

events. I make that point because some Members of Congress—one, a Congressman from Virginia—suggest we can take the need for disaster funds out of the regular budget of the United States. I will tell you, it is virtually impossible, and we don't know what the final cost will be. At this point we expect it to be much more. We have to deal with these disasters and come to the aid of families and businesses, communities and States, as our State has been aided and almost every State has in the past.

A provision in the Budget Control Act allows Congress several billion dollars in emergency spending for additional FEMA aid without budget cuts elsewhere. We are going to have to get together on a bipartisan basis to deal with this. FEMA estimates that the request leaves the disaster fund short by \$2 billion to \$4.8 billion in the upcoming year. These figures do not take into account the most recent damage from Hurricane Irene, particularly in the State of Vermont and many other places. We need to work on a bipartisan basis to meet these needs for the disaster assistance all across America and put America back to work.

At this point I would like to yield the floor to my former remarks and engage in the closing script.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PETTY OFFICER TUMILSON

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, as an Iowan, it is with great sadness but also a sense of pride that I rise to pay tribute to Navy SEAL Jon T. Tumilson who gave his life for his country along with 29 other American heroes as the result of a helicopter crash in Afghanistan on August 6. He worked hard to get where he did and was extremely proud to have become a Navy SEAL. The people of the State of Iowa, and particularly his hometown of Rockford, are extremely proud to call him a native son.

Petty Officer Tumilson is described as someone who committed fully to everything he did and he applied that intense dedication to serving his country. We as a nation must be grateful that we have brave and selfless Americans like Jon Tumilson who are willing to undertake the incredible training necessary to become a Navy SEAL so that they can then put their lives on the line repeatedly in some of the most dangerous missions imaginable. Our country has lost a powerful force for good, and his fellow sailors have lost a brother in arms. Of course, his loss will be felt particularly deeply by his family, friends, and neighbors. My prayers go out to Jon's parents, George and

Kathy, and all those who are grieving. Nothing can compensate for his loss, but I hope they can take comfort in knowing that he died a true American hero. Jon Tumilson's memory will now join the honored ranks of those patriots who, since the Revolutionary War, have fought to defend American liberty.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ROBERT REEVES

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a true American hero. On August 5, 2011, our State and Nation lost a great patriot when Navy SEAL CPO Robert Reeves, aged 32, died in Afghanistan during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Chief Reeves was raised in Louisiana by his loving parents Jo and James Reeves, and he graduated from Caddo Magnet High School in Shreveport, LA, where he played both soccer and lacrosse.

After 1 year at LSU, Chief Reeves enlisted in the U.S. Navy and joined the SEALs in 1999. Since that time, he has been assigned to various SEAL teams where he made several combat deployments in support of the global war on terror, distinguishing himself in combat operations during 13 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

A decorated soldier, he served as a member of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, or SEAL Team Six as it is more commonly known, and was the recipient of four Bronze Stars—earned for his bravery and meritorious service. He carried out his duties with pride and without reservation and each of us owes him our gratitude for his selfless sacrifice.

There is no doubt that this tragic loss will not only be felt within the Reeves family but also the Navy and the entire Nation. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with his family during this extraordinarily difficult time. Our Nation is safer and stronger because of brave heroes like Chief Reeves. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me as we honor the life of Navy SEAL CPO Robert Reeves and his legacy, as well as all the other brave men and women in our Armed Forces who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great Nation.

CORDRAY NOMINATION

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of Rich Cordray's nomination as Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and to urge a vote on his nomination.

The enactment of the Dodd-Frank law last Congress is a triumph for consumers. This landmark law reins in the abusive and predatory practices of bad actors in the financial industry and protects consumers through the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The CFPB will empower consumers by giving them the knowledge and tools they need to make responsible financial decisions and will level the playing field by policing and curtailing the unfair practices of some unscrupu-

lous banks and financial institutions. I applauded the creation of the CFPB and have heard from Connecticut residents who want the consumer protections that the CFPB will provide.

Last month, President Obama nominated former Ohio attorney general Rich Cordray to serve as the Director of the CFPB. This is an inspired choice. Rich has dedicated his career to protecting and educating consumers: he has vigorously pursued lenders that employed abusive and fraudulent foreclosure practices like robo-signing and he has repeatedly gone after financial institutions that weakened employees' pension funds by concealing material information from investors.

Recognizing that informed consumers are empowered consumers, Rich has also sought to improve financial literacy among Ohio residents by working to include personal finance education in Ohio schools.

Rich's nomination has been widely praised, even by those he has clashed with. Former Senator Mike DeWine, who ran against Rich for State attorney general last year, called Rich "very well-qualified for this job."

As Connecticut's attorney general, I worked alongside Rich, and I know he is a true consumer advocate and an outstanding nominee to lead this critical new agency.

Despite Rich's impressive background and qualifications, some of my colleagues are refusing to allow a confirmation vote on his nomination. They do this not because they doubt Rich's qualifications, but because they resent the agency he has been nominated to lead. Earlier this year, 44 Senators wrote President Obama and threatened to block any nominee for the CFPB until the agency's structure and authority was gutted. Now, they are following through on that threat.

This is a bad precedent. The CFPB was created by the Dodd-Frank law passed by the previous Congress and signed by President Obama. This legislation was not rushed through; it was debated for months and months, with members given plenty of time to criticize the bill, offer amendments, or vote no on the legislation. Eventually, the bill passed. Sixty Senators voted for it, including several who are now seeking to block the nominee for an agency they voted to create.

Some of my colleagues may not like the law or the CFPB. I respect that. But their course of action should be to introduce legislation to change the law, not to shirk their constitutional duty by refusing to allow a confirmation vote.

REMEMBERING DR. BERNADINE PATRICIA HEALY

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Bernadine Patricia Healy. Dr. Healy was a cardiologist and a pioneer in the

field of medical research. Among her many impressive accomplishments, Dr. Healy served as the first female director of the National Institutes of Health, dean of the College of Medicine and Public Health at the Ohio State University, president of the American Red Cross, and president of the American Heart Association.

A brilliant scientist, an innovator, and a strong leader who could effectively communicate technical information, Dr. Healy was also a valued Presidential adviser. Dr. Healy selflessly answered the call to public service from Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush.

Dr. Healy was a courageous champion of women in science and medicine. While serving as the director of the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Healy introduced a number of initiatives, including the Women's Health Initiative, which resulted in monumental advances in understanding the causes and researching the cures of diseases that affect women. Dr. Bernadine Healy was truly a source of inspiration who touched the lives of so many of us in Ohio and around the world, and her extraordinary legacy lives on. She will not be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PETER DOUGLAS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievements and legacy of Peter Douglas, executive director of the California Coastal Commission, who will be retiring this November. Peter is truly a giant among California conservationists, and our State is a much better and more beautiful place as a result of his life's work.

Established by voter initiative in 1972, the Coastal Commission was created by the people of California and is sustained by their support and active participation. For nearly four decades, the California Coastal Commission has worked to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the resources of the California coast and ocean for current and future generations.

Peter Douglas was there at the creation of the commission, and he has shaped and guided its work every step of the way. As a legislative aide in the early 1970s, he helped draft the 1972 Coastal Initiative and the California Coastal Act of 1976, which made the commission a permanent public institution. After 7 years as the commission's chief deputy director, he was named executive director in 1985 and has served ever since.

Along with its stewardship of responsible development along the coast, the Coastal Commission has led the way in preserving public access to our State's coastline and beaches. From the beginning, Peter Douglas believed that protecting public access went hand in hand with protecting California's nat-

ural heritage, because the public would work to protect a resource that they could enjoy. Under Peter's leadership, the commission worked to create public parks in some key areas that might otherwise have been developed, including Crystal Cove, Malibu Bluffs, and Tomales Bay State Park.

Here is what Peter Douglas himself says about coastal conservation: "The coast is what it is because a lot of people worked really hard and sacrificed to protect it. And if we want it to be there for our children, we have to keep fighting to protect it. In that way, the coast is never saved—it is always being saved."

When asked if he had any idea when he started out 40 years ago what his legacy would be, Peter Douglas replied, "Absolutely not. I never thought about it. I just thought it was noble work, and I wanted to make a difference."

Peter Douglas has made a tremendous difference. From the bottom of my heart, I offer him my profound thanks and best wishes.●

REMEMBERING JEREMY HENWOOD

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I am honored to pay tribute to San Diego Police Officer Jeremy Henwood, who recently died in the line of duty at the age of 36. On August 6, 2011, Officer Henwood was shot by a suspect who pulled alongside his patrol car. He passed away several hours later.

In his 4-year career with the San Diego Police Department's Mid-City Division, Officer Henwood earned a reputation as a caring, dedicated officer, and committed leader. Everyday, he selflessly put his life on the line to protect the city he loved.

A strong believer in public service, Jeremy Henwood served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 15 years, first on active duty and later as Reservist. Major Henwood did two tours of duty in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He recently returned from deployment in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, where he commanded a Marine logistics company.

Police Chief William Lansdowne has stated that Officer Henwood "believed he was a protector and his job was to save others." One of his colleagues called him "a true hero who not only served this country, but served this city." A generous and courageous man in life, Officer Henwood's organs were donated to save other lives.

Officer Henwood is survived by his mother Beverly, his father Robbie, and younger siblings Robbie Junior and Emily. My thoughts and prayers are with them during this tragic time. I also send my deepest condolences to Officer Henwood's colleagues in the San Diego Police Department, who continue to serve our community and protect our people.●

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of New Hope Mis-

sionary Baptist Church, the oldest African American church in San Bernardino, CA.

In 1911, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church opened its doors under the leadership of Minister James Hart.

It all began in response to African-American migrants who wanted a place of worship. In 100 years, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church never lost sight of its responsibility to creatively meet the ever-changing needs of the community it serves.

During the pastorate of Dr. David E. Campbell from 1950-1978, New Hope built a new building and became the first Black Baptist congregation in southern California to elect women to the board of trustees. Under Dr. LeMar Foster from 1984-1997, the congregation established numerous organizations, fellowships, and outreach programs. The church's current pastor, Dr. Robert E. Fairley who has served from 1978-1983 and from 1997-present, has introduced worship services to accommodate overflow crowds, added a van to support the new transportation ministry, and established new programs for hospitality, premarital, and marital counseling.

The year 2011 marks a significant milestone in the life of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which was "Founded on Hope, Built in Love, and Sustained by Faith." I congratulate New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on this significant anniversary and 100 years of extraordinary service to the community.●

OCEAN VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD CHAMPIONS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am very pleased to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Ocean View Little League team from Huntington Beach, CA. On August 28, this team of 11- and 12-year-olds defeated Japan to win the Little League World Series championship in Williamsport, PA.

It was a dramatic victory. With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth and final inning, first baseman Nick Pratto delivered a sharp single to center to score the winning run for Ocean View.

Nothing could stop this team. Not their friendly rivals from Billings, MT, who pushed Ocean View to the brink of elimination by winning an extra-inning thriller earlier in the Little League World Series. And not Hurricane Irene, which brought rain to Williamsport and pushed back the final game by more than 3 hours. Ocean View defeated Billings on August 27 to win the U.S. championship and then outlasted a tough Japanese team 2-1 to win the final.

Orange County, CA, has produced scores of major league baseball players, the 2002 World Champion Angels, and the Cal State Fullerton Titans, four-time winners of the College World Series. Now, for the first time, Orange