

education and community. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Grayson County DECA's hard work and dedication to education, community, and Kentucky.

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

TRIBUTE TO LARRY TREMBLAY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution acknowledging the outstanding achievement of an extraordinary high school athletic coach. On January 21 this year, Larry Tremblay achieved his 500th career victory as coach of the wrestling team at Winchester High School in Winchester, MA. After 29 years of success, Coach Tremblay's outstanding career reached that milestone, with his victory over Carver High School.

Mr. Tremblay is one of only three Massachusetts coaches who have ever accomplished this feat. Coming off two back-to-back State championship years, and his induction to the National High School Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame, the Winchester High Wrestling team is riding high under the remarkable leadership of Coach Tremblay. Appropriately the nickname of the school's beloved coach is "Larry legend" for his latest incredible milestone, and I commend Coach Tremblay for his skill and dedication and hard work throughout his years as Winchester High Wrestling Coach. A recent article will be of interest to all my colleagues in the Senate, and I ask unanimous consent that it may be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

"LARRY LEGEND" LIVES ON

[From the Winchester Star, Jan. 22, 2009]

Winchester, MA—Winchester High wrestling Coach Larry Tremblay entered Wednesday night's home match against Carver with 499 career victories.

Sachem alumni, fans and friends packed the gym to witness Tremblay achieve a feat only two other Massachusetts high school wrestling coaches have accomplished—500.

His 2008-09 squad made sure he left with the elusive, impressive and historic number.

With five scheduled matches remaining on the night, Sachem 152-pound grappler Mike Greco pinned Carver's Mike Babbin in the second period. That win sealed up not only a convincing 53-6 victory for the Sachems, but it also gave Tremblay the milestone.

"You don't get into coaching to win 500 matches or games," said Tremblay. "But one day I looked up and I had 100 wins, and then I looked up another day and it was 300. I've had a lot of fun coaching here."

Despite being undermanned, Tremblay credited Carver—a program that won the New England championship in 1994—with wrestling a strong match.

"My hat goes off to them," said the coach. "They made the long trip up here, and they wrestled hard."

The 160-pound, 171, 112 and heavyweight classes were all ruled "no contests."

Tremblay began coaching wrestling at North Reading 29 years ago. He spent one

season there before moving on to Winchester, where he has been ever since.

"When I started coaching I had curly brown hair," joked Tremblay. "Now look at me. They call me the 'silver fox.'"

Tremblay's passion and knowledge of the sport of wrestling, as well as coaching in general, makes him stand out and places him into an elite group.

"He has such a love for the sport," said Tremblay's son Travis, who grappled for his father for four years before graduating in 2005. "It's all he talks about. He loves it."

The night began at 103, where, despite putting up a big fight, Nick Cashion was pinned by Carver's Paul Walsh.

Although it would have been hard for anyone to steal Tremblay's thunder on this night, Sachem 119-pound grappler Connor Gregory managed to receive some well-deserved recognition as well. Gregory earned a 14-3 major over Carver's Matt Walsh, giving him 100 career victories.

Mike Barber (125) pinned Carver's Steve Mayne; Winchester's Fernando Monroy (130) pinned James Blankship.

Ryan Connolly (135) earned a first-period pin over Carver's Brandon English, and Winchester grappler Dan O'Connell (140) earned a 14-4 major decision by defeating Steve Scampoli.

Sachem John Williams (145) pinned Carver's Mike Cabral in the second period, and at 189, Winchester's Greg Kelley pinned Corey Ellis at 1:06 of the first period.

The match officially concluded when Andrew Moranian pinned Carver's Sean Mahoney in 1:31.

"These are special kids, and considering what the previous two teams did there is a lot of pressure on them," said Tremblay. "They're trying to build their own niche. They wrestle to the best of their ability. Not only have they done a good job on the mat, but they've done a good job representing the town of Winchester."

After the match, Tremblay received recognition for his accomplishment on the place he knows best—the wrestling mat.

"This really isn't a glamorous sport, but the whole wrestling community is like a family," said Tremblay. It's a special thing. Tonight, when I saw all the parents and the alumni in the stands, I got a little emotional. This has been a great ride."●

IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering well over 1,200, are heartbreaking and touching. While energy prices have dropped in recent weeks, the concerns expressed remain very relevant. To respect the efforts of those who took the opportunity to share their thoughts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through an address set up specifically for this purpose to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

As a small business owner, the price of gas is close to putting me out of work. The economy is a little slow right now but only because of the price of fuel. If fuel prices were to drop a buck a gallon, the country would see a huge increase in spending. At this moment, I am unsure if I will be able to even pay my bills this month to keep my business open or a roof over my head. The burden of fuel prices and the lack of work for me have begun to put a huge stress on my relationship at home. She will now have to cover my share of the bills and will leave us both to figure out how to feed the kids, pay bills and buy fuel.

I am 41 years old and have been in the same profession for over 17 years. The thought of having to start over and train for a new job is very tough. I have looked for part-time work in hopes something will be done about fuel prices allowing me to save my business. There is very little work out there, and the work that is there pays so little it would cost more in fuel to get to work than you would make at work. This country is in need of something to be done about fuel prices, if they continue to rise we are going to see a lot of people homeless, stealing, or worse to just get by. It is time for this government to take charge and save its people before it is too late.

KEN, Kuna.

I work at the border of Idaho and Canada. Eastport, Idaho to be exact. This is 33 miles from Bonners Ferry. Many of us work here, at Customs and at the brokerages as well as a hand full of other businesses. Some of us carpool when we can.

I want to ask you to help us get public transportation in this northernmost area of Idaho. We need it. It will help all of us through this crippling gas price debacle as well as create a needed resource for everyone in Boundary and Bonner County. If I take time to write out a plan, will you seriously look at it and help us with grants and resources if feasible? The plan would be an idea of course, as I am not a grant writer, but I am banking on you to have that kind of resource.

I think it is feasible and needs to be. We should all have a focus on the future instead of cowering in fear because we do not know how to move ahead, simply because we cannot afford to live as we did, driving the biggest most powerful cars and trucks, without regard to the future, instead of conserving and investing in alternatives. It is not too late.

First things first. We all need to get to work and I think public transportation would be something people would pay taxes for in these parts.

I am including an email sent to me about alternative "air" cars. It seems other countries have found solutions in alternative means for transportation public and private. Why is it that our country does not "approve" these vehicles that run on "air"? It does not make any sense, other than the government is protecting the profits of corporations.

AMAZING AIR CAR

The Compressed Air Car developed by Motor Development International (MDI) Founder Guy Negre might be the best thing to have happened to the motor engine in years.

The \$12,700 CityCAT, one of the planned Air Car models, can hit 68 mph and has a range of 125 miles. It will take only a few minutes for the CityCAT to refuel at gas stations equipped with custom air compressor

units. MDI says it should cost only around \$2 to fill the car up with 340 liters of air.

The Air Car will be starting production relatively soon, thanks to India's TATA Motors. Forget corn! There is fuel, there is renewable fuel, and then there is user-renewable fuel! What can be better than air?

I am not sure, I would like to think our government had what is good for all, not just the rich.

I would buy one of these "air" cars in a minute. I commute 33 miles each way to the Idaho/Canadian border everyday. It is a struggle as I am a single mom and every penny is spent to keep body and soul together in my family. Nothing is left as it is; it just galls me to see my local gas stations (seems like) daily gas price hike. One gas station even got an digital sign, I assume because he had to go out there so often to change the numbers; now he just presses buttons from his office to make the price go up.

I am afraid of what is to come, if our government does not really focus on alternatives. Why go after oil reserves in our country when that is not a long-term solution? Why not really hit hard and support alternatives that are sustainable? I get no security out of new oil finds. It is a short-term solution. I would think we should think about future generations, our own children, and their children. What will they do? We need to solve it now, not put off the inevitable.

LEAH.

How this Idaho family deals with high energy prices:

We drive less and slower. We have changed out incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs, and turn them off when not in the room. We focused on increasing the energy efficiency of our house this winter.

Nothing this Congress, or any Congress since the 70s has done or appears to be planning helps us with the costs of energy. Quit promoting legislation helping big oil. Poking a few more holes in obscure, sensitive or scenic areas will not provide immediate or long term relief. Pandering to the automobile lobby will not improve automobile fuel efficiency needed by the average person. Get in front of the quickly forming parade of common people advocating real solutions.

As usual, if I get any reply to this, it will be a form letter that completely ignores the fact that there are opinions in Idaho that do not match yours.

MICHAEL.

First, I would like to express my thanks for your seeking comments on the energy mess. These are my thoughts:

There should be a windfall tax on oil that is produced from older domestic wells. These wells have been producing—say over 10 years and the cost of production has been recouped. I own stock in several oil companies; yet, I feel it is important that the profits from these wells are put to better use than dividends to me. The windfall profit should go to help fund alternative fuels, hydrogen infrastructure, and public transportation. You are correct when you say that people in the west will suffer more from the high cost of gasoline because of distance and the need to drive more.

I am new to the nuclear industry and my personal experience has opened my eyes to this untapped resource. I believe congress should support nuclear and help educate the public to how much energy is produced by nuclear, the safety record of the industry, and the progress in managing the waste. Power plants that use natural gas and other hydrocarbon based fuels should be the first to be replaced with nuclear. Politically, it would be wise to incorporate wind and solar

with the nuclear effort to help offset some to the negative press. The negative press needs to be offset with an educational program to help change the paradigms of the public when it comes to nuclear power.

Reinstate the rebates on hybrid vehicles.

Allow tax incentives for renewable forms of energy.

As for me, my expenditures for fuel have gone from \$200 a month to \$400 a month. Combine this with increased food costs, increases in my housing expenses, and other oil-related costs and my personal life style has changed dramatically. Fortunately, I live in a community that is very close to the recreational activities that I enjoy.

STEVEN.

It became apparent to me on vacation this year that many of the world's hard-to-reach locations (i.e. most islands such as Hawaii) are diesel-powered. The thought of powering an entire island or island chain on diesel power alone is sickening, and this is just one of the many hydrocarbon dependent locations. My recommendation is to get nuclear power off the cutting room floor and get the U.S. government to build an infrastructure of power-supplying plants across the nation. With a large nuclear energy source we would be able to implement electromagnetic "bullet trains" between major U.S. cities cutting down on highway and sky-way travel making business commutes shorter and less carbon dependent.

This endeavor would be 1,000 times larger and more expensive than the U.S. interstate program but it is important to streamline this country rather than go down the path that we have been going for years.

I have many more ideas but would like to keep things short. Thanks for your time and for asking for citizen input.

REESE.

Please get us off of oil dependency. That is what alternative energy is all about. How stupid can we be to only have 1-2% alternative energy?

GARY.

Everyone is affected by the high prices of fuel; even people that do not drive cars are affected by this. Costs for shipping, because of fuel prices, have risen dramatically and that cost is passed to the consumer.

The short-term solution to our oil dependence is to drill here, offshore and ANWR, until a long-term alternative is provided.

ANGIE.

Thank you very much for taking the time to seek input from Idaho citizens on the current energy crisis.

I live with my wife and three children in Meridian but work at the Air Force Base in Mountain Home. Even though I drive a fuel-efficient car, my weekly commute cost has risen by over \$100 a month. With the associated rise in grocery costs, it has become necessary for me to take a second job just to afford transportation to work and put food on my family's table. I know that this has become a serious quality of life issue, not just for my family but for many Idahoans.

I realize that even if drilling were begun immediately it would not have that great of an effect on current prices and that it could take several years for an impact to be felt in homes across America, but it makes much more sense than waiting even longer. Oil is not an infinite resource but by expanding drilling we can help to give ourselves a buffer to make the transition to other energy sources easier and more economical.

Again, thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

JAMES, *Meridian*.

I do not even know how to begin with what this has done to our family. I will start by letting you know that we are a single income family. My husband works a commission-based job at RC Willey, and I stay home and raise our two children, ages 7 and 4. Since the prices of gas and groceries have gone up, people have reduced their spending considerably. The last thing anyone is going to do is go into RC Willey and spend money on home furnishings or electronics. Since my husband installs home theater systems, and services furniture repairs, this directly affects him, and with him being commission, our paychecks has shrunk considerably. We went from being able to pay all of our bills, and have a couple of extra hundred dollars left over to now wondering how we are going to pay the house payment on the first, much less any of the other bills. We have to decide what is more important to pay. The stimulus package was spent on paying our bills, to keep us afloat. It did not go back into the economy.

One possibility we are looking at is for me to go back to work. Two problems with that, we are not okay with someone else raising our kids and we should not have to be forced into that, and second we would probably spend more on gas than I would make in an income so now it is not worth it. Now we look at the possibility of my husband taking a second job, which now means even less time with his family. Forget about the financial suffering this is bringing on most people, but let us take a look at what it is doing to the family unit. It is hurting most families emotionally, and time wise, which means the kids suffer. Why should my children or anyone else's suffer because the oil companies want to get richer.

Oil company's report record profits, and are giving their retiring CEOs outrageous severance packages (Lee Raymond chairman of Exxon given \$400 million), while the rest of us suffer horrible at their hands. Please explain to me why someone needs that kind of money to retire on and my kids face the possibility of losing their home? And to add insult to injury, they have the nerve to make the statement that they are only making pennies on every dollar. It is not just the gas either, because it is affecting everyone (other than the super rich) now other companies are forced to raise their prices just to maintain a minimal profit, which further hurts the general public, and now everything has become unaffordable, not just gas.

We try to do our best at buying cheap, and we buy the off-brands, and we shop sales ads, and we limit how much we drive. But again you run into problems there. When you buy cheap you get exactly that—cheap. Stuff breaks, groceries are going bad quicker (we bought a head of lettuce on Friday, and by Monday it was rotted, along with the onions we bought, and the bagels. The cheap brand of ziplock baggies we bought did not even close, so we have had to use a whole box of baggies that did not zip close.), and over all the quality is just poor. Prices keep going up, but the quality keeps going down, which in the end costs you even more money. I stay home 90 percent of the time, and when I do go out I drive my car which is a Chevy Malibu Maxx, and it still costs me \$50 to \$60 to fill up. My husband drives his motorcycle every single day to work to save on gas, and we are still sinking financially, and we do not have a lot of bills. Where is the fairness in the super rich getting even richer at the detriment of the middle class, to poor class families? That is not the America I was raised and taught about.

If the powers to be that are supposed to be running this country would do their job, we would not be in this position. Stop ignoring the United States Constitution. It was put in

place for a reason, and I am sick and tired of it being violated. The Constitution is the foundation of this country, and anyone with common sense will tell you, that when you chip away at the very foundation of something, then the entire structure will crumble. That is what is happening to the USA. Stop letting the environmentalist run and control everything. If it were not for them, and the idiots running this country we would have already drilled in ANWR Alaska. Or better yet our own, gulf instead of China/Cuba/India. By the way, these are two suggestions for you to use.

Let us make this country back into what it was meant to be, a great place to live, and raise your children in. Stop selling out the United States of America.

NICK and KASEY, *Boise*.

I hope you do not mind, but I am an avid Glenn Beck listener, and I heard on his show yesterday that one of Senator Orrin Hatch's secretaries or spokespeople told one of his constituents that he would not support offshore drilling. The constituent was calling because he wanted to tell Senator Hatch that he supported it.

I am glad to see you asking directly for people's opinion and actually using some of the stories on your site.

Let me just say that right now my wife, our baby, and I do not have a car. Well, not one in working condition. See, I have a '94 Geo Metro, but it threw a rod earlier in the year and we just do not have the money to get a new car. I did find an engine for my Geo, though, so everything should work out once we get our economic stimulus check, except for the whole skyrocketing gas prices thing.

Right now we have to borrow my parents' truck if we need a car, which is very frequently. We are trying to get my wife into school to become a paramedic, but without transportation, we cannot do anything. Back when gas prices were cheaper, I had less of a problem borrowing people's vehicles, but these days I cannot stand to borrow somebody's car because a lot of the time I do not have the cash to put gas back into it.

Luckily I live really close to where I work, so I walk every day. My wife mostly just stays home with our baby, and both sets of our parents live close by. The only thing is, just the short distances that our parents have to drive to pick us up or take us to the store or whatever they do is too much. Even having smaller vehicles, like my Geo, does not seem to help that much. Before the thing broke down I was putting \$40-50 in to fill the thing, and it only has an 8-gallon tank.

Let me be frank. I like that you have asked people's opinions on this subject. High gas prices affect everything, as you can probably see. Food prices are going up because of the money it takes to transport. Anything that is made with petroleum (which is something that people rarely think about) like paint products and plastics are going up. Everything is going up because everybody uses gas to get from point A to B, so businesses let customers make up the difference by raising prices.

It is a pretty simple economic concept, but something that should be even simpler is supply and demand. I do not know why anybody at this point is against offshore drilling. And, I do not know why anybody is against nuclear energy. Sure, plenty of environmentalists are all bonkers about nuclear meltdowns and all that, but how many times in history has that ever happened? Nuclear waste from reactors is even becoming less of a factor.

The long and short of it is really that I support Senators that listen to the people. I think that you should try to get on the news

yourself and let people know that you want their opinion.

PHIL, *Boise*.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

140TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARK'S A.M.E. CHURCH

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I wish to honor St. Mark's A.M.E. Church, which has been a part of Milwaukee's faith community for 140 years and serves as a shining example for the entire State of Wisconsin.

In 1869, eight eager Christian men and women envisioned a "Church of Allen." This church would uphold the ideals of Richard Allen, a freed slave who became the first free African to be ordained in the Methodist Church. The church's eight founders were led by Ezekiel Gillespie, a prominent figure involved in the Underground Railroad and the fight for suffrage for African-Americans in Wisconsin. The founding members became an official congregation on April 5, 1869, but the church was still missing a building to call home.

Within 2 months, a plot of land was purchased and the church embraced its new house of worship. Unfortunately, expenses mounted for nearly a decade and the founders were forced to sell a portion of their land in order to cover the debt. After a city condemnation required the razing of St. Mark's original church, both the clergy and laity insisted that a new edifice be erected in its place. In 1887, they began construction of a church which would last into the 20th century.

As the city of Milwaukee continued to grow and thrive, so too did the membership of St. Mark's. The increase in size prompted the creation of new churches in 1914 and again in 1953. After the Milwaukee Redevelopment Program of the 1960s, the construction of a highway ushered in the demolition of their 1953 structure. The congregation grew only stronger and its current church truly represents its lasting success.

Given the moniker, "The Friendly Church," St. Mark's has continually proven both its friendliness and its faith within Milwaukee. St. Mark's A.M.E. Church holds a special place in our State's history as Wisconsin's oldest African-American chartered church. St. Mark's leaders and parishioners have stalwartly defended their home and shared their devotion with our Milwaukee community, and this historic church will continue to thrive in the future. On this occasion of St. Mark's 140th anniversary, I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations.●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 363. A bill to make determinations by the United States Trade Representative under title III of the Trade Act of 1974 reviewable by the Court of International Trade and to ensure that the United States Trade Representative considers petitions to enforce United States trade rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 333

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest on indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles.

S. 354

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the devastating job losses we are currently seeing across our economy have reaffirmed my conviction that Congress must redirect U.S. international trade policy toward preserving American jobs through stringent enforcement of