

I want to close with some comments on relations with employees. A matter that held up final passage of this legislation when we created the new Department last month was really relations with employees, what kinds of rights they have under the collective bargaining laws and under the merit rules of the civil service rules of our country.

Recently, ADM James Loy, head of the Transportation Security Administration—I am told a very able person—used the authority Congress granted him under the airline security legislation we passed after September 11 to forbid airport screeners from joining unions. He cited his view that the screeners perform sensitive national security work as the reason for his decision.

The admiral's decision may or may not have been the right one. Whether it was or not, it has not done much to improve relations between the administration and thousands of unionized employees who are being transferred to this new Department, who perform work just as sensitive as—or in some cases even more sensitive than—that performed by the screeners.

As he works with the Office of Personnel Management to develop a human resources management system for this new Department, I urge Governor Ridge to work swiftly to repair the strained relationship between the administration and the public employees' union. He will benefit by doing that, the employees of that Department will benefit, and I believe our Nation will, too.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.J. RES. 2

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday, the Senate resume consideration of the Inhofe amendment No. 86, and it be modified in order to be a first-degree amendment; further, I ask unanimous consent that there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided between Senators INHOFE and EDWARDS; I further ask consent that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Inhofe amendment, to be followed immediately by a vote in relation to the Edwards amendment No. 67, with no amendments in order to either amendment prior to that vote.

Mr. REID. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business and that Senators be permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred May 3, 2001 in Los Angeles, CA. An African-American man was shot by an Hispanic man, Carlos Garcia. Garcia shot and critically wounded the victim after telling him that he "did not like black men associating with Hispanic women," according to police. After the incident, the gunman hijacked a bus and caused a deadly crash as he was fleeing from police.

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 is 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.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER CHARTRAND

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Jennifer Chartrand, who is leaving the Republican staff of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee.

Jennifer hails from Brooklyn and graduated from Fordham University. She began her career in the Senate with the Ethics Committee and went on to become a legislative assistant for Senator CONRAD BURNS. Jennifer's next move was to join the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, where my staff members got to know her well. She served both in the majority and the minority and was a valuable source of institutional knowledge on a range of issues.

While she was a tenacious fighter for Republican priorities, she always worked for good ideas, irrespective of which Senator came up with it. Perhaps most importantly, she always fought for the institutional prerogatives of both the Appropriations Committee and the Senate as a whole. Jennifer also recently staffed a congressional delegation to Europe which I was a part of. I truly appreciate all of her hard work in putting together that trip.

While I hate to see Jennifer leave, the good news is that she is only moving across the hall to the Defense Subcommittee. I hope that Senators STEVENS and INOUE will not mind if we borrow her from time to time.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO UCONN HUSKIES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECORD- BREAKING STREAK

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to rise in tribute to the University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team, which on Saturday, January 18th made Division I history by winning their 55th consecutive game. In doing so, they surpassed the 54-game streak set by Virginia Tech between 1980 and 1982 and delighted fans all across my state.

Fifty-five straight wins would be an incredible accomplishment in any sport at any time. But it's especially impressive in women's college basketball today because this is an era of true parity in the sport. There are so many strong teams able to compete with and, on any given night, beat a great team like the Huskies. But the Huskies keep on working, and they keep on winning, at home and on the road, in blowouts and in squeakers. Sometimes they win with defense. Sometimes with three-point shooting. Sometimes with pure hustle. But they always find a way.

It's no wonder the Huskies have an admirer in legendary UCLA coach John Wooden, whose UCLA men's basketball teams in the early 1970's set an all-time Division I record with 88 straight wins. Coach Wooden said of what the Huskies have accomplished, "It's a tremendous feat in any era. I think they play the pure game, more so than the men. The best college basketball in my opinion is played by the better women's teams."

Of course, last year the very best team in the nation was UConn, which racked up a perfect 39-0 season en route to the national championship. The players on that team—led by All-American seniors Sue Bird, Tamika Williams, Swin Cash and Asjha Jones—built the bulk of this record streak.

And this season, a team led by All-American junior Diana Taurasi and many terrific young players is in the hunt for the championship again. There will be tons of tough games to play. Just this Monday, January 20th, they matched up against Notre Dame and extended the streak to 56. And on February 1st, they will play Duke, now ranked first in the country.

Mr. President, competition isn't about perfection. It's about perseverance. I'm reminded of the words of Michael Jordan, who said, "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot . . . and I missed. I have failed over and over and over

again in my life. And that's precisely why I succeed." So even if—if—the team should lose someday, the real measure of their character will be how they bounce back, what they learn, how they become an even better team because of it.

So much of the credit for this team's success goes to coach Geno Auriemma, who has built the best program in the Nation during his 18 years in Storrs. Assistant Coach Chris Dailey has also played a pivotal part in the remarkable run. The Huskies have won three national championships over the last 7 years. They have made 14 straight NCAA tournament appearances and won a combined 23 Big East regular and tournament championships. Over the last 3 years, they've amassed an astounding 123-4 record.

I wish them luck in the weeks and months to come as they seek to extend the streak further. This has been a month of history in women's college basketball. Tennessee coach Pat Summit just won her 800th game—and the Huskies won their 55th straight victory. It is a golden time for the sport, and for all the fans who love it.●

BILL ROSENDAHL'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY AS A HOST AND PRODUCER AT ADELPHIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of Bill Rosendahl, who has just marked his 15th anniversary of producing a variety of shows for Adelphia Communications. I would like to take a few moments to recognize Bill's many successes.

I have been a guest on Bill's shows many times. Recently I appeared on his "One-on-One" interview program and enjoyed a discussion with Bill ranging from the possible war in Iraq to our Nation's environment and energy policies. Bill is extremely knowledgeable about issues facing our Nation and world. His questions are intelligent, insightful, and penetrating.

Since 1987, Bill has produced 2,600 shows. For 15 years, viewers have tuned in to watch interviews with leaders including former Vice President Al Gore, my colleague Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN, California Governor Gray Davis, Prince El Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan, and former Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak.

In addition to his role at Adelphia, Bill serves as Chairman of the California Cable Telecommunications Association, Chairman of the California Commission on Tax Policy in the New Economy, and on boards of the California Channel and Cable Positive.

Prior to his career in the cable industry, Bill Rosendahl was a White House appointee to the State Department as Chief of Operations for the U.S. Trade and Development Program and an associate in philanthropic work for John D. Rockefeller III. He has been involved in many presidential, gubernatorial, and senatorial campaigns. Bill has also traveled to more than 50 countries throughout the world.

It is clear that Bill Rosendahl deserves our warmest wishes on this special occasion. Because of Bill's work, Californians are more informed about issues facing our State, Nation and world. He provides a forum for an engaging exchange of ideas, perspectives and outlooks on the future. I am certain that the next 15 years will be just as exciting as the first.●

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-570. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program—Request for Delay in the Incorporation of On-Board Diagnostics Testing (FRL7436-9)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-571. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: Approval of Revisions to the Florida State Implementation Plan (FRL7439-2)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-572. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purpose: Idaho (FRL7422-3)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-573. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds From Solvent Cleaning Operations (FRL7437-5)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-574. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revision to the Control of Volatile Organic Compound emissions from Screen Printing and Digital Imaging (FRL7420-8)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-575. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Sulfur Dioxide attainment Demonstration for the Warren county Nonattainment Area Permit Emission Limitations for Two Individual Sources in Warren County (FRL7421-1)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-576. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon (FRL7429-5)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-577. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Eliminating the Category National Defense Property, Plant and Equipment"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-578. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Report—2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-579. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the compliance of the Commission with the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act) and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-580. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National & Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General's Semi-Annual Report to Congress covering the six month period from April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002 along with the Corporation's Report on the Final Action; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-581. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Interior covering the 6-month period of April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-582. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Attorney General's Semiannual Management Report to Congress: April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002 and the Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for April 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-583. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, the report entitled "Certification of the Fiscal Year 2003 Revenue Estimate in Support of the District's \$374,200,000 Multimodal General Obligation Bonds (Series 2002A and 2002B)"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-584. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the twenty-seventh Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up, covering the period from April 1,