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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

John Solis was attacked and beaten after a gay-pride event in Brooklyn, NY on June 29, 2004. A dozen people shouted anti-gay slurs at Solis. When he turned to confront them they attacked him with baseball bats. Solis's wrist was broken and he was hit in the head. The police were slow to respond and ineffective.

I believe that the 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.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month comes to a close, to urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring S. 757, the Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act.

It has long been believed that the environment plays some role in the development of breast cancer, but the extent of that role is not understood. Today, less than 30 percent of breast cancers are explained by known risk factors. There are studies exploring the effect of things like diet, pesticides, and electromagnetic fields on breast cancer incidence, but in most cases, these and many other environmental factors that are also suspected to play a role have not been fully investigated. We need a collaborative, comprehensive, national strategy to explore these issues.

The Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act would create a uniquely targeted research plan, similar in design to the incredibly efficient Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program. This bill would authorize \$30 million a year for 5 years for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIEHS, to award grants to study the relationship between environmental factors and breast cancer. Under a competitive, peer-reviewed grantmaking process that involves patient advocates, the

NIEHS Director would award grants for the development and operation of up to eight centers for the purpose of conducting multidisciplinary research. It would require collaboration with community organizations in the area, including those that represent women with breast cancer, as an integral component of the centers. Inherent in its structure would be the kind of efficiency, and public accountability that has made an overwhelming number of my colleagues, as well as scientists and consumers, so supportive of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I urge my colleagues to join me and continue to fight the war on breast cancer, and invest in getting the answers to eradicating this disease.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BOB SPARBOE

• Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to a Minnesota hero and an American hero, Robert Sparboe, who passed away last week. If anyone around the world wanted to know why this is the greatest country in the world, I would tell them: Take a look at the life of Bob Sparboe. He is proof positive that the surest path to success is working hard in a free society.

Bob Sparboe found his success in the egg business. He went from a \$5,000 investment after the Korean war to a \$260 million operation employing 600 people in four States. If anyone in the sound of my voice has ever eaten an egg in a Midwestern restaurant, you are one of his customers. He has presided over 10 million hens laying over 2 billion eggs a year.

I often wonder from where Americans are getting their values. I sure hope it is not from overhyped rock stars, movie stars, and media creations. One of the values of our State of Minnesota is people are usually only one generation or one set of relations removed from the farm. We learn what farmers know; there are four seasons to life: planting, growing, harvesting, and resting. Not much of value is produced by people who cram. There are seasons and rhythms to life that must be understood and respected.

Bob was a wealth of wisdom. Here are a few of his gems collected from an article written honoring him last year:

The smartest thing you can do is hire someone who is more capable than you are.

It's better to have an average plan with superior execution than a superior plan with average execution.

A good leader creates leaders out of his followers. And a really good leader creates moral agents.

Leadership is about coping with change. Management is about coping with complexity.

You need to adopt the attitude that "I will succeed, not only in spite of my limitations, but because of them."

We get pretty full of ourselves in this city, imagining that we are running the world. But all the success our Nation achieves comes from the hard work, risk taking, and character of regular folks like Bob Sparboe, who achieve beyond their wildest dreams. His life was the American dream incarnate. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. And we are grateful to have had the privilege to know a person of such great character, drive and wisdom.

Mr. President, I ask that the following statement from former United States Senator Rudolph E. Boschwitz be printed in the RECORD.

The statement follows:

Picture a young Bob Sparboe, just back from the Army, his head full of dreams, eager to start his own business eager to make his first deal, and there he was young Bob sitting across the desk from the banker in Litchfield, Minnesota. Bankers always appear in this kind of story as a scowling, unfriendly, bunch of fellows. Bob never commented about that, but he needed \$1,400 for just 21 days. Scowl or not, the banker must have had some doubts. The normal borrower didn't come in for a 21-day loan.

Bob eventually solved the problem by buying the bank—something he never would have believed that day many years ago. He got the loan. He made the deal. And he paid the banker back on time.

His head was full of dreams. And one of the endearing and enduring elements of Bob's life was that he never stopped dreaming. Ambition didn't fade as he aged. And he lived his ever-enlarging dreams to their fullest. Not only with regard to his business, but with his wonderful family as well.

Not everybody knew Bob and I would occasionally introduce him as a man who had six million chickens laying eggs and doing so with regularity. Not too long ago, Bob corrected me to say with quiet pride, "It is now twelve million, Rudy."

Bob and I both admired Ronald Reagan and Reagan would often say, "If you give people enough freedom and opportunity, ordinary people will achieve extraordinary things."

Bob was such a person Bob proved Reagan right. Bob recognized what the promise of America had given him and it filled his heart with a deep and abiding love for this great country. It was in that way—through the political process—that I met Bob and Deanna and other members of their family and the Sparboe Farms family as well.

Some may believe that our country's greatness was achieved by politicians sitting in Washington or St. Paul and indeed it is their names that fill the history books. But they were not the builders. Their actions preserved and enhanced the opportunities and freedoms, but the builders of democracy are and were the Bob Sparboes of our country.

People who had dreams. People who were willing to take risks—even for 21 days—and then never stopped dreaming and working full time to achieve those ever-enlarging dreams.

So Bob will be missed not only by a very loving family, but America will miss Bob as well.

We have lost not only a friend, a father, a husband and grandfather, but America has lost one of the finest builders of its greatness. One of its proudest sons.

Bob Sparboe—an extraordinary life, an extraordinary example of the wonders of democracy. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12978 WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM 27

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on October 20, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 61733).

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 19, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 177. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1409. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3549. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building".

H.R. 3853. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office.

The message also announced that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3971, an act to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 156. An act to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes.

S. 55. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed today, October 19, 2005, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

H.R. 3765. An act to extend through March 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities and to expedite the processing of permits.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 177. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin

Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3549. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3830. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3853. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 19, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 55. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado.

S. 156. An act to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4271. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Probationary Period: A Critical Assessment Opportunity"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4272. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2006 Annual Performance Budget; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4273. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retirement Credit for Certain Government Service Performed Abroad" (RIN3206-AK84) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-170, "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-171, "Prescription Drug Excessive Pricing Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.