

Oak Grove, KY, and Clarksville, TN, created this fund-raising initiative to help the families of deployed soldiers from Fort Campbell.

The communities surrounding Fort Campbell have a long tradition of supporting the more than 20,000 soldiers and their families of the 101st Airborne Division and the other units stationed at Fort Campbell. Troops from Fort Campbell have played a vital role in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and around the world. As thousands of troops and tons of machinery and equipment depart Fort Campbell for the Middle East, it is important that Americans not forget the sacrifices of the families that the men and women of our Armed Forces leave behind.

Local businesses and citizens in Kentucky and Tennessee founded Operation Eagle's Nest with the goal of raising at least \$1 million as a contingency fund to be used as needed at the base. The local citizens are excited about the initiative and the opportunity to once again show our soldiers and their families how much they appreciate the sacrifices they make for our great Nation. The Fort Campbell soldiers deployed in the Middle East feel at ease with the confidence that their families are supported by local citizens.

For Campbell Division Commander MG David Petraeus recently praised "not just the monetary support but the symbolism of our communities coming together for the families." He is absolutely correct. The soldiers of Fort Campbell are heroically doing their part in the war on terror and the local citizens of Hopkinsville, Oak Grove, and Clarksville are graciously doing theirs. This is exactly what President Bush meant when he stated that all Americans must do their part in the war on terror.●

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR ALVIN PENN

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the life and career of Connecticut State Senator Alvin Penn, who died an untimely death on Friday, February 14, at the age of 54.

Alvin was a passionate and principled fighter who sought to give people of all races and backgrounds the equal opportunity that is every American's birthright. Through difficult times, he never wavered in serving his beloved city of Bridgeport. And those of us who were blessed to know him will always remember him as a larger than life human being with a generous spirit and sharp and unsinkable sense of humor.

As chairman of the State senate's public safety committee, Senator Penn banned the insidious practice of racial profiling and improved the State's witness protection program. Thanks to Senator Penn's work on this committee and others, Bridgeport has better schools, safer streets, and more

prosperous neighborhoods than it did a decade ago.

The city of Bridgeport and the state of Connecticut, of course, still have their share of troubles—but Alvin never gave up, never let the steepness of the hill stop him from trying to climb. He understood that to get to the mountaintop, you must keep going up.

That is what he did. State Senator Penn did not take orders from special interests or party bosses. He listened to, and did what was right for, the people he served. Eight years ago, Alvin met with Gov. John Rowland, and told the Governor, "You're a Republican from Waterbury and I'm a Democrat from Bridgeport. We understand the issues of our urban communities." He pledged to work together—and his word was good.

The city of Bridgeport will always hold State Senator Penn close to its heart. He is a part of its history, its present, and will be a part of its future. There is not yet an Alvin Penn memorial in Bridgeport—though there may someday be. For now, his legacy, and his memorial, is in every school and business and church, and every citizen on every street corner in the city he loved to serve.●

HONORING PATRICK S. LeROY

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor today of recognizing Patrick S. LeRoy of Louisville, Kentucky. Earlier this month, Patrick was honored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association as the 2003 Kentucky State Goodwill Ambassador.

Patrick is a special child with a special condition and unique opportunity to share his story with thousands of people. Each day he lives with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Symptoms of this disease include increasing muscle weakness in the body, concentrated mainly in the arms and legs.

Nevertheless, Patrick does not allow this condition to limit his daily activities. In fact, this 8 year old is more active than most people his age, and even adults. Currently, Patrick is a second grader at Coral Ridge Elementary in Fairdale. When not studying his favorite subjects, math and science, this young man enjoys swimming, participating in karate class, and he also shares my passion for the game of baseball. In addition to his participation in athletics, Patrick also develops his artistic abilities through drawing.

What sets Patrick apart from other children is not his health condition but his willingness to make a difference by speaking with people about muscular dystrophy, helping to remove a stigma that stems from lack of knowledge. Being selected as the Kentucky ambassador will give Patrick a valuable opportunity to encourage public support and education of this disease. Please join me in congratulating Patrick S. LeRoy and wishing him the best of luck in his new position of 2003 Kentucky State Goodwill Ambassador.●

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.)

PERIODIC REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS PAYMENTS MADE TO CUBA PURSUANT TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC LICENSES—PM20

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report prepared by my Administration detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 5, 2003.

MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following concurrent resolution was ordered held at the desk by unanimous consent:

S. Con. Res. 13. Concurrent resolution condemning the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and for other purposes.

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-1391. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program (WV-088-FOR)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1392. A communication from the Deputy Congressional Liaison, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Regulation T (Credit by Brokers and Dealers): Revision to the semiannual List of Foreign Margin Stocks"

received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1393. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Title Rev. Rule 2003-23" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1394. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Meal and Snack Rates for Family Day Care Providers (Revenue Procedure 2003-22)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1395. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Construction/Real Estate—Per Diem Allowances for Temporary Technical Services Employees (UIL: 62.02-06)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1396. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Petroleum Cost Depletion—Recoverable Reserves (UIL: 0611.05.01)" received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1397. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Physician Fee Schedule Update for Calendar Year 2003 (0938-AL21)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1398. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Part 50—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program (1505-AA96)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1399. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the implementation of the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1400. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Member, IRS Oversight Board, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1401. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1402. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1403. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Management, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1404. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of acting officer and

nomination for the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1405. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of acting officer and nomination for the position of Secretary of the Treasury, received on February 14, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1406. A communication from the Trail Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming the Federal Railroad Administration's Accident/Incident Reporting Requirements to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Revised Reporting Requirements; Other Amendments (2130-AB51)" received February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1407. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule "Coast Guard Board for Correction of Military Records; Procedural Regulations (2105-AD19)" received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1408. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy (New Position), received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1409. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; San Francisco Bay, California (COPT San Francisco Bay 03-002) (2115-AA97)(2003-0012)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1410. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Mississippi River, Iowa and Illinois (CGD08-02-020) (2115-AE47) (2003-0009)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1411. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; (Including 3 regulations) (2115-AE46)(2003-0001)" received on February 27, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1412. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill entitled "Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1413. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Final Rule regarding Requirements for Low-Speed Electric Bicycles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1414. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, AMTRAK, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of AMTRAK's Grant and Legislative Request for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1415. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security; Delegations of Authority; Immigration Laws (RIN 1601-AA06)" received on February 28, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1416. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approvals and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to Regulations for Permits, Approvals and Registration and Related Regulations (FRL 7450-4)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1417. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deterioration Revision (FRL 7445-9)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1418. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Reorganization of and Revisions to Administration to Administrative and General Conformity Provisions; Documents Incorporated by Reference; Recodification of Existing SIP Provisions; Correction (FRL 7455-7)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1419. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Permits for Construction, Modification, Relocation and Operation of Stationary Sources of Air Pollutants, Notification Requirements, Administrative Updates, Temporary Permits (FRL 7449-4)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1420. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Florida Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference (FRL 7453-7)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1421. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas (FRL 7455-9)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1422. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; Virginia Islands (FRL 7455-3)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1423. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for North Dakota; Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Rules (FRL 7453-4)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1424. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (FRL 7451-6)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1425. A communication from the Chief, Regulation and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura Air Pollution Control District (FRL 7454-4)" received on February 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 195. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-13).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 273. A bill to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-14).

S. 302. A bill to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to restore and extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-15).

S. 426. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-16).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management Office of Management and Budget.

*Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Daniel Pearson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2011

*Charlotte A. Lane, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2009.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. BUNNING:

S. 514. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 515. A bill to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 516. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the arming of pilots of cargo aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 517. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 518. A bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 519. A bill to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 520. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 521. A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 522. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in devel-

oping energy resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 523. A bill to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 524. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, Mr. INOUE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 525. A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 526. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to Medicare+Choice plans for special needs medicare beneficiaries by allowing plans to target enrollment to special needs beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MILLER:

S. 527. A bill to establish the Southern Regional Commission for the purpose of breaching the cycle of persistent poverty among the southeastern States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 528. A bill to reauthorize funding for maintenance of public roads used by school buses serving certain Indian reservations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 529. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income loan payments received under the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 530. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 531. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Missouri River Monitoring and Research Program, to authorize the establishment of the Missouri River Basin Stakeholder Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 532. A bill to enhance the capacity of organizations working in the United States-Mexico border region to develop affordable housing and infrastructure and to foster economic opportunity in the colonias; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.