

BOEING EELV VIOLATIONS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, last week, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Peter Teets, announced the Air Force's determination that the Boeing Company had committed serious violations of Federal law by illegally acquiring thousands of documents from its chief competitor, Lockheed Martin. Apparently, the Boeing Company used this information to underbid Lockheed during the billion-dollar Evolved Expendable Vehicle competition. Boeing's illegal activity probably cost Lockheed Martin hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts and did serious damage to the Federal Government's procurement process.

As a result, the Air Force has punished the Boeing Company by suspending Boeing's Launch Systems, Services, and Delta business units for an indefinite period of time. The Air Force also reduced the total number of Boeing launches by seven. The Air Force increased the total number of launches for Lockheed by the same number.

The Air Force granted Lockheed Martin permission to develop a west coast launch capability at Vandenberg Air Force Base, which will give Lockheed an opportunity to compete for launches from this critical base. This decision will give the Air Force more flexibility in awarding launches in the future.

I was pleased by the Air Force's decision. Integrity of the procurement process is essential and nothing less than the highest standards should be expected. Boeing's actions are a major disappointment, and it is my hope that the Air Force's decision will serve up as a wake-up call, not just for this company, but for all companies doing business with the Department of Defense.

Boeing must not take measures to ensure that its employees know that this activity is unacceptable. To this end, the hiring of former Senator Warren Rudman to review the company's policies and procedures regarding ethics and the handling of competitive information was a good first step. It saddens me to think that a handful of individuals could have caused such problems for the 160,000 hard-working men and women employed by the Boeing Company.

We should keep in mind that the Department of Justice is continuing its own investigation into the criminal activities of these former employees. I will also be requesting through the Senate Armed Services Committee that the General Accounting Office investigate whether defense consolidation has resulted in a situation where the Federal Government's ability to punish those companies that violate the procurement process has been limited.

To be clear, I continue to support the Air Force's policy of sustaining two launch providers for the EELV program. Last February, I sent a letter to

the Secretary of Defense emphasizing my belief that reliance on only one provider could jeopardize our ability to utilize space. Assured access to space requires sufficient launch capability, which would be lost with the elimination of one launch service providers. And, while redundancy is expensive, I believe we need to ensure space assets are there for our men and women in the Armed Forces when they are needed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE NASHUA LIONS CLUB

• Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Nashua Lions Club in recognition of their 80th anniversary.

Eighty-six years ago, insurance executive Melvin Jones and his fellow Chicago business associates gathered and formed Lions International.

Originally, their objectives were humanitarian service to their community. It wasn't until Helen Keller spoke at their 1925 convention and challenged them to become her "Knights of the Blind" that they began a service that today has become the largest service organization in the world.

In mid-1923, a similar group of Nashua business leaders began meeting at the old YMCA on Temple Street. A few months later they were chartered as the Nashua Lions Club, becoming the second oldest club in the State. Since that time, the men and women of the Nashua Lions have answered the challenge of Helen Keller and have lived by the Lions motto "We Serve."

In their 80 years of service, the Nashua Lions have raised over \$1 million that has gone to pay for eye examinations, eye glasses, eye surgery, and hearing aid for needy children and adults. Last year, Nashua Lions tested more children between the ages of 3 months and 4 years than any club in the entire State using the revolutionary "KIDSIGHT" camera that enables doctors to read a laster photo of a young child's eye and determine whether or not they have any problems at an early age.

In the early 1950's, the Nashua Lions led by former Major Mario Vagge built the friendship club—a place for handicapped Nashua residents to go and socialize—which is still in use today. In 1995, the club was approached by a Nashua family with a severely handicapped child at home. "Melanie's Room" became a reality and for several years Melanie and her family shared in her being with them at home.

Besides the usual groups and charities supported by the Lions, many club members throughout the years have given not only their own money, but they have devoted countless hours to the city through service as mayors, alderman, fire commissioners, judges, educators, police, and firefighters.

Local groups have benefited from having Lions serve on their organizations board of directors. Lions are involved with programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sister in-school mentors, Juvenile Diabetes Education efforts, Special Olympics, and Lions Club Camp Pride.

In addition to their numerous community and charity efforts, the Nashua Lions have also provided leadership to the entire Lions International Organization. During their 80-year history, Nashua has had three district governors: Clifford Sloan, 1960-1961, Joseph Bielawski, 1983-1984, and Edward Lecius, 1998-1999.

The Nashua Lions are a true example of the volunteer spirit that President Bush has asked all Americans to undertake. Their leadership, caring, compassion, and hard work have helped make Nashua a great place to live.

The countless lives they have touched through their many programs may never be known, however, just think what might have been if there were no Nashua Lions Club the past 80 years.

I offer my thanks and congratulations to the men and women of the Nashua Lions Club for their 80 years of dedicated service to the residents of the Gate City.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAVID L. HANSEN

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the distinguished service and leadership of Colonel David L. Hansen, who has ably served for the past 2 years as the district engineer for the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

COL Hansen will soon assume new responsibilities as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA.

As he moves on to these new challenges, I want to convey my personal appreciation and the gratitude of all Virginians for his many accomplishments, and commitment to fulfilling the mission of the Corps of Engineers to provide superior planning, engineering, construction and conservation of our valuable water resources. In his brief tenure as district engineer, COL Hansen led the Corps in effective disaster response to many communities, particularly the city of Franklin, in helping them rebuild from the devastating flooding of Hurricane Floyd. He led the Corps in proceeding with the modernization of Hampton Roads Harbor with his initiatives that have resulted in the construction of the 50-foot outbound channel so that Virginia remains competitive with the world's leading ports and is ready to serve the next generation of cargo vessels.

COL Hansen's hallmark has been in executing the Corps mission to protect and restore our environmental resources and he leaves us with a solid foundation to build upon in the years

ahead. Through his unwavering determination, Virginians will soon enjoy a free-flowing Rappahannock River for 106 miles from the Chesapeake Bay to the Blue Ridge Mountains. The removal of the Embrey Dam at Fredericksburg has been a project that I am dedicated to completing, and COL Hansen's leadership has ensured that this will begin next February.

The Chesapeake 2000 Agreement renewed the Federal-State partnership to restore and improve the management of the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay. Immediately, COL Hansen took the goals of the agreement and put them into action. A central feature of the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement that I am actively involved with is the tenfold increase in native oyster stocks over the next 10 years. To accomplish this, we have pursued an unprecedented effort to build three-dimensional oyster reefs in traditional oyster grounds throughout the bay. COL Hansen has taken up this challenge with unprecedented energy and commitment to coordinate Federal and State policymakers and scientists.

These are just a few examples of COL Hansen's leadership in working with private organizations, State and local governments and other Federal agencies to ensure the Corps responds effectively to natural disasters, water resource development, and environmental initiatives. He embodies the finest traditions of the Corps of Engineers and the principles of public service.

We thank him for his service to our Nation and Virginia, and wish him and his family every success in his new assignment.●

BRIGADIER GENERAL JARED P. KENNISH

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of BG General Jared P. Kennish, Assistant Adjutant General for the Rhode Island Air National Guard. BG Kennish was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while serving as the commander of the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing at Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan from November 16, 2002 to April 16, 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

BG Kennish was recognized by the United States Air Force for contributing "significantly to the overwhelming success of air and ground operations against the Taliban and al-Qaeda terrorist networks throughout Afghanistan." He led one of the most diverse and multifunctional air wings ever assembled, combining the operations of F-16s, KC-135s, KC-10s, C-130s and Puma helicopters from the Air Forces of the United States, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Norway and Spain. BG Kennish was also recognized as a "true global mobility visionary" whose selfless efforts in support of joint air operations during Operation Enduring Freedom "will be a model for future contingencies."

BG Kennish's accomplishments throughout Operation Enduring Freedom are no surprise to the great state of Rhode Island. Throughout a career of exemplary service that has spanned over 37 years in the United States Air Force and the Rhode Island Air National Guard, BG Kennish has left his positive imprint in every job he has performed. From service throughout Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1991, to operational deployments in northern Iraq and Mombasa, Kenya, to command of the 143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard, BG Kennish has been a shining example of professional excellence of whom all Rhode Islanders are rightly proud.

I echo the praise of the United States Air Force in recognizing BG Kennish with the award of the Bronze Star Medal. I ask my colleagues to join with me today, July 29, 2003, in thanking BG Kennish on behalf of a grateful Nation for his selfless service to our country.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. VICTOR WESTPHALL

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a wonderful man, Dr. Victor Westphall, who passed away July 22. Dr. Westphall dedicated his life to recognizing and celebrating the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans.

Dr. Westphall's dedication to fallen heroes was not surprising because he too was a veteran. He entered the United States Navy in 1943 as an Ensign and served in the South Pacific during World War II. During this time, he was responsible for setting up message centers to allow front-line communication. After 3 years and two full stripes in the Navy, Dr. Westphall moved with his wife and his two sons to New Mexico. He earned his doctorate in history at the University of New Mexico and eventually became a leading author and expert on Southwest American history.

On a most painful day in May of 1968, Dr. Westphall received word that his son, David, had been killed in Vietnam. David, a Marine lieutenant, died with 12 of his men in an ambush near Con Thien. Soon after, Dr. Westphall was determined to draw some good out of this tragic event. He decided to use the life insurance payment from his son's death to build the Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel in Angel Fire, NM. Although Dr. Westphall struggled to find financial support to help build the memorial, he remained dedicated to the project, and in 1971, the first monument to pay homage to Vietnam veterans in the United States was formally dedicated.

The Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel stands as a majestic tribute to our veterans who served in Vietnam. Dr. Westphall hired a Santa Fe architect to design a beautiful white chapel with gentle curves sweeping 50 feet upward toward the

sky. This serene memorial overlooks the sacred Moreno Valley, just below New Mexico's 13,000 foot Wheeler Peak. It offers visitors the opportunity to remember those who served their Nation proudly in the Vietnam War in a peaceful and spiritual setting. The Chapel's eternal flame illuminates this hallowed place for quiet meditation.

I often remember a touching story that Dr. Westphall occasionally recounted about the Chapel. When the memorial was first opened, the Chapel would close nightly. However, one morning Dr. Westphall found a message left by a young veteran on the door: "I needed to come in and you locked me out." Since then, the Chapel remained open every hour of every day.

Like the Chapel, Dr. Westphall was always there for our Nation's veterans. I salute Dr. Westphall's lifetime of service and devotion to our veterans, and I am proud and honored to have had him as a friend. He gave his son, his time, his money, his property, and life to honor our fallen heroes.

As a fitting tribute, I end with the inscription at the entrance to his son's Chapel, now called the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial:

The Ultimate Curse
Greed plowed cities desolate
Lusts ran snorting thru the streets
Pride reared up to desecrate
Shrines, and there were no retreats.
So man learned to shed the tears
With which he measures out his years.

—Victor David Westphall III●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

The message also announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2301, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. LANTOS of California and Mr. FROST of Texas.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. FILNER of California.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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