

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.

On July, 17, 2004, a 32-year-old gay man left a local Austin, TX, bar with two men, and walked home. The two men, Donald Bockman and Darren Gay, returned to the victim's home later that evening where they proceed to beat him and sexually assault him. Police say the two men dragged, tied-up, beat, cut, then sexually assaulted the victim. According to police, this attack was motivated by the victim's sexual orientation.

I believe that our Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, in all circumstances, from threats to them at home. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a major step forward in achieving that goal. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, last Thursday, in the midst of National Safe Schools Week, a student was nearly shot to death inside a Michigan high school. This tragic incident further underscores the need to do more to combat youth violence, especially gun violence.

According to published newspaper reports of the shooting, around noon last Thursday, a tenth grade student fired as many as three shots at another student in a crowded high school hallway. The 15-year-old victim was struck once in the chest by a .380 caliber bullet, which missed his heart by less than an inch. Fortunately, he is expected to live.

The suspect, who is also 15 years old, allegedly used a stolen .380 caliber pistol in the shooting and now faces life in prison after being charged as an adult. Reportedly, the suspect also has a previous conviction involving a firearm violation. The shooting last Thursday came less than a month after two other students were injured in a drive-by shooting outside the same high school. Unfortunately, youth gun violence continues to threaten communities, destroy families, and change the lives of too many young people forever.

Only a day before last Thursday's shooting, thousands of young people across the country observed a Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence, which was designed to empower children and teenagers to do what they can to eliminate gun violence in their communities. In many communities, students were given the opportunity to sign a voluntary pledge against gun violence. Since the first

Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence in 1996, more than 7 million students have signed the pledge. Here is what the pledge says:

I will never bring a gun to school; I will never use a gun to settle a dispute; I will use my influence with my friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes. My individual choices and actions, when multiplied by those of young people throughout the country, will make a difference. Together, by honoring this pledge, we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety.

I applaud the organizers and students who participated in this year's Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence for their efforts to reduce gun violence. The thousands of students who signed the pledge this year, and the millions before them, have promised to do what they can to prevent tragedies like last week's school shooting in Michigan. Congress should do its part by adequately funding important law enforcement programs and by passing commonsense gun safety legislation.

BREAST CANCER ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and 2005 marks more than 20 years that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has educated women about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment.

Yet, more than three million women currently live with breast cancer and the causes of this disease are still mostly unknown. While we have made significant advances in treatment, so much more needs to be done when it comes to prevention of this often fatal disease.

The Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act, S. 757, would enhance breast cancer environmental research across the country. This bill which is modeled after the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, would over 5 years, invest \$30 million through a peer-reviewed grant process to establish a multi-disciplinary approach.

At this time, four research centers study prenatal-adult environmental exposures that may cause breast cancer. And while this is a good start, we need a nationally focused, collaborative and comprehensive strategy to approach this and the Breast Cancer Environmental Research Act would do just that.

This country has great resources when it comes to medical and scientific research. I believe this bill would provide an efficient and effective strategy for developing research in the environmental causes of this tragic disease.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF FACTS ON FILE

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, it doesn't seem all that long ago that one of our

most popular television shows featured a detective with a catch phrase that soon became part of our national vocabulary. When questioning someone who was offering more opinions than observations he would often interrupt and say, "Just the facts." Those few words sum up the history of a publication that has grown from an in-depth look at World War II to an incredible collection of all forms of data that covers just about everything from the beginnings of recorded history to the exploration of the furthest ranges of our universe.

Sixty-five years ago, Facts on File World News Digest was founded in 1940 by three emigrants from Hitler's Europe who knew there would be a need for a publication devoted to the issues of World War II. They had witnessed the rise of Nazism in the 1930s and recognized the need for a U.S.-based publication that focused on both world and domestic news events in the years leading up to World War II. Their first issue dealt with the presidential race between Roosevelt and Wilkie and their first bound volume of the events of the day was written, as described in the forward, as an effort to provide a clear and concise guide to help the reader navigate through a "hopeless maze of thousands of facts."

Nowadays, by comparison, we are deluged by tens of millions of facts and other pieces of data from around the world almost every day. Through it all, Facts on File has continued to sift the trivial from the significant and put together volume after volume of written information placing the facts about a myriad of subjects online and at our fingertips.

Facts on File World News Digest was originally conceived as a source of information for radio and news journalists. Today, it serves an ever widening group of people who need quick and easy access to the basic facts about an endless list of items. Teachers rely on the publications for their lesson plans. Students rely on the easy access their database provides them for help with their homework, background for their papers, or just to encourage a genuine curiosity about the history of the world around them and how things work.

Weekly Reader, which is now a part of the Facts on File family, took a poll of its readers recently. They discovered that almost 70 percent of today's students reported that they look for and find most of the facts they need for their homework on the Internet. Their use of the latest technology was the good news. The bad news was they often do not question the material they find or use another source to double check it. They just assume what they have found is correct.

That is why it is so vitally important that we make sure our children, students and researchers have access to online materials on the web that put a premium on facts—not opinions. For that reason and so many more, Facts

on File World News Digest will continue to be a priceless treasure trove of information, providing access to its databases and the wealth of knowledge they store with students, teachers, and government entities across the country.

As the old adage says so well, we're entitled to our own opinions, we're just not entitled to our own facts. Facts on File has been working for 65 years to make sure the record is clear so that those who use their publications as a source get it right the first time.

As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, I like to say that education is our middle name. Facts on File, and the family of publications it includes, has been a very valuable component of our education system for some time. I appreciate and congratulate them on a remarkable record of success. It's good to know that a resource exists that can provide our children with the data they need to supplement their studies, a resource that does its best, like the detective I referred to earlier, to provide "just the facts."•

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

• Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, in Greek communities around the world, Oxi Day celebrates the fateful day, October 28, 1940, when Greece said "NO" to Mussolini's demand for immediate free passage of Italian army troops through Greece, and thereby changed the course of World War II. When Greece refused, Mussolini invaded, expecting no serious resistance to his much larger and better-equipped army. In fact, the outnumbered Greek forces offered such stiff resistance that Mussolini was soon thrown on the defensive and the Italians retreated into Albania. The Greeks held the Axis forces at bay for months, forcing Hitler to divert to Greece, forces that had been intended for the invasion of the Soviet Union, which in turn caused a delay in the invasion. Within months, the German armies were bogged down in the harsh winter conditions from which they were never able to recover.

In the brutal campaign that Hitler's armies waged in Greece, nearly 16,000 Greeks were killed and more than 300,000 taken prisoner, but from that campaign emerged the determined and courageous Greek resistance. In World War II, Greece and the United States were partners in the struggle against fascism as today they are partners in the effort to build a free, democratic and prosperous world.

In Greek communities everywhere, Oxi Day is a time to celebrate Greece's stunning defeat of Mussolini's armies and the Greek role in assuring the Allied victory in World War II. It is also a time to reflect on the democratic spirit that inspired that victory, a spirit Greece gave to the world more than two millennia ago. Today, I join our Greek American friends in recognizing

a momentous day in which we are reminded that tyranny will always be defeated by the enduring light of freedom. •

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination and two treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Croatt, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 172. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments:

S. 1713. An act to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

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.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 12:29 p.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. 2967. An act to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

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

H. Con. Res. 276. Concurrent resolution requesting the President to return to the House of Representatives the enrollment of H.R. 3765 so that the Clerk of the House may reenroll the bill in accordance with the action of the two Houses.

At 2:40 p.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. 3945. An act to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions, credit unions, and Federal regulatory agencies, and for other purposes.

At 6:26 p.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, without amendment:

S. 37. An act to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3057 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing vote of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. KOLBE, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. CARTER, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. OBEY.

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-4433. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a monthly report on the status of the Commission's licensing activities and regulatory duties for August 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4434. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AT76) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4435. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; VOC RACT Orders for Hitchcock Chair Co., Ltd.; Kimberly Clark Corp.; Watson Laboratories, Inc.; and Ross and Roberts, Inc." (FRL7967-2) received on October 21, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4436. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL7981-8)