

mountains and turn them pink. It is astonishingly beautiful. They are going to get hammered. Their road department is going to lose 70 percent of its funding. Their school district will lose nearly \$700,000.

Hood River County, home of pear orchards, wind surfing, and skiing. In fact, JOHN KERRY still goes there a lot to wind surf, wind surfing capital of the world. Hood River County stands to lose 32 percent of its discretionary funds without the safety net. The road department loses over a million, and their school district will lose half a million and more.

Jackson County, home of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, dominated by the BLM's O&C lands. Jackson County faces a \$20 million shortfall without a county payments extension, 33 percent of its road and general budget. Jackson County is on the verge of closing all 15 of its public libraries, if the safety net is not extended. The county also plans to lay off 30 positions in health and human services and reduce the number of jail beds. In 2004, the Jackson County Road Department received over \$3.8 million from county payments. If they had to rely on actual timber harvests, they would have received a 97-percent reduction in Federal funds.

Jefferson County, home of Mount Jefferson—that is a pretty place—Black Butte, Warm Springs Indian Reservation, 300 days of sunshine a year. In 2004, the Jefferson County Road Department received \$445,000 from the county payments. If the Jefferson County Road Department had to rely on actual timber receipts, they would have received \$89,000 from the U.S. Forest Service.

Josephine County, the home of Oregon Caves National Monument and the Rogue River, 62 percent of Josephine County is publicly owned. They are going to lose 79 percent of their county's general discretionary funds.

Klamath County, home of Crater Lake, the deepest lake in North America and Oregon's first national park. Klamath County is also the home of the devastating shutoff of irrigation water by Federal agencies in 2001. In 2004, Klamath County's discretionary general fund received over \$3 million from the safety net. This represents nearly 30 percent of their general discretionary budget.

Lake County, home of the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge—78 percent of that county is owned by the Federal Government. Lake County stands to lose 50 percent of its discretionary general funds—again, roads and schools.

Lane County was named for the great Joseph Lane, first territorial Governor, first U.S. Senator from Oregon. Lane County is one of the largest recipients of safety net dollars, and for good reason. This was the epicenter of the spotted owl controversy, and timber harvest was cut back there more than anywhere else in the Nation.

Mr. President, I don't want to abuse your time. I am trying to make a point

here. You can probably tell that. I speak more out of sorrow than anger, but I am angry, too. It is a tragedy. Both parties are guilty in the mutation from the Federal Government becoming Oregon's protagonist to its antagonist. I was going to tell you more about Lane County and Linn County, named for U.S. Senator James Linn of Missouri—another Missouri Senator has an Oregon County named for him.

I was going to tell you about Lincoln County, home of Depoe Bay, the whale-watching capital of the world. They will get hammered, too.

Marion County, home of the State capitol, the largest producer of agricultural products in Oregon. The Marion berry—you have probably heard of that—is delicious.

Morrow County; Polk County named for James K. Polk, one of our unsung great Presidents.

Tillamook County—you probably heard of Tillamook cheese. It is fabulous. Their county is in real peril because 64 percent of Tillamook County is publicly owned, and nearly 20 percent of its total discretionary budget is at risk.

Union County, land of the Grand Ronde Valley, is near my home. This county is right in the middle of Federal forest lands. They will suffer a 55-percent reduction in Federal funds.

Wallowa County is a little Switzerland. It is one of the loveliest places on Earth. It is where Oregon joins the Rocky Mountains. Their county stands to lose a tremendous percentage of their ability to continue.

Yamhill County. If you like Oregon pinot noirs—I don't drink them, but a lot of people like Oregon pinot noirs—they come from Yamhill County. They are in trouble. And they are in trouble. Wheeler County.

Mr. President, I have talked enough, and you have been indulgent of me. I promised the majority leader I would take only the time he wanted me to speak. But the Federal Government owns my State—more than half of it. It incentivized the development of Oregon's resources. It laid down the terms for the development of timber in Oregon. It built my State. I will bet it even helped build some of the homes in which you live.

But the environmental ethic changed. Whatever side you come down on, in the middle of that contest are people and counties and governmental services that need to be continued until the Federal Government can figure out the right balance in the economic/environmental equation.

I have been down here talking a long time. I have to look for every opportunity to keep talking because I need to awaken my colleagues to the Federal obligation that exists to real people with real concerns and with a real claim on the Federal Government. As we look for offsets, let me simply say that we are out of time.

The real offset ought to be the honor of the Federal Government. It ought to

meet this obligation until it can resolve this dispute. President Clinton tried, President Bush has tried, but the Congress and the courts have been in the way. In the meantime, my colleague and I need the Federal Government to get out of the way and continue to help us, instead of hurting the people whom it grew Oregon to bless.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:22 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 12, 2007:

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

JANIS HERSCHKOWITZ, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE RAFAEL CUELLAR, TERM EXPIRED.

DAVID GEORGE NASON, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE MICHAEL SCOTT, RESIGNED.

NGUYEN VAN HANH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE ALFRED PLAMANN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ZALMAY KHALILZAD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

ZALMAY KHALILZAD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

FORD M. FRAKER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

MARLYN ANDREA HOWE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, VICE GLENN BERNARD ANDERSON, TERM EXPIRED.

LONNIE C. MOORE, OF KANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, VICE MARCO A. RODRIGUEZ, TERM EXPIRED.

CYNTHIA ALLEN WAINSCOTT, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, VICE BARBARA GILLCRIST, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

W. CRAIG VANDERWAGEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (NEW POSITION)

NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

DAVID C. GEARY, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 28, 2010, VICE ROBERTO IBARRA LOPEZ, TERM EXPIRED.

ERIC ALAN HANUSHEK, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 28, 2010. (REAPPOINTMENT)

CAROL D'AMICO, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 28, 2010. (REAPPOINTMENT)

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

ELLEN C. WILLIAMS, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2014. (REAPPOINTMENT)

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA
NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

KRISTINE MARY MILLER, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2010, VICE D. BAMBI KRAUS, TERM EXPIRED.

BRENDA L. KINGERY, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2012, VICE JOHN RICHARD GRIMES, RESIGNED.

JULIE E. KITKA, OF ALASKA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2012, VICE KATHERINE L. ARCHULETA, TERM EXPIRED.

SONYA KELLIHER-COMBS, OF ALASKA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND

ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2008, VICE MICHAEL A. NARANJO, TERM EXPIRED.

PERRY R. EATON, OF ALASKA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2012, VICE A. DAVID LESTER, TERM EXPIRED.

QUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by
the Senate Monday, February 12, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN D. NEGROPONTE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO RE-

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on February 12, 2007 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2016. (Re-appointment), which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.