

Walter Gill, I join in saluting the life of this remarkable woman and in wishing her the happiest of birthdays.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, 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 in Houston, TX. On September 21, 2001, a 30-year-old political refugee from Iraq was returning home at approximately midnight when he was threatened and injured by a gunman. As he opened his car door, the victim was approached by a young man who greeted him in Arabic. Suddenly, the attacker drew out a handgun and pointed it to the victim's head. When the victim offered money, the gunman said, "I don't want your money. Your people killed my people. You are from the Middle East." The victim grabbed for the gun and was shot in the left hip in the struggle. The gunman fled on foot.

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.●

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent during the confirmation vote on Samuel Der-Yeghiayan to become a Federal district judge for Illinois. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."●

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.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004" (Rept. No. 108-101).

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. GREGG (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1397. A bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1398. A bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1399. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Vine Street in Glenwood, Iowa, as the "William J. Scherle Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 1400. A bill to develop a system that provides for ocean and coastal observations, to implement a research and development program to enhance security at United States ports, to implement a data and information system required by all components of an integrated ocean observing system and related research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1401. A bill to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1402. A bill to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. AKAKA) (by request):

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 73

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 73, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 377

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 511

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, and for other purposes.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 592

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 592, a bill to establish an Office of Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to

modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to prevent and respond to terrorism and crime at or through ports.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 780, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 896

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve jobs and production activities in the United States.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, supra.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 983, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1046, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to establish formally the United States Military Cancer Institute Center of Excellence, to provide for the maintenance of health in the military by enhancing cancer research and treatment, to provide for a study of the epidemiological causes of cancer among various ethnic groups for prevention efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to provide for more equitable allotment of funds to States for centers for independent living.

S. 1297

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1297, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

S. 1303

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1303, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and otherwise revise the Medicare Program to reform the method of paying for covered drugs, drug administration services, and chemotherapy support services.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish procedures for identifying countries that deny market access for agricultural products of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to establish a demonstration project under the medicaid program to encourage the provision of community-based services to individuals with disabilities.

S. CON. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 33, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 107

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 107, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate to designate the month of November 2003 as "National Military Family Month".

S. RES. 164

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 164, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

AMENDMENT NO. 1196

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1196 proposed to S. 925, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1197

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1197 proposed to S. 925, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1398. A bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the "Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Act" with Senator DEWINE and our other bill sponsors. I also want to thank Representatives EMANUEL and REYNOLDS and the rest of the House members who are introducing similar Great Lakes

restoration legislation over in the House today.

Many of my colleagues are aware of the importance of the Great Lakes to the eight States which border them. The lakes provide our drinking water, they provide our largest recreational resource, they are tremendously important to our economy, and they impact our quality of life. Over time, we have seen numerous changes in the lakes from water levels to fish populations to water quality. Some of these changes are part of a natural cycle, but many of these changes are the direct result of management policies. For example, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and its partners have been able to reduce sea lamprey populations by 90 percent. The lake sturgeon appear to be improving as a result of the efforts by Federal and State managers, fishermen, and other water users. As of April 2002, approximately 84 percent of high-level PCB wastes had been destroyed, up from approximately 40 percent in spring 1998. And the first U.S. Area of Concern—Presque Isle Bay, PA—has been upgraded to a "recovery area." While the Great Lakes have made strides in recovering after the environmental protections were put in place in the early 70s, there has been very slow progress in the last 10-15 years because the Federal commitment has not kept up with the needs of the Great Lakes.

This legislation that we are introducing today will provide the Federal commitment of funding and resources to keep pace with the restoration needs of the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes face problems like beach closings, contaminated sediments, and invasive species, and the Federal Government needs to "jump start" our restoration efforts in the Great Lakes. I believe that with the help of the governors, the mayors, the wide array of nongovernmental organizations, and other interested parties, this legislation would provide some of the resources needed to keep pace with needs of the lakes.

In April, the GAO completed its study on Great Lakes Restoration efforts, and they reported that while there were many on-going restoration efforts from dozens of Federal and State Great Lakes programs, there was no over-arching, coordinated plan for the Great Lakes. GAO also reported that an environmental indicators and monitoring system needed to be developed in order to measure overall restoration progress. The report emphasizes that limited Great Lakes funding has always been a problem.

The legislation we are introducing today has three components to address the problems outlined by the April 2003 GAO report. First, the legislation authorizes \$600 million in annual funding for the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office to provide grants to the Great Lakes States, municipalities and other applicants based on the recommendations and priorities of a Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Ad-

visory Board. These grants will require a 20 percent funding commitment from the region, and every State will receive at least 6 percent of the total amount of funding available for the year. The Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Advisory Board will be led by the Great Lakes governors, but it will include views of a whole range of people interested in the Great Lakes such as mayors, Federal agencies, Native American tribes, environmentalists, industry representatives, and Canadian observers. This Advisory Board will provide priorities on restoration issues such as invasive species control and prevention, wetlands restoration, contaminated sediments cleanup, and water quality improvements. By providing grant priorities, the region will shape the future of the Great Lakes.

Second, this legislation establishes a Great Lakes Federal Coordinating Council in order to coordinate Federal activities in the Great Lakes. According to the GAO study, environmental restoration activities in the Great Lakes are uncoordinated. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office is equipped to serve as the Council leader, and Federal participants include NOAA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior. The Council would meet at least three times per year to ensure that the efforts of Federal agencies concerning environmental restoration and protection of the Great Lakes are coordinated, effective, complementary, and cost-efficient. The Council would also provide a list of its funding priorities to the Office of Management and Budget.

Third, this bill gives the Great Lakes National Program Office the mandate to work with other Federal agencies and Canada to identify and measure water quality and other environmental factors on a regular basis. The initial set of data collected through this network will serve as a benchmark against which to measure future improvements. Those measurements will help us make decisions on how to steer future restoration efforts. With a clearer picture of how the Great Lakes are changing, we can change course when needed and spend public funds on the most pressing demands. This provision will address GAO's finding that there is no data collected regularly throughout the Great Lakes, and that the existing data are inadequate to determine whether water quality and other environmental conditions are improving.

The Great Lakes are a unique and valuable resource, and we cannot afford to continuously underfund their protection. Congress must act to enhance their restoration and protection. As the current caretakers and beneficiaries, we owe nothing less to the region and the American people.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I am proud to join my fellow Great Lakes Task Force chair, Senator CARL LEVIN,