

Initiate post-conflict action on the Middle East Peace Process. The Task Force encourages the administration to give high priority to an active, post-conflict effort to engage the peace process, and also believes that any such action by the administration must be accompanied by greater efforts by Arab states and the Palestinian leadership to discourage and condemn acts of terrorism and violence against Israelis and elsewhere in the region.

NOMINATION OF JUDGE GREGORY FROST

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise to speak in strong support of the nomination of Judge Gregory Frost, whom the President has nominated to be United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and whom the Senate confirmed just two days ago. I have had the pleasure of knowing Judge Frost for many, many years and can say with confidence that he is exceptionally qualified for this position. I believe that he will be an excellent Federal Judge.

Judge Frost currently serves as Judge on the Licking County Common Pleas Court in Newark, OH. He has been on the Licking County bench for the past 19 years—serving first as a Municipal Court judge from 1983 to 1990 before being elected to his current position.

As I discussed during his Judiciary Committee hearing, while on the Licking County bench, Judge Frost was selected to take the lead in writing the jury instructions for the State of Ohio. This is no small undertaking. These jury instructions provide the framework in which all jury cases in the State of Ohio are deliberated. The fact that he was chosen to do this reflects the esteem in which his colleagues hold him.

Before serving on the bench, Judge Frost served in private practice and also served an assistant Licking County prosecutor from 1974 until 1978. Having seen how the trial process works from many different perspectives—as a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a judge—Judge Frost knows what defines good judicial temperament, and I believe that he has it.

While on the bench, his graciousness and dedication have earned him the respect of those inside and outside of his courtroom. I received many letters of support for Judge Frost that attest to this.

Without question, Judge Frost will be a fine addition to the District Court. He has the experience, the temperament, and the dedication to be an excellent Federal judge. I strongly support his nomination and thank my colleagues for voting in support of his nomination.

JUSTICE NEEDED FOR THE MURDER OF PRIME MINISTER ZORAN DJINDIC

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning's news of the assassination of

Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindic is deeply saddening.

Prime Minister Djindic was a man of courage and determination—whether tackling economic and political reforms or securing the extradition of war criminal Slobodan Milosevic to The Hague. He understood and accepted the risks of leadership in a transitional Serbia, and bravely served his compatriots.

Prime Minister Djindic rightly believed that Serbia's future rests with the rule of law, free markets, and a democratic political system. Threats against his life—including an assassination attempt only last month—underscored that his reform agenda directly challenging entrenched segments of Serbian society, including organized crime and the cronies of Slobodan Milosevic who continue to serve in the government and military.

Prime Minister Djindic scoffed at the notion that his untimely demise would derail Serbia's reform efforts. After last month's incident, he said, "If someone thinks the law and reforms can be stopped by eliminating me, then that is a huge delusion."

Those who share the Prime Minister's vision of peace and prosperity for Serbia cannot—and must not—give up their struggle. There is no better way to honor Zoran Djindic than to redouble efforts to implement reforms and to strengthen the rule of law.

During this uncertain time, the champions of reform and democracy in Serbia should know that the U.S. Congress continues to stand by their side; crime bosses and war criminals should know that the United States is committed to aiding reformers in their defeat.

We will continue to closely follow developments in Serbia and throughout the region—and will remain vigilant in demanding justice for the murder of Zoran Djindic.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

• Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I would like to express my strong support for Lincoln, NE's application for a community health center. I met recently with Secretary Tommy Thompson and discussed the proposal with him. He reacted positively, assuring me that the application would be given top priority.

The need for this facility in Lincoln is great. Lincoln is experiencing an influx of immigrant families who lack health care coverage and are in critical need of medical care. And Nebraska, like other States, is facing budgetary constraints due to the downturn in the economy and reduced its Medicaid rolls leaving more people without health insurance.

The new health center, which will be called the Peoples' Health Center of

Lincoln, will provide many services to the area including: primary medical care, primary dental care and oral health education, lab services, social work and health education. With the Federal funds, the community will be able to proceed to develop these health services to the uninsured and underinsured in Lincoln.

I look forward to HHS's grant announcement and am hopeful that Lincoln's application will be approved.●

HONORING DR. R. BRENT WRIGHT

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I speak in recognition of Dr. R. Brent Wright of Glasgow, Kentucky. Dr. Wright is a recipient of the American Medical Association's AMA Foundation Leadership Award at the 2003 AMA National Advocacy Conference held in Washington, D.C. earlier this month.

Each year the AMA takes an opportunity to honor young physicians who, in addition to offering patients quality medical attention, show a strong dedication to community affairs and leadership in the medical community. Only 25 young physicians in the nation receive this distinguished honor and I am proud that a fellow Kentuckian has been recognized for his innovative and hard work.

Dr. Wright serves as a family physician at the University of Louisville Health Science Center in Glasgow, Kentucky. No stranger to serving the needs of the community, he is Chair of the Community Medical Care Clinical Committee which offers assistance to uninsured and employed individuals. Dr. Wright is also active with medical associations, such as the AMA and the Kentucky Medical Association Congress of Delegates, and he serves as the Acting Program Director of the University of Louisville/Glasgow Family Medicine Residency Program.

His commitment to improving the health care system one patient at a time is certainly serving Kentucky well. I look forward to seeing the future accomplishments of his promising career, and I am pleased the Senate is joining me in honoring Dr. R. Brent Wright.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF PROJECT REHAB

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today it is my great pleasure to recognize Project Rehab for 35 years of dedicated service promoting personal and community health throughout my home State of Michigan.

Since 1968, Project Rehab has functioned as a community-based outreach to people experiencing behavioral and mental health problems. Project in Rehabilitation began as the joint effort of Dr. William Kooistra and Dr. Chet Maternowski to offer counseling and treatment to heroin addicts in Grand Rapids, MI. Through their valuable service, Drs. Kooistra and Maternowski promoted awareness of drug addiction

in a community that was not then equipped to address this problem. Overcoming sometimes harsh criticism, they succeeded in establishing their organization as a place of hope for those needing drug abuse treatment.

Over the years, Project Rehab has grown to fit the changing needs of its clients. While maintaining a strong emphasis on treating addiction and substance abuse, Project Rehab now offers a broad range of services, including work-release programs for prisoners, employee counseling, and educational programs to encourage behavioral and mental health.

Today, Project Rehab serves 5,000 clients annually in cities across Michigan. Through its educational services, Project Rehab educates more than 9,000 students, warning them of the dangers posed by drug and alcohol use. Within its field, Project Rehab is recognized as an innovative force, bringing unique treatment to individuals in need. As one of the largest and longest running substance abuse programs in Michigan, I commend Project Rehab for improving the lives of many in Michigan and setting an example for other programs around the country.

I know that my colleagues in the Senate will join me in congratulating Project Rehab for their committed work and for the hope they have given to many.●

HONORING DR. DANIEL J. FINN

● MR. BUNNING. Mr. President, I speak in recognition of Dr. Daniel J. Finn of Bardstown, Kentucky. Dr. Finn is a recipient of the American Medical Association's, AMA, Foundation Leadership Award at the 2003 AMA National Advocacy Conference held in Washington, D.C. earlier this month.

Each year the AMA takes an opportunity to honor young physicians who, in addition, to offering patients quality medical attention, show a strong dedication to community affairs and leadership in the medical community. Only 25 young physicians in the nation receive this distinguished honor and I am proud that a fellow Kentuckian has been recognized for his innovative and hard work.

Dr. Finn practices pediatrics at Flaget Hospital in Bardstown, Kentucky. He focuses his attention on helping children combat obesity, an increasing problem facing the youth of America, by tailoring weight management programs for at-risk children. Dr. Finn also assists emotionally and behaviorally troubled youth by serving on the Advisory Council for Buckhorn of Lincoln Trail. He demonstrates his commitment to the medical community by being actively involved in the AMA, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Kentucky Medical Association.

His commitment to improving the health care system one patient at a time is certainly serving Kentucky well. I look forward to following and hearing more of his promising career. I

thank the Senate in allowing me to honor Dr. Daniel J. Finn.●

HONORING KATHLEEN DANEK

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today it is my honor to recognize Kathleen "Kathy" Danek for her many years of dedicated and selfless service to the State of Nebraska. Ms. Danek exemplifies true volunteerism: dependable, endless energy and passionate commitment to worthwhile causes.

Kathy Danek has long been a distinguished member of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO. Ms. Danek, through tireless work in several State and local agencies, earned the position as National Legislative Aide and Editor for the Auxiliary to the American Postal Workers Union. She has participated in numerous training activities to help auxiliary and union members understand the importance of grassroots involvement. Ms. Danek was also resoundingly elected to the District 1 Board of Education for the Lincoln Public Schools.

In addition to her service on the Board of Education and with the Postal Workers, Ms. Danek has always been an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, often spending her free time teaching students and volunteering with St. Patrick's athletic programs. Her work also includes service with the Girl Scouts, the Lincoln Juniors Volleyball club, the Lancaster County Democratic Party, the YMCA as a softball and volleyball coach, and fundraising for the Doris Blair Softball Complex.

Because of her tireless work in the community, her peers have elected her President of the Lincoln Northeast High School Parent Advisory Board, President of the Lincoln Northeast High School Booster Club and Community Representative for the Lincoln Public Schools Graduation Requirement Committee. In addition, she has been selected as a member of the LPS High School Principal Selection Committee and was a community representative for the Northeast High School Media Center Committee. Ms. Danek has also devoted her time to Huntington and Dawes Middle schools.

Ms. Danek is a longtime resident of Lincoln, NE. She has been married to her husband Terry for 30 years. Together they have four daughters; Christine Goche, Wendy Danek, Kelly Witter, Megan Danek. They have two grandchildren, Bailey and Harrison Goche.

I am proud to represent Nebraskans like Ms. Danek who are committed public servants. Volunteer services are an essential part of communities. The selfless efforts of committed citizens like Ms. Danek, make our communities a better place to live and improve the quality of life for our neighbors. The city of Lincoln and State of Nebraska are fortunate to have Kathy Danek as a member of their community.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:15 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 441. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and commending the Bulgarian people for preserving and continuing their tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 441. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 77. Concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and commending the Bulgarian people for preserving and continuing their tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 607. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

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-1540. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2002 Farm Bill Regulations—Termination of Peanut Marketing Quota Program and Revised Flue-Cured Tobacco Reserve Stock Level (0560-AG82)" received on March 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1541. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grazing Payments for 2001 Wheat, Barley, or Oats