

spending on such efforts. This disclosure, like lobbying disclosure in general, would have helped inform the public of pressures being brought to bear on their representatives by paid interests.

Even though identical language was passed by Congress last year when we considered a lobbying reform bill, it was stripped from the final version of this legislation. I nonetheless look forward to examining this issue in the future and hope to work with Chairman LIEBERMAN in the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee this year to look for solutions to this loophole.

I was pleased, however, that a provision I authored last year to require reporting by foreign lobbyists was included in the final passed bill. Foreign lobbyists file their disclosures under the Foreign Agents Registry Act. The forms are difficult to find and almost as hard to understand. My provision will require a publicly accessible, electronic database containing FARA disclosures in the same format that will be in place for registrants under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

A number of scandals over the past few years have shown us that ethics and lobbying reform are vital. While this bill was not perfect, I believe it will go a long way to clean up corruption in Washington. This bipartisan effort in the Senate proves that we are up to the task of addressing corruption and perceived corruption in Congress. I am hopeful that the House will soon consider its own lobbying reform legislation and that we will have strong provisions signed into law.

But signing this legislation into law cannot be the end of our efforts. The 12 years since the passage of the Lobbying Disclosure Act have shown the lengths to which some will go to find loopholes in the law to circumvent the reforms and undermine the safeguards that we have enacted. We must remain vigilant to protect the integrity of the legislative process in the coming years and be prepared, if necessary, to revisit the issue with future legislation.

COMBATING GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, one effort that must not be overlooked in our fight to combat gun violence, is the work of local law enforcement agencies. Detroit's Joshua Project is but one example of the successful work law enforcement agencies are doing all across the country. The Joshua Project began in 2004 as a collaborative effort between multiple law enforcement agencies, to curb gun violence in Detroit's Southwestern 3rd Precinct.

The Joshua Project, modeled after programs in several other cities including Boston, Minneapolis, and Indianapolis, institutes a zero tolerance policy when a gang member commits any type of gun violence. Any gang member's use of a gun results in strict and sustained law enforcement attention for

everyone in the gang. The project also seeks to deter gun violence by increased monitoring of probationers and parolees through the use of unscheduled home visits and mandatory call-in meetings. So far over 2,000 former offenders have been called in and nearly 3,000 home checks have been conducted. These measures give law enforcement officials the opportunity to proactively intervene in a high-risk offender's life before another crime is committed.

The implementation of the program relies on an innovative partnership between the Detroit Police Department, the Attorney General's Office and Michigan Department of Corrections, along with the assistance of the State courts. Community involvement also plays a critical role in offering both ideas and solutions within the Joshua Project. Community organizations provide assistance, support and counseling to offenders.

Within the first 17 months after the Joshua Project was implemented, shootings in Detroit's 3rd precinct decreased almost 33 percent and gun related homicides dropped nearly 40 percent. As a result of this success, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Attorney General Mike Cox, and Governor Jennifer Granholm announced this past summer that the Joshua Project would be expanded to Detroit's 2nd precinct.

Mayor Kilpatrick said of this expansion:

We are most successful in our fight against crime when we maximize the strengths of our law enforcement partners throughout the country and state. Our partnership with the Attorney General has reduced gun violence and has saved lives in southwest Detroit. By expanding this program, we hope to build upon our current successes and make the neighborhoods of the second precinct as safe, if not safer, than we have in the third precinct.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all State and local law enforcement officials for their continued service and vital contributions in ensuring the safety of our communities. I am hopeful the 110th Congress will support their efforts by taking up and passing sensible gun safety legislation.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL" WOOLF

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to one of the longest tenured members of my Senate staff, Mr. William "Bill" Woolf. Bill will retire from U.S. Senate employment at the end of January, after 20 years of exceptional service to the citizens of this country and to the residents of the State of Alaska.

Bill was born in Washington State and studied at Washington State University and the University of Alaska in Juneau. Growing up in the country, he developed an early and lasting love of the outdoors—boating, fishing, and hunting—even before moving to the Last Frontier in 1974.

He has served as my legislative assistant for fisheries, science, and trans-

portation issues since I entered the Senate in 2002. Prior to that, he worked for the "other Senator Murkowski" for 15 years. While I love to catch and eat Alaska's salmon, halibut, crab, and pollock, Bill truly knows not only the biology but also the economic intricacies of both sport and commercial fishing and game management issues. Over the years, he has become an expert in wildlife and fishery biology and management, dedicating himself to protecting and expanding fish and game stocks not just in Alaska but nationwide.

Bill moves easily among scientists, government officials, fishermen, and business. He has gained a reputation as a dedicated and knowledgeable advocate for sound, scientific fishery and wildlife management and quality resource development.

He has worked tirelessly to help perfect and protect the regional fishery management process, encompassed in the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act. Despite never serving with a member of the Commerce Committee, Bill has been influential in many of the fisheries laws passed by this body, dealing with subjects as diverse as reflagging of foreign processing ships, banning the use of large-scale driftnets on the high seas, improving safety and quality inspection techniques for fish products, allowing fishermen greater control over secondary market pricing, providing for country of origin seafood labeling, and encouraging action to allow "organic" labeling.

He also worked with the State Department and others to implement international agreements on fisheries in the central Bering Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk, protection of salmon in the North Pacific, successful negotiations with Canada of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and many others. He is particularly proud of having drafted, presented, and worked with the staff of U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright to achieve U.N. General Assembly approval for the very first international resolution to control bycatch and waste in fisheries worldwide.

Bill, however, has not focused solely on fisheries. Over the years, his range of issues has cut across many lines, involved many disciplines, and a wide range of science, transportation, and other issues for the Alaska congressional delegation. Among his accomplishments were writing the first comprehensive law to control wastewater discharges from cruise ships in Alaska, advising the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, representing Alaska's interests in staff negotiations on the Water Resources Development Act, and working long hours and weekends to ensure that the Highway Reauthorization passed by the 109th Congress would help bring Alaska's road system into the 21st century. He also helped organize and staffed a Senate Coast Guard Caucus for several years.

After the 2005 hurricanes devastated the gulf coast, he was the key influence

behind the successful formation of the Alaska Fishing Industry Relief Mission. This nonprofit corporation moved important equipment all the way from Alaska to Louisiana and Mississippi—including both a 60-ton capacity boat lift and a 30-ton per day ice making machine, both were critically needed to get the gulf coast fishing industry back in play. The formation of the caucus and mission are a lasting testament to Bill's good judgment, hard work, and dedication to intelligently build this Nation's ports and harbors infrastructure and to care for those who depend on them.

I also want to mention that Bill started his career as a broadcaster, general manager, news director, correspondent and producer for radio and television stations in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. He also served a stint as a Senate press secretary and communications' director for the chairman of the Intelligence Committee during the first Persian Gulf war. He understands how important it is for Congress to communicate its policies to the citizens of America and fully explain why we take the actions that we do.

While I am sorry to lose one of my staff leaders, I am happy that he will be able to more fully enjoy some of his other interests: woodworking, motorcycling, fishing, hunting, his collection of Alaskan and Asian art, and his beloved German shepherd dogs.

I will miss Bill's hard work, vast knowledge, good humor, and sound judgment. It has been a pleasure to have him on my staff. I wish him and his wife Karen the very best and know that Alaskans will benefit for decades to come from his efforts to protect and enhance this Nation's natural and biological resources and the environment.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TADD FUJIKAWA

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to give praise and congratulations to Tadd Fujikawa, a 16-year-old sophomore from Moanalua High School, who on Friday, January 12, made golf history for the State of Hawaii. By shooting a 4-under-par 66 during the second round of the Sony Open at the Waialae Country Club, Tadd became the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut at a PGA tour event.

Tadd demonstrated amazing skill and focus on the course. Despite standing just five feet, one inch tall, his 285-yard drives and accurate iron play propelled him up the tournament leaderboard. In the end, he tied for 20th place, besting some of the world's premier golfers.

Tadd's drive and competitive spirit may be a result of his early struggles as a premature baby. At birth, Tadd weighed less than two pounds and was given a 50 percent chance of survival. He didn't just survive, he flourished.

Last year, at age 15, he became one of the youngest players ever to compete in golf's national championship, the U.S. Open. Also impressive are Tadd's exploits in the sport of judo, where he has won four junior national titles.

I offer my most sincere congratulations, to Tadd Fujikawa, for his exceptional performance in the Sony Open. May he take away from this experience the confidence to do great things, as he has already shown the potential to achieve them. I wish Tadd the best in all that he chooses to undertake in the future.●

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-445. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Withdrawals of Equity Capital" (RIN3038-AC27) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-446. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Cote d'Ivoire that was declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Facilitate Electronic Filing of Patent Correspondence" (RIN0651-AB92) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-449. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 357(c)(1) to Reorganizations" (Rev. Rul. 2007-8) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-450. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1397E—Allocation of National Limitation for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for Years 2006 and 2007" (Rev. Proc. 2007-18) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-451. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—February 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-9) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-452. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment for

Section 1274A for 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-4) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-453. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program" (RIN0906-AA70) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-454. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-629, "Protection from Discriminatory Eviction for Victims of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-455. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-628, "Jury Trial Improvements Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-456. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-627, "Commercial Exception Clarification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-457. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-630, "Mandatory Juvenile Public Safety Notification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-458. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-631, "Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-459. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-632, "Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-460. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-634, "Closing of Public Alleys in Squares 798, 799, and 824 (S.O. 04-12081) and Dedication and Designation of 2nd Place, S.E., 3rd Place, S.E., L Street, S.E., (S.O. 04-12080), Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-461. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-626, "Property Interest Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-462. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-622, "Longtime Resident Business Definition Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-463. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-625, "Placement of Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Schools Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.