

ominous. But more than that, inside the organization, the chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting hired a consultant to evaluate the bias in public broadcasting. He hired a consultant to go after the program called "NOW with Bill Moyers." He hired that consultant without notifying the board of directors. This is the chairman of the board. He hired that consultant with public funds.

As an appropriator, I asked him: Would you provide me with the information that the consultant provided you.

This is what I received. I received a substantial amount of what he called raw data. It didn't include any summary, just raw data. I was struck and disappointed to see that a consultant was hired, and this is a summary of April 4 to June 4, just to pick one. And they go through the list of programs, and they label anti-Bush, anti-Bush, anti-DeLay. I guess if he reported on the controversy about TOM DELAY, it is anti-DeLay programming.

It says, "anticorporation." In fact, they did a program about some waste. It might have been about Halliburton, although I have done hearings on Halliburton. I guess that would then be declared anticorporation. It is really not. Again, it reads anti-Bush, anti-Bush, pro-Bush.

I am struck that it is way out of bounds to be paying money for a consultant who decides to evaluate public broadcasting through the prism of whether or not it supports the President. That is not the role of public broadcasting, to decide whether it supports the President of the United States. If we ever get to the point where you can't be critical of public policy, Democrats and Republicans, Congress and the President, then there is something wrong.

Interestingly enough, they used another approach on another set of programming, and they divided these segments that were shown into either liberal or conservative segments. And there was a segment on June 7 last year and Senator HAGEL from Nebraska, a conservative Republican, was on that segment and apparently said something that wasn't completely in sync with the White House. So he is labeled as a liberal. A conservative Republican Senator from Nebraska is labeled a liberal by the consultant for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Why? Because he said something liberal? No, apparently he just didn't have the party line down and said something that was perhaps at odds with policy coming out of the White House.

This list goes on and on. My guess is my colleague Senator HAGEL is going to be mighty surprised to discover that a consultant hired by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting views his appearances on public broadcasting as appearances that contribute to a liberal bias because a conservative Republican Senator from Nebraska shows up on public broadcasting.

I don't mean to make light of this. I think it is serious. In addition to all of this, an allegation of bias—a relentless allegation of bias by the chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, in addition to his hiring a consultant to do this kind of thing—evaluate programming, whether it is anti-Bush or pro-Bush—in addition to all of that, there is now a discussion and potentially even a vote today in which they would select a new president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the leading candidate for that job is a former cochairman of the Republican National Committee.

I would not think it appropriate for a former cochair of the Democratic National Committee to assume the presidency of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; nor would I think it would be wise for Mr. Tomlinson, the chairman of the board, to usher in a former partisan as president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Again, I only say that, going back some 35 years and more, I think public broadcasting has been a real service to our country. Public television and public radio tackle things other interests will not tackle in this country. They are, in fact, independent. That is precisely what drives some people half-wild. My hope is that the actions of Mr. Tomlinson, the chairman, the actions of the board, whatever they might be today—my hope is that those actions will not further contribute to injuring public broadcasting.

We fund public broadcasting because we think it is a great alternative to commercial television. If you tune in—nothing against broadcasts in the evening on the commercial station, but I happen to think Jim Lehrer has one of the best newscasts in our country. He covers both sides aggressively. I think it contributes to our country and I think, in many ways, public broadcasting is a national treasure. I regret that I have to describe these things—consultants who evaluate whether or not something is anti-Bush. That is not the prism through which one should evaluate whether something makes sense. I will wait to see what happens today at the meeting taking place of the board. My hope is that they will not take action that will further injure and be detrimental to public broadcasting.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANDRE'S FRENCH RESTAURANT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Chef Andre Rochat, the Dean of Las Vegas Chefs. Twenty-five years ago, he opened the doors to his first restaurant, Andre's French Restaurant. In the decades since, he has served patrons—including my wife Landra and I—the finest French cuisine in the city.

I first encountered Andre in the 1970s—a few years before he opened Andre's. At that time, he was operating the Savoy French Bakery and selling

the most wonderful pastries you could find. Bolstered by the bakery's success, he opened Andre's in 1980 in a converted Spanish-style home one block east of Las Vegas Boulevard. It was an unlikely location for a restaurant—but he quickly found success.

Twenty-five years later, Andre's has become what some have called the "most honored, awarded and respected restaurant in Las Vegas." The restaurant's intimate dining rooms, wonderful food and outstanding service have made it a landmark.

Andre's arrival in our city was the result of hard work and determination.

He was born in the Savoie region of the French Alps and inherited a love for his trade from his parents, who owned a delicatessen and butcher shop. At 14, Andre left home and began an apprenticeship at Leon de Lyon, in Lyon, France. After serving in the French Navy, Andre came to the United States in 1965, landing in Boston with just \$5 and his knives. Eventually, he made his way to Las Vegas and forever changed the city's dining scene.

Today Las Vegas is home to many great chefs. But Andre was one of the first. He now has two more restaurants in the city, and both of them continue in the award winning tradition begun by Andre's French Restaurant 25 years ago.

I congratulate Andre on 25 great years and thank him for sharing his outstanding gifts. Las Vegas is privileged to be able to enjoy his world-renowned talents, and it won't be long before Landra and I return to Andre's to enjoy our favorite meal, the Imported Dover Sole Sauteed Véronique with Lemon Tarts for dessert.

TRIBUTE TO DRAKE DELANOY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Drake DeLanoy of Las Vegas, NV as he reaches two incredible milestones in life: his 55th wedding anniversary and his 77th birthday. For four decades, Drake has been a friend and mentor of mine, and I wish him and his wife Jackie all the best as they mark these two occasions.

Drake DeLanoy was raised in Reno. He graduated from the university of Nevada, Reno, and married Jackie on June 19, 1950. Drake earned his law degree from Denver University.

Following law school, Drake served in the United States Air Force and eventually returned to Nevada to practice law, which is where I had the good fortune of working with him.

Drake and I practiced together for 13 years, beginning in the mid-1960s. When we started working together, I was right out of law school and an inexperienced attorney. But Drake and his partners William Singleton and Rex Jameson took me under their wing.

These three men were great teachers who gave me the freedom to learn and grow. They let me take the legal cases I wanted to pursue, and they allowed me to watch them in the courtroom

and observe them work during trials. They also gave me the opportunity to be politically involved, and I have no doubt that the freedom and support I enjoyed with them allowed me to serve and now be in the U.S. Senate.

At the age of 77, Drake DeLanoy continues to build on his strong career. As an appointee of the Governor, Drake now serves on the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, which protects and preserves the beauty of the Tahoe basin.

I will forever be grateful to Drake DeLanoy. The lessons he taught and the experiences he provided have stayed with me all these years.

As Drake and Jackie celebrate their 55th anniversary and Drake looks forward to another year, I congratulate them both and wish them many more years of happiness together.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL CHAD MAYNARD

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to remember one of Colorado's fallen heroes, Marine LCpl Chad Bryant Maynard who was killed last week in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was only 19 years old.

Lance Corporal Maynard hailed from Montrose, CO, on the Western Slope. Growing up, it was his dream to serve his country. Chad Maynard's deep patriotism was a family tradition—his father served in the Marines, and his brother Jacob returned from his second tour in Iraq a few months ago.

As a high school student, Chad had secretly contacted recruiters when he was 16 about his wish to join the Marines. His parents remember him sneaking recruiting brochures into the house. The recruiters had to ask him to stop contacting them until he was 18.

But Lance Corporal Maynard was determined to serve his country. He joined the junior ROTC at Montrose High School. One of his friends once quipped, "God rested on the seventh day and on the eighth day made Maynard for the Marines. . . ." He worked hard at his classes so he could graduate early to go to boot camp. At his 2004 graduation from Montrose High, Chad Maynard stood proudly in his Marine Corps dress uniform.

Lance Corporal Maynard's friends and instructors remember him as a young man who took his commitment to his country very seriously. On September 11, Lance Corporal Maynard organized a prayer around the flagpole at school. He sought out the Marines because he wanted to be on the front lines, making a difference for his country.

Today in Montrose is the funeral for Lance Corporal Maynard. Just 1 year and 6 days after he picked up his diploma, Chad Maynard was taken from us, a life of extraordinary promise snuffed out all too soon. He served his Nation with honor and distinction.

LCpl Chad Maynard set an example for all those around him to follow and

left a positive mark on every life he touched. Chad's brave and selfless actions have made the world a better and safer place for all of us and we owe him a debt of gratitude which we will never be able to pay. To his wife Becky and their soon-to-be-born child, I send my humble thanks for Chad's sacrifice on our behalf. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

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.

A 17-year-old transgender woman and her 18-year-old friend were shot in the head while sitting in a SUV, which was set on fire. The SUV was found in an isolated parking lot after the two had been missing for a day. Their bodies were burned beyond recognition. The perpetrator allegedly killed the two victims when he discovered that one of them was a crossdresser.

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.

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN DARFUR

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, Senator BROWBACK and I have submitted a resolution to designate July 15-17, 2005 as a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection to draw attention to the genocide and Crimes Against Humanity occurring in Darfur, Sudan, and to find a solution to this great moral challenge. The resolution calls upon the people of the United States to pray and reflect. Churches, synagogues, mosques, other communities of faith, and all individuals of compassion will join together to acknowledge, observe, and reflect upon the crimes against humanity that continue to occur in Darfur, so that we can together end the genocide and bring about lasting peace to Sudan.

The Congress and administration have already defined the atrocities in Darfur as genocide. Estimates of the death toll range from 180,000 to 400,000. More than two million people have been displaced from their homes, including over 200,000 refugees in Chad. Recent accounts of these atrocities, as reported by Doctors without Borders, include documented rapes by soldiers and government-backed militia.

Many religious and human rights leaders, communities, and institutions throughout the world have already spoken out, and called for an end to the genocide. In my own state, thousands participated in a Darfur Sabbath Weekend on May 14-15, 2005, when clergy and congregations throughout New Jersey addressed this crisis during their worship services. With my friend and colleague Representative DONALD PAYNE, I was privileged to visit a mosque, a synagogue, a Catholic rectory, an African American Baptist Church and a United Methodist Church during those two days.

Whatever the denomination, we spoke to each other in the same language, and committed ourselves to the same determination to act according to our words and the dictates of our universal conscience. That profound experience impels me to this broader outreach. I want to take this opportunity to urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in saying, "never again." Never again, will we accept the slaughter of fellow human beings. Never again, will we stand by as systematic crimes are inflicted upon humanity. I ask that you join me, Senator BROWBACK and people all across the globe in supporting this unified movement to tell the world that humanity will never again allow genocide to occur.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I salute today the students who participated in the National History Day national contest that was held last week at the University of Maryland. More than 700,000 students in grades 6 through 12 from all over the country chose topics, researched, and presented their projects at State and local competitions this year. I am proud that 52 students from Tennessee made it to Washington. I especially want to recognize two of those students, Daniel Jordan and Tyler Sexton, eighth graders at St. John Neumann School in Knoxville.

Their National History Day project is a documentary on Sequoyah's Syllabary, which they presented at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Sequoyah was a Cherokee warrior who was born in east Tennessee and created a syllabary, which is often called the Cherokee alphabet. He was born in 1776 in the village of Tuskegee, which was very near Vonore, TN, where the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum is located.

Daniel and Tyler say the seed for their documentary was planted during a visit to the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. The two boys got tired and decided to sit on several bales of hay in the center of a field. After a few minutes, two Cherokee approached the boys and explained that they were sitting on a holy prayer circle. The boys apologized profusely and removed themselves, but not before they learned