

Second, by ignoring the legacy cost issue, the President is walking away from the hard work that must be done to promote industry consolidation and re-vitalization, an objective this administration has been advancing from the start.

We need serious legacy cost legislation and that is precisely what this bill represents. I urge my colleagues in the Senate and the House to support its passage. And I urge the President to take another look at this issue and work with us on a meaningful solution.

The viability of our domestic steel industry, and our national security, are at stake here. We must act, and we must act soon.●

RECOGNITION OF MR. BEN LAMENDSORD

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Mr. Ben Lamensdorf of Cary, MS, for his distinguished service as President of Delta Council.

Delta Council is an economic development organization representing eighteen counties of Northwest Mississippi. Organized in 1935, Delta Council brings together the agricultural, business, and professional leadership of the area to solve common problems and promote the economic development of the Mississippi Delta region.

As President of Delta Council, Ben has been an effective leader in promoting sound agricultural policy in a year when that issue has been so vital to rural America. His insights and experience have been of invaluable assistance to my staff and me as we addressed policies to make American agriculture stronger.

Ben also distinguished himself in other areas of public policy that have impacted on his beloved Mississippi Delta region. He has been a proponent for better schools and innovative educational models; he has supported transportation and water resource projects that are vital to the future of Northwest Mississippi; his personal farming practices have served as an example for sound conservation and environmental measures, and he has been a leader in defining and shaping alliances in health care that can have both an immediate and long-term impact on the well-being of citizens in the Delta.

The level of Ben's commitment to Mississippi and its people has been evident since he returned home to Cary after graduating from Mississippi State University. In addition to operating a cotton, soybean, wheat, and pecan farm in Sharkey and Issaquena Counties, he owns and operate Grundfest and Klaus Gin.

Ben serves as a chairman of the board for the Bank of Anguilla. He is a member of the Anshe Chesed Temple in Vicksburg and serves on the board of the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. A Founding Director and current Board member of Delta wildlife. Ben has also served as a member of the Sharkey-Iaasquena Soil and Water Commission.

I congratulate Ben Lamensdorf for his contributions to the Delta region Mississippi and the Nation, and I look forward to his future contributions in improving the quality of life for our citizens.●

EXPEDITED BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURES

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, the expedited bankruptcy procedures provided in Chapter 12 of the bankruptcy code are extremely important for family farmers struggling during difficult times. I have been working diligently to extend these provisions and to make them permanent. I am pleased that both the Farm Bill and the Bankruptcy Bill Conference Committees are currently considering permanent extensions. The bill we are about to pass is an important stop-gap measure that will provide much needed assistance to family farmers until a permanent extension is enacted.●

MURKOWSKI AND STEVENS AMENDMENTS, NO. 3132 AND NO. 3133 TO S. 517, THE ENERGY REFORM ACT

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I rise today to explain my opposition to the Murkowski and Stevens amendments to S. 517, the Energy Reform bill.

Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not the only solution to our dependence on foreign oil. I am opposed to drilling in the Arctic Refuge because I believe there should be a comprehensive national energy policy.

During the Senate's ongoing consideration of S. 517, I have voted in favor of strengthening Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for SUVs and light trucks. By increasing oil savings, stronger CAFE standards would make us less dependent on foreign fuel and demonstrate a real commitment to conservation. The CAFE amendment failed. I voted in support of increasing the amount of renewable fuels in our energy portfolio. This provision failed. I have also supported tax credits for domestic marginal well production and providing incentives to consumers for purchasing alternative technology vehicles and improving the efficiency of their homes and offices. I am optimistic that these efforts will be successful.

I am prepared to support a national energy policy that balances our energy needs with strong environmental protection. Reducing our dependence on foreign oil is a national priority, but should not come solely at the expense of our nation's precious natural resources.

First established by President Eisenhower in 1960, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was created and later expanded to preserve the area's unique wilderness and wildlife values by protecting fish and wildlife populations in their natural diversity. The 1.5 million acres of the Refuge's coastal plain pro-

posed for oil exploration and drilling, known as the "1002" area, is the most biologically productive part of the Refuge. The coastal plain is home to a diverse collection of wildlife including polar and grizzly bear populations, musk oxen, 180 bird species, and one of the largest caribou herds in North America.

Each year, the Porcupine Caribou herd—over 129,000 members strong—migrates 400 miles from wintering grounds in the north central Canadian Yukon to the Arctic Refuge coastal plain where they give birth to their young. In a typical year, the herd can birth up to 40–50,000 calves.

The importance of the Porcupine Caribou herd can best be illustrated by a 1987 Conservation Agreement between the Governments of Canada and the United States. The Agreement recognizes the value of the Porcupine herd and the importance of protecting their birthing grounds to ensure the future sustainability of the population as a vital part of the Refuge's ecological system. In Canada, land north of the Porcupine River was withdrawn from development in 1978. Oil exploration and drilling in the Porcupine Caribou herd's prime calving grounds remains an item of contention between the United States and Canada and threatens the future of the Conservation Agreement.

I am prepared to support a national energy policy that balances our energy needs with strong environmental protection. Reducing our dependence on foreign oil is a national priority, but should not come at the expense of our nation's precious natural resources. Allowing oil and gas development in the coastal plain promises only short-term benefits that may irreparably damage the wildlife values and unique vitality of the Arctic Refuge.

Opening the Arctic Refuge to oil exploration and drilling should not be the primary component of the effort to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. There are other steps we should take that would provide more benefits in the long term.●

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, statistics show that a woman is raped every 5 minutes in the United States and that one in every three adult women experiences at least one physical assault by a partner during adulthood. In fact, more women are injured by domestic violence each year than by automobile accidents and cancer deaths combined. Statistics that report the abuse of our children are equally staggering. Nationwide, an estimated 826,000 children are victims of abuse and neglect, a number greater than the population of my home State of South Dakota.

April is recognized as both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This week,

the week of April 21-27, is National Crime Victims Rights Week and is a good time to take a serious look at the progress we have made in addressing the problem of abuse against women and children in our communities. In 1983, I introduced legislation in the South Dakota State Legislature to use marriage license fees to help fund domestic abuse shelters. At that time, thousands of South Dakota women and children were in need of shelters and programs to help them. However, few people wanted to acknowledge that domestic abuse occurred in their communities, or even in their homes.

During the last 7 years, I have led efforts in the U.S. Congress to authorize the original Violence Against Women Act, VAWA, and, most recently, expand and improve the program to assist rural communities. South Dakota has received over \$8 million in VAWA funds for women's shelters and family violence prevention services. In addition, the law has doubled prison time for repeat sex offenders, established mandatory restitution to victims of violence against women, and strengthened interstate enforcement of violent crimes against women. South Dakotans can also call a nationwide toll-free hotline for immediate crisis intervention help and free referrals to local services. The number to call for help is 1-800-799-SAFE.

In South Dakota last year, over 5,500 women were provided assistance in domestic violence shelters and outreach centers thanks, in part, to VAWA funds. While I am pleased that we have made significant progress in getting resources to thousands of South Dakota women in need, it is important to look beyond the numbers. Mr. President, 5,500 neighbors, sisters, daughters, and wives in South Dakota were victimized by abuse last year. Thousands of other women are abused and do not seek help. We must also recognize that the problem is multiplied on the reservations where Native American women are abused at two-and-a-half times the national rate and are more than twice as likely to be rape victims as any other race of women.

The words of a domestic abuse survivor may best illustrate the need to remain vigilant in Congress and in our communities on preventing domestic abuse. A woman from my State wrote me and explained that she was abused as a child, raped as a teenager, and emotionally abused as a wife. Her grandchildren were also abused. In her letter, she pleaded:

Don't let another woman go through what I went through, and please don't let another child go through what my grandchildren have gone through. You can make a difference.

We all can make a difference by protecting women and children from violence and abuse.●

GREEK SUPPORT FOR THE WAR ON TERROR

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask to have printed in the RECORD the remarks of President George W. Bush in regard to the stance that Greece has taken in our war against terror.

The remarks follow.

PRESIDENT BUSH:

There's a huge number of Greek Americans who live in our country, who still have got great fondness for the country of their ancestors.

I am most appreciative of Greece's strong stand against terror. Greece has been a friend in our mutual concerns about routing our terror around the world, and I want to thank them for that very much.

I'm also very appreciative of Greek Prime Minister Simitis' administration working with Turkey. Relations have improved with Turkey, and as a result the world is better off. And I want to thank Greece for their vision, for their Foreign Ministry's hard work to do what is right for the world, to make the world more peaceful.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE THURMAN G. ADAMS, JR.

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, on May 3, 2002, the Delaware State Bar Association will present its prestigious Liberty Bell Award to Thurman G. Adams, Jr.

I could introduce Thurman Adams to my colleagues in any number of ways, he is the dean of the Delaware State Senate, the majority leader, and by the time his current term ends, he will have served longer than any Delaware State Senator in history. And Delaware has a long history.

Senator Adams has served on and, in fact, chaired virtually every major committee, including 25 years-and-counting as chairman of the Executive Committee, current chairmanship of the Banking Committee, past chairmanship of the Agriculture Committee, and current service on the Judiciary, Administrative Services, Permanent Rules and Ethics Committees, as well as his role in the Senate leadership.

I could also introduce Thurman Adams as, in many ways, the quintessential Delawarean, I should add Sussex Countian, and I can pinpoint it even more to his beloved town of Bridgeville.

Like his father, Thurman was born on the family farm on the road now known as Adams Road. His grandson lives there now, and runs the farming operations day-to-day. Thurman graduated from Bridgeville High School, and then from the University of Delaware. After college, he joined the family feed, grain and farm business, T.G. Adams & Sons, which he now serves as president.

So, I could introduce Thurman Adams as one of the longest serving and most influential leaders of our State. I could introduce him as representing the great tradition of Delaware agriculture, Delaware towns, Delaware small business and Delaware families.

I also have the very great privilege of being able to introduce Thurman Adams as my friend, a friend I deeply admire as a man of his word, a man of conviction, a man of values and of principle.

And in a much higher tribute to him, I could introduce Thurman as the husband of one of the truly great ladies I have met in my life, Hilda McCabe Adams.

I have been with Hilda and Thurman Adams in times of victory and celebration, and I have been with them in times of tragedy and loss. In every circumstance, they have been the definition of class, and they have more integrity in their little fingers than most of us will be able to summon in our lifetimes.

Their journey together has been inspiring to those of us who are lucky enough to be around them, but it has not always been easy. They endured the loss of an infant grandchild, and then tragically in May of 2000, the death of that baby's father, their son, Brent McCabe Adams, Sr., at the age of 45. And now they are facing, with characteristic strength and courage, a serious illness for Hilda.

In honoring Thurman Adams, the Delaware Bar Association will, rightly, pay tribute to his decades of service to our State, his particular contribution as a leader on the Judiciary Committee, and his role in leading the Senate confirmation process, never as a mere matter of procedure, but thoughtfully and skillfully, for so many members of the Bar, and other Delawareans, who have been appointed to positions within our State government.

For my part, I would like to pay tribute to Thurman and Hilda Adams as, simply, exceptional and inspiring human beings, the best of citizens, the best of neighbors, and the best friends anyone could ask for. They just don't make them like Hilda and Thurman very often. We in Delaware are very lucky.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last 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 October 18, 1993 in Menomonie, WI. A lesbian college student was beaten by three men and a woman. During the beating, the attackers were heard to yell anti-lesbian slurs.

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