

from New Mexico, Mr. DOMENICI, No. 2051. This so-called "scaled down" version of the energy bill consists of 900 pages and contains many of the worst provisions of the H.R. 6 conference report that failed to get cloture last fall. The entire Wisconsin congressional delegation voted against the bill last fall, and I cannot support the amendment either.

In addition to its fiscal implications, I am deeply concerned that the amendment repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act. This critical act protects consumers against abuses in the utility industry. Repeal of PUHCA would leave ratepayers vulnerable and spur further consolidation in an industry that has already seen a number of mergers. Furthermore, the bill does not protect consumers from Enron-style electricity trading practices and market manipulation. The Senate recently went on record in support of an amendment by Senator CANTWELL to bar such abusive practices and I am disappointed that the Domenici amendment fails to include similar protections.

Also the amendment has serious environmental impacts. For example, the amendment undercuts the Clean Air Act by postponing ozone attainment standards across the country. This issue was never considered in the House or Senate bill, but it was inserted in the energy conference report. This rewrite of the Clean Air Act is not fair to cities like Milwaukee that have devoted significant resources to reducing ozone and cleaning up their air. And as asthma rates across the country increase, this provision could severely undercut efforts to safeguard the air quality of our citizens.

In addition to undermining air quality protection, the amendment allows for siting of transmission lines in national parks, grants exemptions from the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act for oil and gas companies, and pays oil and gas companies for their costs of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

I am also concerned that the taxpayers would pay \$2 billion in transition assistance for MTBE manufactures. MTBE is found in all 50 States, and high levels are affecting drinking water systems all over the Midwest, including 5,567 wells in 29 communities in Wisconsin, even though the State only used MTBE gasoline for the first few weeks of the phase I program that began in January 1995.

This amendment also fails to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. The Senate energy bill contained a requirement that power companies provide at least 10 percent of their power from renewable energy sources like wind and solar power. The technical term is a renewable portfolio standard. The amendment doesn't contain any renewable portfolio standard. There's no doubt that we can and should do better on renewable energy to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

For these reasons, I supported the Daschle amendment that contained the energy bill's renewable fuels title, but I opposed the Domenici amendment. I appreciate the need to develop a new energy strategy for this country, and I hope that Congress will pass the portions of the energy bill legislation that have widespread support so that we can address the pressing energy needs of our country in a sensible way.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO EDWIN COLODNY

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Edwin I. Colodny, a native son of Burlington, VT, as this year's recipient of the Burlington Business Association's Nate Harris Award. This award is conferred annually on an individual who exhibits the enthusiasm and dedication to maintain and improve the economic vitality of the Burlington region. Ed has supported the Burlington and greater Vermont community in so many ways that all Vermonters owe him a debt of gratitude.

Ed was born in 1926 in Burlington and graduated from Burlington High School in 1944. He went on to receive an A.B. degree from the University of Rochester in 1948, and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1951. From 1975 to 1991, Ed was president and chief executive officer of US Airways, Inc. and was also president and chief executive officer of US Airways Group from 1978 to 1991, and chairman of the board from 1978 to 1992.

More recently, Ed served as the interim president of the University of Vermont and interim president and chief executive officer of Fletcher Allen Health Care, Vermont's premiere medical treatment facility, during critical change periods at both institutions. Ed also served as chairman of the board of Comsat Corporation, a leading provider of global satellite and digital networking services, which merged into Lockheed Martin Corporation.

I have admired the breadth and depth of Ed's business experience and his ability to collaborate with all partners involved in complex matters. His career-long dedication to fair and equitable treatment for workers and a desire to look for winning solutions to problems has set him apart from many of his peers. He understands the dynamics of a healthy business climate while maintaining a respect for the different needs and expertise of other participants.

Ed works tirelessly for the well being of Vermont and its people. He now serves as chair of a Vermont committee to clean up Lake Champlain, one of Vermont's natural jewels. He continues to sit on numerous non-profit boards such as Vermont Law School, Shelburne Museum, Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Vermont Mozart Festi-

tival and he is of counsel to the law firm of Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew in Burlington, VT.

There are a very few people in this world who have given so much and asked so little in return. I hope Ed Colodny knows that his years of service have not gone unnoticed. This award shows how much he is appreciated, even though it is impossible for us to fully recognize his many contributions.

I am so proud to stand here and tell you about such a great Vermonter. I wish him my deepest congratulations for an award he so greatly deserves.●

##### THE LIFE OF ELLIOTT MARANISS

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Elliott Maraniss, a journalist whose work invariably served the cause of justice. Though he passed away on May 1, his work, and his commitment to the community he served, will leave an indelible mark on our State.

Maraniss, who rose to become editor of Madison's Capital Times newspaper, first made his mark in Wisconsin as a reporter for that paper, with award-winning investigative stories about river pollution, controversy at the UW-Medical School, and a UW-Madison boxing scandal. He went on to serve as city editor, managing editor, and finally editor, a post he held from 1978 until he retired in 1983. As an editor he was known for being a mentor, for spotting talented new reporters, and for caring deeply about his staff.

His leadership and integrity in the newsroom were legendary, and it was on those qualities, as well as his journalistic skills, that he built his outstanding career.

His commitment to justice was lifelong, and he inspired many others through his work. A World War II veteran, he saw injustice firsthand in the still-segregated Army, where he served as captain of an all-African-American unit. Later in life he entered the political realm, working for Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier after retiring from the Capital Times.

I extend my condolences to his wife, Mary, and to his family and friends. His passing is a great loss for all those who knew him, and for everyone who understands the powerful contributions that journalists can make when they are fiercely committed to the truth, and to the cause of justice. So today I join his many family and friends in paying tribute to his memory. He will be long remembered for his outstanding service to the Capital Times and to his community, and for his many contributions to the State of Wisconsin.●

##### DEPUTY JOHN PAUL SANDLIN: IN MEMORIAM

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to honor and share with my colleagues

the memory of a remarkable man, Reserve Deputy John Sandlin of Solano County, who died Friday, April 23, 2004. Deputy Sandlin spent almost 50 years working to protect his fellow citizens, serving a distinguished career in the Navy and as a volunteer deputy with the Solano County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Sandlin was killed in the line of duty when his patrol car spun out of control during a recent pursuit.

John Sandlin was the devoted husband of Dr. Kay Talbot and the proud father of three daughters, Elizabeth, Lori and Susan. He was also the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren.

Deputy Sandlin compiled a remarkable record in community policing with the Solano County Sheriff's Office, becoming its second most highly decorated officer. He spent 20 years as a volunteer reserve deputy who patrolled the streets most Friday nights for the past decade. Last May, he earned the Sheriff's Office Distinguished Service Medal and the Purple Heart. Sheriff Gary Stanton said of Deputy Sandlin, "We lost a brother—a man who has been part of our department for 20 years."

Before joining the Solano County Sheriff's Office, John served in the Navy for 22 years. He became a nuclear power instructor, served in the Submarine Service, and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for saving another's life. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander while on active duty.

John Sandlin also spent 14 years at Westinghouse Electric Corporation as a Senior Mechanical Engineer and Documentation Manager. During his career at Westinghouse, he was sworn in as a reserve deputy sheriff with the Solano County Sheriff's Air Squadron. He earned the 1990 Community Service Award for his dedication to law enforcement and drug surveillance activities with the Solano County Sheriff's Department.

After retiring from Westinghouse, he soon entered the patrol field training program in the Sheriff's Office and began to work on the ground, patrolling the streets to protect his community.

John Sandlin died doing what he loved to do—providing protection for his community. He was a natural leader, a compassionate mentor, and an enthusiastic, charming and very well-liked member of the Sheriff's Office. We will always be grateful for Deputy Sandlin's heroic service defending our Nation and our freedoms, and protecting his community.●

#### PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD HONOREES

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I recognize Meghan Pasricha and Andrew Bell for being selected as two of the Nation's top youth volunteers in the ninth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This is an extraordinary honor. More than 24,000 young

people across the country were considered for this recognition each year.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP, constitutes America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism. The awards are designed to emphasize the importance that our Nation places on service to others and to encourage young Americans of all backgrounds to contribute to their communities.

Meghan Pasricha was named as one of America's top 10 youth volunteers for 2004. Selected from more than 2,000 applicants, she received \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion and a crystal trophy from her school, Stanford School. In addition, she will have \$25,000 in toys, clothing and other juvenile products donated in her name to needy children in the area by Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc.

Meghan Pasricha, 18, of Hockessin, is a senior at Sanford School. Meghan started an antitobacco club at her school that has since developed into a full-blown campaign to educate young people across the country and overseas about the hazards of smoking. When Meghan heard that her State legislature was considering a ban on indoor smoking, she paid close attention. After learning that most smokers start before they turn 18, Meghan founded the Anti-Tobacco Action Club at her school. With a grant from the American Lung Association and the Delaware Health Fund, she recruited a core team of volunteers, led meetings, planned a year-long series of antitobacco activities, created training and presentation materials, and conducted 12 tobacco awareness workshops for school and youth groups. She also set up a tobacco education booth at a school health fair, published a newsletter and helped other Delaware schools start tobacco education programs. And by writing newspaper articles and speaking publicly, she helped mobilize youth support for the enactment of one of the Nation's toughest indoor smoking bans.

On a visit to India, Meghan observed how young people there are targeted by tobacco sellers, so she trained a group of youth advocates to raise awareness in a number of villages. Later, Meghan presented her project at the World Conference on Tobacco in Finland, and worked with youth advocates from nine other nations to prepare a World Health Organization Youth Action Guide and video. "I am convinced that a single person, even if young and inexperienced, can become a catalyst for change," she said. "Young people are often told that they are 'leaders of tomorrow.' I urge young people to become leaders today."

Andrew Bell of Seaford was selected as one of Delaware's top youth volunteers for 2004. He received a \$1,000 award and was congratulated by Academy Award winning actress and come-

dian, Whoopi Goldberg. He also received an engraved silver medallion and a trip to Washington, DC, for the program's national recognition events.

Twelve-year-old Andrew, a sixth grader at Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences, helped collect shoes, socks, and shoelaces for needy orphans around the world. Andrew started the project by writing letters to the four elementary school principals in his hometown of Seaford, asking them for permission to collect donations in their schools. He wrote articles for his school newsletters, created handouts and brochures explaining the purpose of his project, decorated collection boxes for each of the four schools, and solicited donations from local department stores. Some 300 pairs of shoes, 83 pairs of socks and 15 pairs of shoelaces were collected for this effort. From there, the items were sent to the Buckner Orphan Care facility in Texas. The items were then distributed worldwide to orphans in need. Andrew felt that this project was important because "many children on Earth are poor, and not very many people are trying to help them."

Today, I rise to congratulate Meghan and Andrew. These youngsters inspire examples of community spirit and leadership. They serve as role models not only to their peers, but to all of us, as well as to the people they have touched through community service. They represent the State of Delaware at its very best.●

#### ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S EARLY LOAN REPAYMENT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I congratulate the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, ACTA, for repaying its loan to the Federal Government 28 years ahead of schedule.

ACTA has proven that it is an asset for Southern California and the Federal Government by building the Alameda Corridor on time and on budget—and now repaying the loan so early.

I have worked on this project since 1995, when I secured the Alameda Corridor as a high priority corridor in the National Highway System bill.

This project is extremely important because the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach receive 40 percent of the Nation's imports, together composing the largest shipping complex in the United States.

By taking trucks off the road, the Alameda Corridor helps move goods more rapidly and reduces congestion for many communities in southern California.

I am proud to be associated with this project. It is a model for the Nation and a model for innovative finance.

I look forward to working with ACTA on new projects supporting goods movement in southern California.

I ask that a proclamation signed by the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and the Alameda Corridor