

I believe the Senate must send a message of hope and a message of action. We have friends outside the Jewish community who are standing with us. We ought to thank them and embrace them. Just as we had friends during the Holocaust, we must always embrace them. We must always form those coalitions. I believe that Americans of all faiths and people of all faiths across this world understand what is at stake here. Because it really is about humanity. Israel will come out of this strong, and remain a beacon of hope in the Middle East with the United States standing by as one of its greatest allies.

I agree with Prime Minister Sharon that the peace table must be rebuilt and there must once again be a process in place to resolve at long last the difficult challenges of the Middle East.●

#### 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 November 1, 1992, in Miami Beach, FL. A 45-year-old Miami Beach man was beaten outside a gay nightclub. The assailants, two teenagers, were heard to make anti-gay threats toward the victim.

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 and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

#### CHILD CARE

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to share with my colleagues a letter sent by almost 300 State legislators—Republican and Democrat alike from 40 States—calling on Congress to add substantial new funding for child care.

Just as parents have provided moving testimony to Congress about their struggles to find and afford child care, these state legislators join them in urging us to better fund child care to help families work and children succeed in school. Unfortunately, the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), is currently serving only one out of every seven eligible children. And any progress that States have made in recent years is now being threatened by the challenging economic situations that the States are confronting. I, along with Senators KERRY and TORRICELLI, introduced the Children First Act of 2002, S. 2070, to

help children, families and the states meet their child care needs.

People in New Mexico recognize that accessible, quality child care is a vital support for working families. Increased availability of child care will help to ensure the success of welfare reform, while also providing a critical support for parents earning low-incomes who are struggling to support their families and stay off the welfare rolls. State legislators see firsthand the integral role of child care in helping families to work.

Quality child care also provides children with the early learning experience they need to achieve in school. States have been strong partners in the effort to improve public education across the nation. We must help them to provide children with the experiences they need to be ready to learn.

These State legislators, including 14 legislators from New Mexico, today join the growing chorus of voices that we have heard from in support of increased child care funding. I ask unanimous consent that the text of their letter be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows.

APRIL 24, 2002

Re: Child Care  
Hon. JEFF BINGAMAN,  
U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR BINGAMAN: Quality child care is one of the most important investments we can make to help families to work and children to enter school ready to learn. The undersigned state legislators believe that substantial new investments for child care must be a top federal priority.

Congress has a unique opportunity to address child care this year. As you undertake the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), we urge you to make sufficient new investments to ensure that 2 million more eligible children can receive assistance and that quality improvements can be made. This additional funding would approximately double the number of children currently getting assistance while improving the quality of care. Now, just 1 in 7 eligible children are receiving this important assistance.

This additional investment serves two critical purposes. First, child care is an essential work support that will help ensure the success of welfare reform. Working parents need stable, affordable, and safe child care for their children in order to get a job and stay employed. Parents who work in low wage jobs struggle to find quality child care that they can afford. State legislators see firsthand the critical value of child care and its integral role in helping families to work.

Second, quality care provides children with the early education experience they need to be ready for school and success in later life. States have been strong partners in the effort to improve the education of our children; we must to provide them with the strongest foundation possible to prepare them to be ready to learn and to succeed in school.

Substantial new funding for the CCDBG would help states ensure that parents can work and children can have the quality early learning experiences that help prepare them to achieve in school. Now, as states struggle to overcome difficult economic challenges, we hope that we can count on your leadership in making additional investments in the

CCDBG. This investment is one we cannot afford NOT to make.

Sincerely,

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#### ROLLCALL VOTES FOR APRIL 24, 2002

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I was unable to vote during the consideration of S. 517, the Senate energy bill, on Wednesday, April 24. I traveled to my home State on that day to welcome and meet the President of the United States on his trip to Wentworth, SD.

Had I been here, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 80, a motion to table Cantwell amendment No. 3234, "Nay" on rollcall No. 81, a motion to table Bingaman amendment No. 3316, "Yea" on rollcall No. 82, a motion to table Carper amendment No. 3197, "Nay" on rollcall No. 83, a motion to table Nickles amendment No. 3256, and "Nay" on rollcall vote No. 84, a motion to table Fitzgerald amendment No. 3214.•

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE PARITY FOR AMERICANS ACT

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, in March 2002, the National Institute for Health Care Management announced that for yet another year, prescription drug prices rose more than ten percent. Often we see these rising costs attributed to the plethora of new drugs now available and to the resources needed to produce such innovative technologies. Yet, I find this argument difficult to accept when Fortune 500 reported this month that while most industries report dwindling earnings, pharmaceutical companies were showing impressive gains. Drug prices rising steadily in a year when the pharmaceutical industry trumped all other industries in profitability is a correlation that should come to nobody as a surprise.

Pharmaceutical companies continue to insist that they are sinking under the heavy cost of research and development. But R&D costs are not causing high drug prices. Excessive profits are causing high drug prices, and excessive profits are keeping necessary drugs out of the financial reach of millions. It is time for Congress to challenge the practices of U.S. drug manufacturers. The Prescription Drug Price Parity for Americans Act exposes drug manufacturers to international price competition by allowing the reimportation of

FDA-approved drugs from Canada, where prices are almost 35 percent lower. In the face of such competition, drug companies will be confronted with the fact that, all along, their prices have not only been exorbitant, but unwarranted.

Over the past few years, I have brought to the Senate floor countless stories of Michigan residents who have crossed the border into Canada simply to get their hands on affordable prescription drugs. They continue to do so as we speak, and I do not blame them when just a few months ago I found that Prilosec, a commonly prescribed gastrointestinal drug, was fifty dollars less in a pharmacy in Windsor, Canada, than in a pharmacy in neighboring Detroit. U.S. pharmaceutical manufacturers continue to operate in a closed market. They are still able to get away with charging \$50 more than their Canadian counterparts. Additionally, they are currently the only ones who are allowed to import drugs approved by the FDA. American pharmacists and distributors deserve this right, too. Pharmacists and distributors deserve not only the right to purchase lower costing FDA-approved drugs abroad, but to bring these critical drugs back to America where the savings can be passed on to our own citizens. The Prescription Drug Price Parity for Americans Act, which improves upon last year's enacted version, would make this access possible.

High drug prices impact everyone—the young and the old, the insured and the uninsured—we all lose when prescription drugs are unaffordable. Much more needs to be done to expand access to lower priced prescription drugs sold abroad and the bill we are introducing today will help to offer that opportunity.•

#### THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SELBYVILLE, DELAWARE

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, there are times, it seems, when we celebrate "small-town America" as an idea, either in nostalgic longing or as an homage to traditional values and a spirit of community that seem elusive in the rush of modern life.

But the values and spirit of our small towns is more than just an idea; it is real, it is alive, it not only endures but thrives, to the benefit of us all, in places across this country, and certainly in towns up and down my home State of Delaware.

The Town of Selbyville, in Sussex County, the southernmost part of our State, is one such place. And it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to Selbyville, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

The history of the Town goes back much further than 1902, to the late 1770s, when Benjamin Long, Arthur McCabe, John Murray, Reuben Stevens and Elijah Campbell bought a 250-acre tract at the head of the St. Martin's River, where a gristmill and sawmill operated.