

School and has served as a board member and past president of the De La Salle Alumni Association, as well as an advisor to the Christian Brothers.

Among his more notable civil contributions, Judge McKay has been president of the Fireman's Charitable and Benevolent Association, FCBA, since 2000. Founded in 1834, the FCBA was organized to care for the widows and children of volunteer firemen who died in the line of duty. The association built two cemeteries in New Orleans—Cypress Grove and Greenwood—as a mausoleum, funeral home, and corporate offices, were devastated following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and would never have been rebounded if it were not for Judge McKay's efforts and leadership in the immediate weeks and subsequent years following the storm.

Service to the Irish has been a long-standing tradition in the McKay family, and Judge McKay, a native of New Orleans, has worked tirelessly to preserve the city's strong history of Irish culture. He is a longtime participant in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in the world famous Irish Channel of New Orleans. He was among the leaders who helped erect the city's first monument to thousands of Irish immigrants who died of yellow fever, malaria, cholera, occupational hazards, and exhaustion while digging the New Basin Canal in 1831 to link Lake Pontchartrain to the inner city. As Louisiana's foremost Irish-American leader, he regularly receives public officials and notables from all of Ireland upon visiting New Orleans.

Judge McKay was elected to the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal in 1998. He served as a judge on the Criminal District Court in Orleans Parish from 1982–1989. He was the chief prosecutor for the Metropolitan Office of the Louisiana Attorney General from 1978 to 1982, and from 1974 to 1978, he served as an assistant district attorney for Orleans Parish. He received his juris doctorate in 1974 from Loyola Law School, worked as a probation and parole officer while studying the law, and graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1969 with a bachelor of arts in History.

He has served on the board of governors of the American Judges Association since 1996 and as secretary and president-elect. He now presides as president of the association—an honor that was bestowed upon him at a ceremony in September of this year in my home city of Las Vegas, NV. Judge McKay also serves as a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Fourth and Fifth Circuit District Judge's Association, and the St. Thomas Moore Law Society.

I also am grateful for my Washington DC, contact with the McKay family. Laurie McKay, the judge's daughter, is a longtime friend of the Reid family. In fact, some say she is part of our family.

Therefore, I am delighted to join with Judge McKay's family, including

his wife of almost 40 years, Marie Soniat McKay, and their four children and five grandchildren in celebrating and honoring him on all of his accomplishments. I invite my colleagues to join me in officially congratulating Judge James F. McKay III on his appointment as Honorary Counsel of Ireland for the State of Louisiana, and wish him the greatest success in his endeavors.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, in honor of servicemembers from across Pennsylvania, I would like to recognize those lost in combat operations supporting both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2001 through May 22, 2010.

SGT Brandon Adams of Hollidaysburg; SFC Brent Adams of West View; 1LT Louis Allen of Milford; SGT Jan Argonish of Scranton; SSG Daniel Arnold of Montrose; SGT Andrew Baddick of Jim Thorpe; SGT Sherwood Baker of Plymouth; SFC Scott Ball of Carlisle; LCpl Aric Barr of Pittsburgh; SSG Mark Baum of Telford; GYSgt Ronald Baum of Hollidaysburg; LCpl Jacob Beisel of Lackawaxen; SSG Keith Bennett of Holtwood; 1LT David Bernstein of Phoenixville; LTC Richard Berrettini of Wilcox; SGT Allan Bevington of Beaver Falls; SSG Stevon Booker of Apollo; CAPT David Boris of Pottsville; SPC Matthew Bove of Moon Township; SPC Edward Brabazon of Philadelphia.

SGT Andrew Brown of Mount Pleasant; PVT Matthew Brown of Zelienople; SPC Oliver Brown of Athens; PFC Timothy Brown Jr. of Conway; SPC Daniel Brozovich of Greenville; SGT John Bubeck of Collegeville; SFC Raymond Buchan of Johnstown; SSG Ernest Bucklew of Enon Valley; SGT Douglas Bull of Wilkes Barre; SFC Keith Callahan of McClure; SGT Jeremy Campbell of Middlebury Center; SPC Frederick Carlson, IV of Bethlehem; SSG Edward Carman of McKeesport; CPL Adam Chitjian of Philadelphia; 1LT Michael Cleary of Dallas; SPC Zachary Clouser of Dover; CPL Michael Cohen of Jacobus; PFC Bradli Coleman of Ford City; LCpl Adam Conboy of Philadelphia; SFC David Cooper, Jr. of State College.

SSG Victor Cortes, III of Erie; SPC Gregory Cox of Carmichaels; CPL Russell Culbertson, III of Amity; SSG Carl Curran, II of Union City; SSG Christopher Cutchall of McConnellsburg; SPC Shawn Davies of Aliquippa; PFC Robert Dembowski, Jr. of Ivyland; 1LT Jeffrey Deprimo of Pittston; PFC Nathaniel Detemple of Morrisville; PFC David Dietrich of Marysville; PFC James Dillon, Jr. of Grove City; PFC Michael Dinterman of Littlestown; PFC Justin Dreese of Freeburg; SGT Allen Dunkley, Jr. of Yardley; SGT Brent Dunkleberger of New Bloomfield; PFC Chad Edmundson of Williamsburg; SGT Michael Egan of Philadelphia; SPC William Evans of Hallstead; SSG Troy Ezernack of Lancaster; CAPT Brian Faunce of Philadelphia.

PFC Shelby Feniello of Connellsville; SGT William Fernandez of Reading; SPC Camy Florexil of Philadelphia; SGT James Fordyce of Newtown Square; SGT Curtis Forshey of Hollidaysburg; CAPT Erick Foster of Wexford; PO3 John Fralish of New Kingstown; SPC Michael Franklin of Coudersport; LCpl Michael Freeman, Jr. of Fayetteville; PFC Steven Freund of Pittsburgh; LCpl Jason Frye of Landisburg; A1C Austin Gates of Hellertown; SGT Christopher Geiger of Northampton; SPC Aaron Genevie of Cham-

bersburg; CPL Albert Gettings of New Castle; PFC Landon Giles of Indiana; 2LT Michael Girdano of Apollo; SPC Michael Gleason of Warren; SGT Christopher Golby of Johnstown; PFC Orlando Gonzalez of New Freedom.

SSG Joseph Goodrich of Allegheny; CPL Kyle Grimes of Bethlehem; SPC Robert Hall, Jr. of Pittsburgh; CPL Brandon Hardy of Cochranville; SGT Jennifer Hartman of New Ringgold; SSG Brian Hause of Stoystown; SGT Timothy Hayslett of Newville; SGT Michael Heede, Jr. of Delta; SPC Joshua Henry of Avonmore; SGT Brett Hershey of State College; SPC Derek Holland of Wind Gap; SPC Michael Hook of Altoona; SSG Jeremy Horton of Erie; SSG Sergeant Sean Huey of Fredericktown; SGT Eric Hull of Uniontown; CPL Barton Humlantz of Hellertown; SSG Matthew Ingham of Altoona; SSG Thor Ingraham of Murrysburg; SPC Craig Ivory of Port Matilda; SGT Brahim Jeffcoat of Philadelphia.

PO2 Robert Jenkins of Altoona; SGT Andrew Jodon of Karthaus; CPL Carl Johnson, II of Philadelphia; LCpl Larry Johnson of Scranton; SPC Maurice Johnson of Levittown; SPC Rodney Jones of Philadelphia; SSG Joseph Kane of Darby; MSgt Paul Karpowich of Bridgeport; SPC Mark Kasecky of McKees Rocks; SPC Douglas Kashmer of Sharon; CPL Jason Kazarick of Oakmont; SGT Nathan Kennedy of Claysville; LCpl Patrick Kenny of Allegheny; SPC Jonathan Kephart of Oil City; LCpl Joshua Klinger of Easton; SFC Tony Knier of Sabinsville; CPO Michael Koch of State College; SPC Martin Kondor of York; LCpl Ryan Kovacicek of Washington; PFC Bradley Kritzer of Irvona.

PFC Serge Kropov of Hawley; SPC Kurt Krout of Lansdale; SPC John Kulick of Harleysville; SGT Russell Kurtz of Bethel Park; SSG Patrick Kutschbach of McKees Rocks; SGT Ryan Lane of Pittsburgh; CPL Timothy Lauer of Saegertown; SFC Daniel Lightner, Jr. of Hollidaysburg; MSgt Arthur Lilley of Smithfield; SGT Dale Lloyd of Watsontown; SPC Zachariah Long of Milton; PFC Christopher Lotter of Chester Heights; 2LT Christopher Loudon of Brockport; CAPT Ronald Luce, Jr. of Wayne; SPC Jonathon Luscher of Scranton; LCpl Joseph Maglione of Lansdale; SPC William Maher, III of Yardley; MSgt Sergeant Thomas Maholic of Bradford; 1LT Travis Manion of Doylestown; SPC Jeremy Marech of Jim Thorpe.

LT Ralph Marino of Houston; SGT Michael Marzano of Greenville; SSG Ryan Maseth of Pittsburgh; SPC Clint Matthews of Bedford; SFC Randy McCauley of Indiana; SGT Jonathan McColey of Gettysburg; SGT Andrew McConnell of Carlisle; SPC Ross McGinnis of Knox; SSG Eric McIntosh of Trafford; LTC Michael McLaughlin of Mercer; SPC Mark Melcher of Pittsburgh; LCpl Robert Miner of Sellersville; SGT Joseph Minucci, II of Richeyville; SGT Sean Robert Mitchell of Youngsville; SSG Jae Sik Moon of Levittown; SGT Carl Morgain of Butler; LCpl Nicholas Morrison of Carlisle; SPC Clifford Moxley, Jr. of Berwick; SGT Ashley Moyer of Emmaus; PO3 Roger Napper, Jr. of Greensburg.

SPC Rafael Navea of Pittsburgh; PFC Albert Nelson of Philadelphia; SGT Joseph Nolan of Philadelphia; SGT Donald Oaks, Jr. of Erie; SSG Ryan Ostrom of Liberty; PFC Larry Parks, Jr. of Altoona; PVT Dylan Paytas of Freedom; SPC Gennaro Pellegrini, Jr. of Philadelphia; LTC Mark Phelan of Green Lane; CWO John Priestner of Leraysville; SGT Cristobal Puello-Coronado of Long Pond; SFC George Pugliese of Carbondale; ISG Christopher Rafferty of Brownsville; SPC Tamarra Ramos of Quakertown; CAPT Nathan Raudenbush of Royersford; CPL Kyle Renehan of Oxford; CAPT Mark Resh of Fogelsville; SGT Joshua

Rimer of Rochester; SPC Luis Rodriguez Contreras of Allentown; PO1 Gary Rovinski of Wilkes-Barre.

CPL Luke Runyan of Spring Grove; PFC Aaron Rusin of Johnstown; SGT Matthew Sandri of Shamokin; 1LT Neil Santoriello of Verona; 1LT Robert Seidel, III of Gettysburg; CAPT Christopher Seifert of Bethlehem; SA Joshua Seitz of Sinking Springs; SGT Edward Shaffer of Mont Alto; SGT Jason Shaffer of Derry; SFC Michael Shannon of Canadensis; LTC Anthony Sherman of Pottstown; CAPT Todd Siebert of Baden; SGT Eric Slebodnik of Greenfield; CWO Michael Slebodnik of Gibsonia; PFC Corey Small of East Berlin; SSG Marc Small of Collegeville; SPC Michael Smith of Media; SFC Scott Smith of Punxsutawney; SPC Tristan Smith of Bryn Athyn; PFC Stephen Snowberger, III of Lopez.

SSG Glen Stivison, Jr. of Blairsville; LCpl Travis Stottlemeyer of Hatfield; SGT Francis Straub, Jr. of Philadelphia; CPL Sascha Struble of Philadelphia; SPC William Sturges, Jr. of Spring Church; PFC Brandon Styer of Lancaster; SFC Shawn Suzch of Hilltown; SGT Brett Swank of Northumberland; SSG Paul Sweeney of Lakeville; LCpl Steven Szydek of Warfordsburg; MSgt Sean Thomas of Harrisburg; PFC Nils Thompson of Confluence; SSG Richard Tieman of Waynesboro; MAJ Jeffery Toczylowski of Ambler; CPL John Todd, III of Bridgeport; SGT Nicholas Tomko of McKees Rocks; SSG Steven Tudor of Dunmore; SFC Michael Tully of Falls Creek; LCpl Robert Ulmer of Landisville; 1LT Colby Umbrell of Doylestown.

LCpl Brandon Van Parys of New Tripoli; SGT Thomas Vandling, Jr. of Pittsburgh; SGT Timothy Vanorman of Port Matilda; LCpl Dennis Veater of Jessup; SSG William Vile of Philadelphia; SSG Kimberly Voelz of Carlisle; SPC Ross Vogel, III of Red Lion; SGT David Wallace, III of Sharpsville; SGT Jonathan Walls of West Lawn; PFC Joshua Waltenbaugh of Ford City; SGT Douglas Weismantle of Pittsburgh; SGT Lonny Wells of Vandergrift; CAPT Jason West of Pittsburgh; SPC Lee Wiegand of Hallstead; SSG David Wieger of North Huntingdon; CAPT Bryan Willard of Hummelstown; CPL Anthony Williams of Oxford; PVT Wesley Williams of Philadelphia; SPC James Yohn, Sr. of Highspire; SPC Nicholas Zangara of Philadelphia; PFC Kenneth Zeigler, II of Dillsburg; and PFC Travis Zimmerman of New Berlinville.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LEIBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to offer my support for H.R. 4899, the Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act. I would like to begin first by explaining why I voted for this measure—although I did so reluctantly and with strong reservations, since I firmly believe that it is past time for us to end our reliance on emergency supplemental appropriations, which undermine our fiscal discipline and exacerbate our skyrocketing deficit.

I supported this measure because the funds it appropriates are critical to the first and most fundamental purpose of our government—keeping America safe.

The money appropriated in the bill will be used, in large part, to support our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq who are fighting against the enemy who attacked our homeland on September 11,

2001. We went to war in Afghanistan because the 9/11 attacks were a direct consequence of the safe haven given to al-Qaida in that country under the Taliban government that ruled there. We remain at war because a resurgent Taliban, still allied with al-Qaida, is trying to restore its brutal regime and reestablish that country as a terrorist safe haven.

A large portion of the funds appropriated in this bill will be used to deploy the surge of additional troops that our commander on the ground in Afghanistan, GEN Stanley McChrystal, has said is essential to turning the tide there. I agree with President Obama that the war in Afghanistan is “a war of necessity,” and as such, we must fund our efforts there to the full measure necessary.

Allowing the Taliban to return to power would represent a major victory for Islamist extremist forces throughout the world, tilting the balance of power in South Asia in their favor and directly endangering America’s homeland security from terrorists trained there. As we were reminded just a few weeks ago, in the wake of the attempted terrorist bombing in Times Square by an individual who received terrorism training in Pakistan, the Afghanistan-Pakistan border remains the central front of the global war on terror. If we fail there, the ramifications will be devastating.

I also believe it is imperative that we continue to provide the necessary resources to ensure a successful outcome in Iraq, which faces a window of heightened instability and danger. In particular, it is essential that we provide the necessary funding for the Iraqi Security Forces so that—as our own troops draw down—our Iraqi counterparts are capable of maintaining the hard-fought security gains that we have achieved together.

Because this bill is essential for our national security, I voted for it.

However, as I said, I strongly oppose our continued reliance on the emergency supplemental appropriations bills to fund our military efforts abroad. I agree with President Obama that this method of spending has obscured the costs and budgetary consequences of our ongoing military operations. I believe we must end the practice of labeling our long-term military costs as “emergency funds,” which allows us to avoid our own self-imposed spending limits. This practice has also significantly reduced our ability to exercise effective congressional oversight.

A sound budgeting process, by contrast—which would factor future military costs into the annual budget—will allow for a more precise, honest, and fiscally responsible estimate of Federal spending and will force us to grapple with and pay for the true costs of our policy choices.

Simply put, we must change the way we do business in Washington. We cannot continue to ask our children and

grandchildren to pay for the policy choices of today. For this reason, it is imperative that 2010 be the last year that we use an emergency supplemental for initiatives that are not truly “emergencies.” After all, our ballooning Federal debt and out-of-control deficits are not only a threat to our economic health—they are also a threat to our national security.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton argued in testimony before Congress earlier this year that as America relies increasingly on foreign lenders to fund our government, we compromise our national security. Let’s not forget that each year, we are paying almost \$200 billion in interest on public debt, a significant percentage of which goes to nations whose political interests may not always be aligned with our own. Today, nearly half of our publicly held debt is in foreign holdings, compared to nineteen percent twenty years ago. This is dangerous to America’s financial autonomy and long-term national security.

In Congress, we are motivated by good intentions—each of us wants to govern well and make it easier for our constituents to live, work, and prosper—but those good intentions often have serious and adverse consequences for our long term economic health and our vitality as a nation when we ignore their economic consequences. Unfortunately, if we do not act quickly and decisively to address our mounting debt and continuing deficit spending, we will soon face a fiscal crisis that will dwarf the financial turmoil we have experienced in the past several months.

We are all concerned about the deficit, but unless we actually stop passing bills that we are not paid for, we will not make the progress that we must in reining in deficits.

We all know what the answer to this problem is: The United States of America must begin to live within our means again. Responsible American families and businesses do this—it is time for the U.S. Congress to do the same.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise in support of an amendment that was filed by Chairman BINGAMAN, Ranking Member MURKOWSKI and myself that would help create jobs in communities across the country and help us transition to a clean energy economy.

When Congress passed the Recovery Act last year, it recognized the challenges that many developers of alternative energy and other clean energy projects are facing in obtaining financing by expanding the Department of Energy’s loan guarantee program.

This program, known as the 1705 program, is helping developers to finance their projects, create jobs and spur the development of innovative clean energy technologies across the country, including New Hampshire.

Our amendment would expand the 1705 program further to include loan guarantees for energy efficiency technologies, including making buildings energy efficient.