

To the best of my knowledge, S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, contains no material considered to be extraneous under subsections (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(E) of section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

HONORING SENATOR JON CORZINE

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of our most remarkable members, Senator JON CORZINE, who leaves us this year to continue his work on behalf of the people of New Jersey in a new capacity. Experience and leadership qualities like his are rare, and with them, he has set himself apart as a champion of the environment, a safe homeland, affordable health care, and working men and women everywhere.

After managing one of the most successful businesses in the world, JON arrived in the Senate five years ago with the negotiating skills and leadership experience that allowed him to succeed so admirably here. Most notably, JON came to Washington with an unusual and important perspective. He understands the bottom line. He understands that it is not right for our children to inherit our unpaid bills and that we have a responsibility to ensure that we leave them a safer, more secure and more compassionate America.

In pursuit of these goals and never shying from a challenge, JON CORZINE was a leader in the fight to protect Social Security from privatization and helped lead the charge to secure our chemical facilities from terrorist attacks.

However, while tackling those critical national challenges, it was obvious that his heart was with New Jersey. Over the past 6 years, JON fought hard to improve the quality of life for all of the people of his State by investing in the local economy and protecting New Jersey's natural resources.

Last month, New Jersey residents showed their gratitude and admiration for JON's service and elected him Governor of their State. With their votes, they showed that they believed in JON's quest to make New Jersey one of the best places to live, work and raise a family. As a former Governor, I know the challenges and the rewards of running a State. And from working with JON in the Senate, I know that he will help move New Jersey forward and will make sure that the State government provides people with value for their hard-earned tax dollars, while respecting the values that unite us all.

Today, the Senate loses a valued colleague. However, today, New Jersey gains a great Governor.

JON, we will miss you. Susan joins me in wishing you all the best in the future. New Jersey is lucky to have you.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate my good friend, Senator JON CORZINE, on his election to the governorship of New Jersey. The Senator from New Jersey

and I joined this body in the same year, 2001, and in that time, he has worked for New Jersey and the country with skill and determination.

He is a man who believes in security, whether it is securing our homeland, securing our financial future or securing our world from genocide.

Senator CORZINE recognized the deadly risk posed by lackluster protection of our Nation's chemical plants. As we debated this year's Homeland Security appropriations bill, his amendment let everyone know that we must take steps to protect against a terrorist attack on chemical facilities within the United States.

He has doggedly fought for retirement security for all Americans, helping to protect Social Security from deep benefit cuts and preventing a substantial increase in the national debt. Senator CORZINE knows that we made a promise to our seniors that they can retire with safety and dignity, and he is helping to keep that promise.

By introducing the Sudan Accountability Act, Senator CORZINE put this body on record that we cannot allow the genocide in Darfur to continue. Hundreds of thousands are already dead, and millions have been displaced by the atrocities in Sudan. He has helped push for sanctions against those committing these crimes and to put money into our efforts to stop them.

Over the past 5 years, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Senator CORZINE on important issues.

We recognized a gaping hole in benefits provided to widows of our servicemembers, and he joined me in introducing the Military Retiree Survivor Benefit Equity Act. The bill has attracted bipartisan support based on its fundamental fairness and because it is the right thing to do for America's military retirees and their survivors.

Florida and New Jersey both have beautiful shorelines that serve important economic needs for our States, and Senator CORZINE has helped me in the fight to protect these shorelines from the devastation of oil drilling. I look forward to continuing this fight with his successor, Congressman MENENDEZ.

I expect that as Governor of New Jersey, he will take with him to Trenton the same passion to protect our homeland, to protect our environment, and to protect our future that he had here in the Senate. I thank him for his service in Washington, DC, I congratulate him on his victory, and I wish him well as he continues his service for the people of New Jersey.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, it is my honor today to pay tribute and bid a fond farewell to my colleague and friend Senator JON S. CORZINE of New Jersey. Senator CORZINE, as we know, will be leaving the Senate next month to serve as New Jersey's Governor, and before he leaves us to begin what I can only be certain will be a wildly successful and innovative tenure as New Jersey's chief executive, I thought it

appropriate to take the time to celebrate not only Mr. CORZINE's fine service in the Senate, but his inspiring life story as well.

In many ways, JON CORZINE's life is an example of the American dream fulfilled. Mr. CORZINE was born on New Year's Day, 1947, and grew up on his family's farm in Willey's Station, IL. His father ran the farm and sold insurance; his mother was a public school teacher. Through his own hard work and that of his family, Mr. CORZINE attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1969. After graduating college, Mr. CORZINE served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, and he continued in the Reserves until 1975, rising to the rank of sergeant in his infantry unit.

After Senator CORZINE's active duty was up, he began what would become a long and successful career in the finance sector. His first job was with the Continental Illinois National Bank in Chicago, where he worked as a portfolio analyst. At the same time, Mr. CORZINE began taking night classes at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business, where he received his MBA in 1973.

In 1975, after working briefly at a regional bank in Ohio, Mr. CORZINE was recruited to go to work for the New York investment firm Goldman Sachs as a bond trader, beginning what would be a meteoritic rise through the company's ranks. After only 5 years, Mr. CORZINE was named a partner in the firm. In 1994, Mr. CORZINE became both the firm's chairman and chief executive officer.

But the story doesn't end there for Mr. CORZINE had a very successful tenure at the helm of Goldman Sachs. When he took over in 1994, the proud and respected firm was in a period of some decline. But Mr. CORZINE and his team turned the company's fortunes upwards. During his 5 years as chief executive, Mr. CORZINE also oversaw the firm's successful transition from a private partnership to a public company.

While serving as chief executive, Mr. CORZINE also demonstrated a passion for public service. Under his leadership, Goldman Sachs was a strong corporate citizen, expanding its community outreach and philanthropic programs. Mr. CORZINE also chaired a Presidential commission that studied how capital budgeting could be used to increase Federal investment in education.

It is this commitment to public service that I saw JON CORZINE bring to his work in the Senate every day. Elected in 2000 by the people of New Jersey, Senator CORZINE has been a tireless advocate for corporate accountability, helping coauthor the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and has worked to protect our environment, where he has been a steadfast ally in the fights to prevent drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and to tackle climate change. On the international front, Senator CORZINE has sponsored the Darfur Accountability act, an act I am proud to

cosponsor, which seeks to address the terrible genocide currently occurring in the Darfur region of Sudan.

What I will remember most about Senator CORZINE's tenure is his commitment to strengthening our Nation's Homeland Security. Having worked with Senator CORZINE on several homeland security issues, I know firsthand that he was determined to do everything in his power to protect the American people from another terrorist attack. Senator CORZINE and I worked together in passing legislation that created the 9/11 Commission, whose service to the American people we are all well aware of. In addition, Senator CORZINE has been a leader in legislative efforts to increase security at our Nation's chemical plants, which remain vulnerable to attack. Senator CORZINE crafted strong legislation aimed at protecting these facilities, and I remain hopeful that Congress will act on this area of great vulnerability. I will continue to be inspired by the dedication Senator CORZINE applied to this critical issue.

Let me end my statement by taking the time to thank JON CORZINE, for his service in the Senate. I wish him, his daughter Jennifer, and his two sons, Josh and Jeffrey, nothing but the best for the future, and I look forward to seeing the fine things I know he will continue to do for the people of New Jersey, now as their Governor. Once again, thank you, JON CORZINE.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I 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.

Thomas Stockwell is a 21-year-old gay man. On February 25, 2005, he was walking near his home on the Chapel Hill Campus of the University of North Carolina. For no other reason than being gay, Stockwell was attacked and beaten by a group of six men. Reports account that the group of men made sexually derogatory comments while they repeatedly punched Stockwell in the face eventually breaking his nose.

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. By passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

RESPONSE TO HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding

work of antihunger leaders, volunteers, and organizations throughout the gulf coast region and the Nation who have risen to the occasion and provided much needed food, support, and basic services to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As we approach the holiday season, I want to take the opportunity to help raise awareness about the challenges the charitable food industry have met in the wake of the hurricanes as well as the increased demands on their services and food supplies.

I want to focus my remarks on food rescue and food bank organizations and antihunger advocates operating in my home State of Arkansas. I also want to highlight the amazing work done by America's Second Harvest, A2H, and its national network of food banks to bring food relief to the thousands of our fellow citizens suffering from the devastation wrought by the gulf region hurricanes.

Arkansas is fortunate to have a strong network of antihunger, food rescue, and food bank organizations that tirelessly work to feed hungry Arkansans. This dynamic network includes six A2H affiliates located across Arkansas which include the Foodbank of North Central Arkansas, Harvest Texarkana, Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas, River Valley Regional Food Bank, Arkansas Foodbank Network, and the Ozark Food Bank. Other essential partners in the network include the Arkansas Rice Depot, Potluck, Inc., Heifer International, Winrock International, local food pantries, homeless shelters, church soup kitchens, faith-based antihunger programs and advocacy groups such as the Arkansas Hunger Coalition, Arkansas Community Action Agencies, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and the Interfaith Network.

I am proud of the many volunteers, employees, and financial contributors of these organizations and programs. Their commitments to feed the hungry and serve the poor is making a great difference in Arkansas for our citizens and for the thousands of hurricane victims who sought shelter in Arkansas after the hurricanes and for many that still remain.

I am also proud of America's Second Harvest national leadership to organize its network of food banks to respond to the disaster area along the gulf coast region. Within hours of Hurricane Katrina's landfall in the gulf coast, A2H food banks from around the Nation began sending truckloads of food and water to the affected areas. Volunteers and staff from the network also were dispatched to the gulf region to help with relief efforts and provide support to the food banks and food rescue organizations trying to operate in areas where many of the local food distribution agencies had been wiped out.

A2H immediately began to raise funds nationally for hurricane relief and dedicated all of these donations

solely to food acquisition, transportation, storage, and distribution to the disaster victims in the gulf region. Undamaged food was rescued from the flooded New Orleans food banks and additional warehouse space was secured in other areas to ensure that the A2H network would be able to meet the dramatic increase in demand for emergency food assistance that continues to this day in the gulf region.

Staff and volunteers worked tirelessly, night and day, for weeks on end to get food and distribute it to those in need. They collected, transported, stored, and provided more than 59 million pounds of food, accounting for more than 46 million meals valued at an estimated \$88 million to the gulf region. This effort is continuing as the need broadens to reach those displaced persons in other areas where so many victims have been relocated.

On Thursday, December 15, 2005, A2H released a report at a Capitol Hill press conference documenting their study on the depth and breadth of the impact of the gulf region hurricane disasters on the charitable food distribution system and the clients it serves. The study results report that there are some 40 A2H food banks located in the hurricane-impacted areas. Demands for emergency food assistance in these Gulf Coast states tripled immediately following Hurricane Katrina and continue to be more than 50 percent higher than prior to the disaster. It is clear that much more is needed to secure the basic needs of those in the gulf region. Additionally, inventories donated to the gulf region by many food banks have not been replaced and are now struggling to feed the clients and families they regularly serve.

A2H has helped shed the light on the severity of the situation that still exists for thousands of families throughout the gulf coast region. I hope that my colleagues in both the Senate and House will take a close look at these findings to reinforce the need for congressional support for our local grassroots antihunger organizations and for continued support of our vital Federal food assistance programs like Food Stamps, WIC, School Breakfast and Lunch, and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

All of these important programs and activities are essential ingredients in our Nation's battle to end hunger in America, whether it comes from natural disasters or the everyday struggles of low-income Americans to make ends meet. Thank you to America's Second Harvest and to the many antihunger volunteers and advocates throughout Arkansas and across our Nation who are making a difference.

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Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to register, in the strongest possible terms, my objection to the inclusion of provisions authorizing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National