforts of the organizers and volunteers of COVER. Their valuable contributions have aided and enriched the lives of the elderly and disabled citizens in the community. The citizens of Lebanon and our entire state owe a debt of gratitude to the COVER organization. New Hampshire is a better place in which to live because of their kind acts of charity. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER LEVERIS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Alec Leveris of Kensington, NH, for his heroic service to the United States of American during World War II.

On September 17, 2001, I will present Alec with the medals he so bravely earned while serving his nation in battle. Alex joined the U.S. Navy in Boston and was trained in Newport, RI. He served as an ordinary seaman on tours of duty on the U.S.S. *Yorktown* including the Battle of Midway and trained pilots to take off and land on the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. *Alabama*.

Alex earned medals for his dedicated military service including: the Honorable Service Lapel Button, a Combat Action Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medals, a World War II Victory Medal, an American Campaign Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal and an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

As a son of a Naval aviator who died in a World War II related incident, I commend Alex for his selfless dedication to his state and country. He is an American hero who fought to preserve liberty and justice for all citizens of the United States. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LESLIE E. ROBERTS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay

tribute to Leslie E. Roberts of Belmont, NH, who passed away on July 27, 2001.

Leslie was born in Wolfeboro, NH, and served with honor in the U.S. Army during world War II with Company C, 64th Armored Infantry Battalion, 16th Armored Division in Germany. He also served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he oversaw construction of major public works restoration projects during the Occupation Period.

After returning to New Hampshire, Leslie joined the 368th Combat Engineer Battalion of the Army Reserve and served for more than 20 years with the reserves as a Battalion Equipment Officer.

Leslie was a small business owner in Belmont, NH, in the dairy and heavy equipment hauling industries. He also served as treasurer of Roberts Cove Corporation of Alton, NH.

He was an active supporter of his community and served in positions including: member and leader in the 4H club, charter member of the Belmont Historical Society and member of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau. Leslie was also a charter member of the Belmont Rotary Club and had been a Paul Harris Fellow. In 1988 he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the town of Belmont.

Leslie is survived by his wife, Suzanne; his sons: Clive Roberts, Mark Roberts and Roy Roberts, and his two daughters: Lynn Wilson and Diane C. MacKey. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two brothers: Preston T. Roberts and Irving R. Roberts and two sisters: Mary Goodrich and Ruth Scheneck.

Leslie served his country and state with pride and dignity. As a Vietnam veteran, I commend him for his service in the U.S. Army and for his exemplary personal and business contributions to his state and community. He will be sadly missed by all those whose lives he touched. It is truly an honor and a privilege to have represented him in the U.S. Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB AND ESTELLA HUGHES

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Bob and Estella Hughes of Bedford, NH, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bob and Estella are natives of Manchester, NH. Bob graduated from St. Anselm College and worked in the automobile industry for more than 40 years as a manager of financial operations prior to retiring.

Estella graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College and received a master's degree in Special Education from Salem State College in Salem, MA. She worked as a school teacher until 1985, when she started Manor Home Builders, Inc. To date, Manor Home Builders, Inc. has constructed more than two

hundred homes in the greater Manchester area. Since his retirement, Bob has joined Estella and their son, David, at Manor Home Builders, Inc.

Bob and Estella have been strong supporters of the local community in many charitable activities. They have also been actively involved in the New Hampshire and national political arena.

Bob and Estella have a large and close-knit family including: 3 daughters, Cindy, Pam and Lisa, 3 sons: David, Kevin and John, and 14 grandchildren.

Mary Jo and I send our warmest congratulations to Bob and Estella on this important wedding anniversary and wish them many more happy years together. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 12:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 717. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

H.R. 1583. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 West Spring Street in New Albany, Indiana, as the "Lee H. Hamilton Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1850. An act to extend the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century and to make technical corrections to the law governing the Commission.

H.R. 1860. An act to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2589. An act to amend the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 to reauthorize the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities.

H. Con. Res. 204. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of National Character Counts Week.

The message further announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and has agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. WOLF, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. VITTER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. OBEY.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following Senate bill, without amendment:

S. 248. A bill to amend the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, to adjust a condition on the payment of arrearages to the United Nations that sets the maximum share of any United Nations peacekeeping operation's budget that may be assessed of any country.

At 4:16 p.m., a message from the House delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 2199. An act to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2944. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2510) to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 717. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research