

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 April 27, 2001 at Kent State University in Ohio. Mikell Nagy, an openly gay university student, was eating breakfast with friends when he heard someone make an anti-gay comment toward another friend across the room. When Mr. Nagy went to see if his friend was okay, a man walked up behind him, called him "fag-got" and punched him in the face. According to witnesses, blood was pouring from cuts above his left eye and his two front teeth were chipped during the incident.

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.●

HONORING CAPTAIN STEPHEN A. PRINCE

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a native of Greenville, SC, Captain Stephen A. Price. He will soon be retiring after a distinguished 26-year career in the Navy, most recently as the division chief at the Defense Logistics Agency's Business Development and Supply Chain Integration, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Captain Price has served in a number of challenging positions. At sea, he participated in the highly successful maiden deployment of the USS *John C. Stennis* to the Arabian Gulf. He also served as an officer on the USS *Ashtabula* and the USS *John L. Hall*. His shore assignments, in the Area of Supply, have taken him to four States and to Iceland. His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals; and from the Navy and Marine Corps, two Commendation and two Achievement Medals.

We all appreciate Captain Prince's service to our Nation. I wish him, his wife Linda, and their two daughters, the very best; and I hope they have more opportunities to return home to South Carolina to visit Captain Prince's family currently residing in Myrtle Beach.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am proud to take this moment to salute the incredible 25-year record of SunLine Transit Agency, which provides service to the Coachella Valley. SunLine Transit Agency is a leader in clean fuels technology, operating all its transit buses and other vehicles on alternate fuels.

SunLine is clearly ahead of its time. It was the first public transit agency in the nation to convert its fleet to cleaner burning natural gas, the first to co-develop, with private and public sector partners, renewable hydrogen generation and education facilities, and the lead agency in the Coachella Valley's award-winning U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program.

SunLine's clean fuel buses have driven 25 million clean air miles, and have carried 4 million passengers per year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. SunLine has hosted visitors from near and far, including foreign ministers, ambassadors, energy officials, automakers and energy providers. It has also helped other transit properties and fleet operators around the world convert to clean fuels.

I had the great pleasure to tour SunLine's state-of-art facilities and meet its wonderful staff. Last February, I presented the agency with my Conservation Champion Award and took a ride in its hydrogen powered SunBug. As I stood under the brilliant blue sky of the Coachella Valley, I felt proud knowing that California's SunLine Transit Agency is leading the way for the nation with innovative approaches to provide renewable energy.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Richard Cromwell, III, General Manager and CEO of SunLine, and all of SunLine's staff. They have successfully made it a leader for California and the Nation.●

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.)

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-7463. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program" (RIN2132-AA64) received on June 7, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7464. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Indorsement and Payment of Checks Drawn on the United States Treasury" (RIN1510-AA45) received on May 23, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7465. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Texas" (Doc. No. 02-021-1) received on June 10, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7466. A communication from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Anti-deficiency Act violation totaled \$183,500; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7467. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)" (RIN1018-AE34) received on June 6, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7468. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7469. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2001 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7470. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2002-20, relative to Vietnam; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7471. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veteran's Programs Amendments Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 402(a) of the USA-PATRIOT Act (P.L. 107-56), the report of final regulations "to implement procedures for the taking of fingerprints" and "to establish the conditions for the use of the information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation" in order to protect security and confidentiality of that information; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7473. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-250. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to judicial taxation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, separation of powers is fundamental to the United States Constitution and the power of the federal government is strictly limited; and

Whereas, under the United States Constitution, the states are to determine public policy; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the judiciary to interpret the law, not to create law; and

Whereas, federal district courts, with the acquiescence of the United States Supreme Court, continue to order states to levy or increase taxes in violation of the United States Constitution and the legislative process; and

Whereas, the time has come for the people of this great nation and their duly elected representatives in state government, to reaffirm, in no uncertain terms, that the authority to tax under the Constitution of the United States is retained by the people who, by their consent alone, do delegate such power to tax explicitly to those duly elected representatives in the legislative branch of government whom they choose, such representatives being directly responsible and accountable to those who have elected them; and

Whereas, several states have petitioned the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America which was previously introduced in Congress; and

Whereas, the amendment seeks to prevent federal courts from levying or increasing taxes without representation of the people and against the people's wishes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

1. That the Congress of the United States expeditiously propose and submit to the Legislatures of the several States for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to add a new article providing as follows: "Neither the Supreme Court nor any inferior court of the United States shall have the power to instruct or order a state or a political subdivision thereof, or an official of such a state or political subdivision, to levy or increase taxes."

2. That this resolution constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

3. That the Legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States are urged to apply to the United States Congress requesting that the referenced amendment to the United States Constitution be submitted to the states for ratification.

4. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each Member of the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, and the Secretary of State and the presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislatures of each of the other States in the Union.

POM-251. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to a health care pilot program for the Arapahoe and Shoshone Tribes on the Wind River Reservation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas, the United States government has historically, by treaty, accepted responsibility for the health care services of the Arapahoe and Shoshone tribal members;

Whereas, there exists a growing health care disparity between tribal members and other groups in Wyoming;

Whereas, inflation has eroded the purchasing power of the Indian Health Service appropriation and Indian health care service costs have increased substantially in the last ten (10) years but federal funding for that care has remained essentially the same;

Whereas, Indian health contract care has financially impacted the quality of medical

care and services provided, the quality of health facilities available and provided an economic boost to communities surrounding the Wind River Reservation and this impact needs to be studied: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the Wyoming State Legislature endorses the establishment of a tribal health care services pilot program to study these areas of concern.

Section 2. That the Wyoming State Legislature strongly encourages the United States to appropriate monies for the establishment of a tribal health care services pilot program on the Wind River Reservation.

Section 3. That the Wyoming State Legislature strongly encourages the United States to appropriate monies to adequately pay for the increased costs of tribal health care because it affects the level and quality of health care available to, and provided for, all citizens in Fremont, Hot Springs and Natrona Counties.

Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.

POM-252. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to restore equitable distribution of federal highway funding to states and municipalities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, states and municipalities depend heavily upon federal money to supplement transportation projects; and

Whereas, Maine's highway fund is already facing a \$40,000,000 structural gap; and

Whereas, Maine is a rural state and depends heavily on its roads, bridges and highways for transporting consumer goods to the marketplace; and

Whereas, states and municipalities are set to lose 11% of anticipated transportation funding; and

Whereas, maintaining vital state and national infrastructure should take priority over alternative pet projects: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to restore the federal highway funding commitment to states and municipalities and to pursue equitable and fair distribution of federal dollars for transportation ventures; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-253. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the rights of women in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, During the past four years, the Taliban had gained military control over virtually all of Afghanistan; and

Whereas, The Taliban's earliest action upon establishing rule in Kabul was to impose strict segregation of clinics and hospitals by gender and to prohibit access by women and girls; and

Whereas, The Taliban had prohibited most women from working, required the wearing of an enveloping burqa on pain of punish-

ment, denies girls access to schooling, prohibited women from leaving their homes without a close male family member for escort and imposed other draconian restrictions on women's mobility and access to humanitarian aid, health care and education; and

Whereas, A full-length study of the effects of the Taliban's policies on women's health and human rights, conducted by the human rights organization Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), was published in the August 1998 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association; and

Whereas, The study, which has been revisited and updated in 1999 and 2000, showed that 81% of respondents reported a decline in their mental health, 42% met the criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder, 97% met the criteria for major depression and 86% demonstrated significant symptoms of anxiety; and

Whereas, The women interviewed by PHR overwhelmingly rejected the Taliban's interpretation of Islam and of Afghan history and culture and expressed their strong support for women's equality and immediate access to health care and education; and

Whereas, In July 1998, the Taliban ordered all humanitarian nongovernmental organizations out of Afghanistan for refusing to move their living quarters into a facility on the outskirts of Kabul which lacked water and electricity; and

Whereas, The vicious and unprecedented attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, that resulted in thousands upon thousands of deaths of American citizens, has been linked to the Taliban; and

Whereas, Subsequent attacks on Afghanistan by the United States Armed Forces as well as civil unrest between Afghan factions have led to the fall of the Taliban in some Afghan cities, including Kabul; and

Whereas, The new Afghan government has made efforts to restore the voice of Afghan women by naming two women to cabinet-level positions, including Health Minister and the Minister of Women's Affairs; and

Whereas, While these very recent developments in Afghanistan seem to indicate a movement toward establishing women's rights and restoring their civil liberties, a great deal of time and money needs to be invested to elevate the status of women and to allow them full participation in society: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn the Taliban's discrimination against women; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to publicly disapprove of these atrocities, take whatever steps necessary to end the discrimination and violence against women and urge the full restoration of their rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the United States Government, as well as the United Nation's humanitarian organizations, to provide whatever assistance may be necessary to the new government of Afghanistan for the purpose of restoring the rights of Afghan women; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-254. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the addition of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, For more than fifty years, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has played a pivotal role in promoting stability and peace in Europe. This highly successful venture is predicated on the commitment of its member nations to ideals that closely parallel the precepts of democracy, internationally recognized human rights, and civilian control of the military that are fundamental to the United States; and

Whereas, Since its establishment, NATO has gradually expanded its membership to reflect the changing face of Europe. Countries that have joined this alliance have shared the same commitment to the long-term strength and stability of the region that is vital to our nation and the world. The most recent additions have in common the peaceful transition to a free-market economy after long years under the yoke of Communism; and

Whereas, The Baltic nations of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania have clearly demonstrated the principles of NATO. These three countries, each with strong dedication to peace and exemplary records of resisting oppression, have a great deal to contribute to the alliance. Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania have set examples of the ideals of freedom through their institutions and cultures. The addition of these nations to NATO will only make more secure the bonds of peace and democracy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate (the house of representatives concurring), That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to support the addition of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-255. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Virginia relative to women in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 603

Whereas, The Taliban regime has not recognized international human rights treaties agreed to by previous governments and the international community, citing irrelevance to its culture and Islamic law; and

Whereas, Under Taliban rule, Afghan women have been subjected to a brutal system of gender apartheid and extreme repression, including being banned from schools, prohibited from working, forbidden from leaving their homes and being forced to wear head-to-toe burka shrouds; and

Whereas, Afghan women have been subjected to harsh punishments in the form of public beatings in the name of "religion and culture" upon violation of Taliban decrees; and

Whereas, These decrees have caused a virtual collapse of the educational system, a complete disregard of human and civil rights and have had a disastrous impact on health care systems in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, These decrees represent a striking departure from past religious and cultural practices in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1979; and

Whereas, The United States became a party to CEDAW but never ratified the convention; and

Whereas, There have been 16 ratifications and accessions of CEDAW including Iraq,

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Great Britain and Canada, with the most recent country, Mauritania, ratifying CEDAW on May 10, 2001; and

Whereas, Notable exceptions of countries not yet ratifying CEDAW besides the United States include Iran and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, The United States has joined with the United Nations in attempting to include women in all aspects of the humanitarian, reconstruction and redevelopment efforts in Afghanistan as well as in the reestablishment of a constitutional democracy in Afghanistan; and

Whereas, After years of being subjected and brutally repressed by the Taliban regime, Afghan women should enjoy full and equal participation in every level of Afghan society without discrimination: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate hereby urges the government of the United States ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and be it further

Resolved, That the senate hereby urges the government of the United States accelerate and strengthen efforts to ensure that Afghan women have a full and equal role in every aspect of the reconstruction process and the reestablishment of a constitutional democracy in post-Taliban Afghanistan in which women have full and equal civil and human rights and social justice; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the President of the United States Senate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1917: A bill to provide for highway infrastructure investment at the guaranteed funding level contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. (Rept. No. 107-163).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 2024: A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility device on trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds. (Rept. No. 107-164).

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. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2628. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require a State to promote financial education under the temporary assistance to needy families program and to allow financial education to count as a work activity under that program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 2629. A bill to provide for an agency assessment, independent review, and Inspector General report on privacy and data protection policies of Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2630. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and surviving spouses of such veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 198, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1785, a bill to urge the President to establish the White House Commission on National Military Appreciation Month, and for other purposes.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of special pension for recipients of the Medal of Honor and to make that special pension effective from the date of the act for which the recipient is awarded the Medal of Honor and to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties associated with misuse or fraud relating to the Medal of Honor.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, and for other purposes.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to amend part A of title IV to exclude child care from the determination of the 5-year limit on assistance under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 2210

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota