

rain that came with this hurricane. You begin to count your blessings. They were counting theirs. They weren't complaining.

People whose home flooded had a young child there. The tree hit their roof. They were thankful. I saw a person who was working in the yard, and I went up to him to speak and said: Do you live here?

He said: No, this is my friend, and we didn't have any real damage at my house, just lost some shingles, so I am here helping him.

I saw people with power saws cutting trees. A timber company had cherry picker equipment that was lifting one of the logs off a house for no charge, just to help a neighbor be able to seal up the house so the rain won't do damage to it.

Those are the kinds of things that make this a great country. It does not require the direction of somebody from Washington, DC. It does not require direction from Montgomery, AL, or even the counties. But in the very communities and neighborhoods of our country live some of the finest people the world has ever known. They know how to stand up and make decisions, utilize equipment, take care of their neighbors, and help one another who are in need. They do that on a daily basis in this crisis.

I am proud beyond words to represent them. Yes, the Federal Government has a role. We expect them to fulfill that. The State of Alabama has a role, and the county and city governments have a role. They are working hard. I have talked to those mayors. I have talked to the leaders in the communities, and they are working hard. They are intense. They are alert. They are insisting that things be done. They are insisting that if they need some equipment and it is available, they get it. I am proud of that kind of leadership. That is perfectly legitimate.

Fundamentally, the people are responding well. The power will be turned back on. FEMA will come around, under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers, and pick up all the limbs and trees that are there. These are not just small trees. Some of them are huge, representing many loads just to haul off the wood product of one major oak tree or one big pine tree. It is going to take months to get all that done. But the system has been proven. We need to refine it and make it better. But it will work. This relief will apply not just to the people who have houses on the beach but to every town and community in the State.

I was pleased to see Mr. Brown make that comment just today on the national news media. I talked to him about it. It is not just the people on the beaches who were hurt but in Atmore and Brewton and Monroeville, Frisco City, Evergreen, Greenville, and Camden, my hometown where I went to school.

I talked to Mayor Henrietta Blackmon there today. She is strug-

gling to get some electricity. They just got a little bit in town, and they are excited about that. They will be able to have gasoline provided. Some of the restaurants have electricity so people can get a hot meal. That was good news. That is the kind of thing they are doing.

They are worried about the nursing home. Generators are keeping that going right now so far. Her husband is a doctor there, and the hospital is getting by on a generator. Linden, Thomasville, Jackson, all these communities were hard hit. Birmingham, much further up the State, had substantial power outages, and the storm continued on north. We have had flooding in West Virginia and many deaths.

Whatever else a storm such as Ivan teaches us, it teaches us that we don't control our fate. We are just here a short period of time in this life; our lives are but a vapor, the Scriptures say. We can't control the winds and waves, as my daughter e-mailed me. That is controlled by a higher power. We are called upon to love our neighbors, take care of our communities, and help one another. I believe that is happening in my State to a degree that makes me very proud.

We are going to get through it. We are going to stay together. We are going to be a better State when it is over.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. DOLE). The Senator from Wyoming.

#### ONE SHOT ANTELOPE HUNT

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I wish to take a few minutes and talk about a historic event that just reoccurred in Wyoming this last weekend. We just completed another weekend of the One Shot Antelope Hunt. This is one of the earliest competitions in America. It is a continuing one. It has been done annually since 1939. I know about it because my grandfather told me about it. He considered it to be one of the great competitions. They allow 2,400 hunters to be a part of it each year. It is tied in with some conservation efforts.

I would like to thank a few people for putting this on each year in Lander, WY. The president this year was Scott Harnsberger. They are helped by the Shoshone Tribe. Chief Norm St. Clair did the blessing of the bullets. Medicine man Willie LeClair provided the medicine bags. My greeter was Rick Fagmont.

He is a CPA, and I appreciated that since I am the only accountant in the Senate. The sheriff, Skip Horneker, was my guide for the hunt.

As I mentioned, my grandfather had told me about this hunt, and I started hunting with him when I was about 6 years old. We would go out and take this rifle he had and sight it in. At that time, it was his intention for me to some day have that rifle. As we would sight it in, he would take three shots and we would check the target, and

then he would say this is shooting 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. As long as that is happening, don't change anything. If you change it, it will never be the same again. I am pleased to tell you that 54 years later it has never been changed. It still shoots 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. That is the rifle I took on this hunt.

When I sighted it in—and they have professionals there to make sure you have it right—I told them it is 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right and that I would not change it. My first shot was 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. After I compensated that, the second shot was right in the bullseye.

Part of this organization provides water for wildlife. Many people would not know that Wyoming is high desert. Most of it gets less than 16 inches of rainfall a year. Yet we have a lot of wildlife. We have an increase in the amount of wildlife because the hunters of the State have been concerned about it, are working on it, and have provided different methods that improve habitat for wildlife, none of which helps it more than water. There are people who would claim that in some places in Wyoming, if you saw an antelope, it would be carrying a water bottle because it would be so far from water.

They worked very hard during the year to get contributions and planned water projects in places to be particularly helpful to the wildlife. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Sportsman's Caucus, which is a group of sportsmen in the Senate and in the House that works all year long to watch out for legislation that helps conservation and that provides greater access for hunters and sportsmen. It involves Members of the Senate and House in the outdoor sports. So those who have not had an opportunity to see them will have an opportunity to see what they can do.

A favorite quote of mine is that "it is better to take your child hunting than to be hunting for your child." Fortunately, there are not only parents involved in this activity, but there are a lot of people who adopt kids for this kind of activity. It makes a great difference in Wyoming, and I expect it makes a great difference throughout the country.

It was a great pleasure to take part in this annual event and to see the people who have participated for years. It was a great time for me to remember my grandfather and all of the lessons he gave me as I grew up, not only in the area of hunting or fishing, but the respect that grew out of those activities that allows me to talk about absolutely anything. So while my grandfather passed away a number of years ago, in a sense I just finished having a great weekend with my grandfather.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### DEDICATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, over the weekend, South Dakota honored a debt long overdue.

With the dedication of the South Dakota Korean War Memorial on the capitol grounds in Pierre, our State paid tribute to the extraordinary heroism of those men and women who defended freedom and democracy on the Korean peninsula.

More than 1.8 million Americans fought in the Korean war, facing some of the fiercest fighting the world has ever seen.

More than 36,500 soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice in this effort, including nearly 200 South Dakotans. Another 103,000 Americans were wounded.

The cause for which they fought, and the freedom they won, is clear today for all to see.

On the south side of the 38th parallel lives a prosperous, free nation, fully welcomed into the family of nations.

On the north side, 22 million Koreans live under tyranny and in hunger.

The regime is rightly condemned for its abuse of its own citizens and their fundamental rights, and is an international outcast due to its spreading of missile technology and weapons-of-mass-destruction technology throughout the world.

The map shows nothing more than a line separating the two. But in a real sense, what separates North from South Korea is the heroism of the American soldiers who fought there.

Several years ago, under the direction of Sheila Hansen, a teacher in the Spearfish Middle school, the children of South Dakota set out to tell the stories of each of the 2,200 South Dakotans who gave their lives in World War II.

The project is called Fallen Heroes, and the stories of heroism these children uncovered taught all South Dakotans a lesson about the true meaning of patriotism and service.

Recently, Sheila Hansen asked her class to do the same for those South Dakotans who gave their lives in the Korean war.

I commend and thank Sheila and her eighth grade class at Spearfish Middle School, as well as Stanley County Middle School teacher Shirley Swanson, whose seventh grade class joined in the effort.

Together, the students prepared biographical profiles for those South Dakotans who lost their lives in service to their country during the Korean war.

One of the young men and women profiled was Walter Baptist LaPointe, from Moshier, SD.

Walter was the youngest of eight children born to Albert and Elizabeth Ringing Shield LaPointe.

Like so many Native Americans in South Dakota and across our country, Walter felt an obligation to serve his country.

Walter enlisted at the age of 19 and was sent overseas in 1951. Just 4 months after arriving in Korea, Walter was killed in an intense firefight near Homang-ni. He was awarded a posthumous Silver Star for "gallantry in action" and I would like to read from his citation.

It says:

As Company F attacked Hill 347, Private LaPointe moved ahead of the company line, seeking out and firing on enemy emplacements.

Ignoring the intense fire the foe was directing on the area, Private LaPointe displayed superb courage and determination by advancing whenever possible and setting up his weapon in unprotected but commanding positions.

He bravely continued in this manner, providing much needed automatic weapons fire for his comrades, until mortally wounded. Private LaPointe's gallantry reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service.

Walter was buried at the Advent Cemetery near his home in Moshier. His mother Elizabeth was touched by the warmth local veterans displayed at her son's passing.

The following Spring, Elizabeth decided to serve lunch to the local American Legion Post. She decided to make it a tradition, and each year since the Legion Post in Moshier has enjoyed a luncheon served by the LaPointe family.

Even after Elizabeth's passing, the tradition continues, and still today the members of the local Legion Post know the enduring gratitude of the LaPointe family.

Many friendships have been built over the years and a special connection between the family and Moshier's veteran community has grown. Speaking of the tradition, a family member recently said:

In this manner, we will forever preserve [Walter's] memory.

Indeed, they have done much more than that. With their generosity, they have strengthened the ties of friendship between the citizens of South Dakota and the men and women who fight to protect them. They have shown our veterans that their service will never be forgotten.

This, too, is the ultimate contribution of the Fallen Heroes project and the South Dakota Korean War Memorial dedicated this past Saturday.

Because our country was still war-weary from the end of World War II, few returning Korean war veterans were greeted with the ticker-tape parades and community celebrations that were common after World War II. The Korean war became known as the Forgotten War.

For the 12,000 Korean war veterans still living in South Dakota, and all those with whom they served, we have a simple message—you will never be forgotten.

The statue that stands on the capitol grounds in Pierre will be an enduring reminder of your contribution. But even this memorial is just a token of the gratitude and reverence South Dakota feels for you. The true memorial to your heroism is cast not in bronze, but in the hearts of millions of Koreans whose freedom you won, and in the memories of the Americans inspired by your courage.

We thank you for your service, and we salute your valor. And we will always remember.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CELEBRATING THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, every event memorable enough to be recorded becomes a part of history. But some events define and shape history with the force of plate tectonics, moving the world onto a new path. On September 17, 1787, just such an event occurred when the Constitution of the United States was signed.

I hold this Constitution in my hand.

With the adoption of this document, a new and powerful nation was created. That Nation, our Nation, still guided by the powerful hand of God in many ways and certainly still guided by the governmental structure laid out in this Constitution, is the heavyweight champion of world politics and the global economy. Actions of our Government influence world events with a speed and force of a category 5 hurricane.

The Declaration of Independence was historic. And I have it, too, here in my little book which I carry in my shirt pocket—the Declaration of Independence. The signers of that Declaration of Independence committed treason against the king. And those brave men—and they were men—who signed the Declaration of Independence, any one of them, each of them, could have been arrested, thrown into prison, sent to England in chains, and executed.

So we ought to ponder those men, their lives and those documents that they signed. We don't often enough think about the sacrifices they made, the risks they were willing to take as they pledged their lives and their fortunes and their sacred honor.

The Declaration of Independence was historic, for without it and the events that it set in motion there would be no fledgling United States of America.

The surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, was also historic, marking the successful conclusion of the War for Independence. Without that surrender, there would be no United