

GSP program expired, U.S. companies have paid an additional \$1.8 million a day in new duties. To date, this amounts to nearly \$480 million in unnecessary additional costs for companies. Businesses in every state in the Nation have been affected by the expiration of GSP and have a vested interest in the renewal of the program.

For example, in my State of Utah—the only State in the country to import Indonesian steam and vapor turbine parts—tariffs have exceeded \$235,000 for these goods in the months following the expiration of GSP. Components such as mountings for buildings imported from Thailand, cost Utah businesses an additional \$178,000 in tariffs through July of this year. And the total amount of Utah imports of GSP-eligible goods from January until July 2011 exceeded \$26.2 million, of which an additional \$1.1 million in unnecessary import taxes were paid.

I have heard from Utah manufacturing companies, like Black Diamond Equipment, which is headquartered in Salt Lake City and employs more than 475 people worldwide. That company develops, manufactures and distributes a broad range of products including those used for mountain climbing, camping, and skiing. As of June 2010, they incurred more than \$40,000 in tariffs for goods imported from the Philippines—goods that otherwise would have been covered under GSP.

If GSP is not renewed, Black Diamond is projected to pay over \$100,000 in unnecessary tariffs by the end of the year. As if that was not enough, because of these duties, Black Diamond is faced with reduced sales, competitiveness issues, and a limited hiring ability for their Utah office. To help companies like Black Diamond succeed, we must act now to renew GSP.

I have shared just a few examples of the additional costs incurred by businesses in my State, and unfortunately, there are many other similar scenarios across the Nation due to the expiration of GSP.

These Utah companies and other businesses around the country are left with difficult decisions about downsizing, hiring freezes, and employee layoffs—this at a time when our economy needs more than ever to be adding jobs. We must lift this additional burden on our small businesses, manufacturers, and farmers, by renewing GSP today, and making sure we provide retroactive application.

I urge my colleagues to come together and extend the Generalized System of Preferences until July 31, 2013, and provide the much-needed retroactive benefits to our U.S. companies.●

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 166, H.R. 2832, an act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Max Baucus, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Mark Udall, Debbie Stabenow, Jeff Bingaman, Daniel K. Inouye, Maria Cantwell, Patty Murray, Richard Blumenthal, Michael F. Bennet, Patrick J. Leahy, Tom Harkin, Barbara Boxer, Kent Conrad, Sherrod Brown, Carl Levin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2832, an act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would have voted “yea.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 139 Leg.]

YEAS—84

Akaka	Enzi	Merkley
Alexander	Feinstein	Mikulski
Ayotte	Franken	Moran
Barrasso	Gillibrand	Murkowski
Baucus	Graham	Murray
Begich	Grassley	Nelson (NE)
Bennet	Hagan	Nelson (FL)
Bingaman	Harkin	Portman
Blumenthal	Heller	Pryor
Blunt	Hoeven	Reed
Boozman	Hutchison	Reid
Boxer	Inouye	Roberts
Brown (MA)	Isakson	Rockefeller
Brown (OH)	Johanns	Rubio
Cantwell	Johnson (SD)	Sanders
Cardin	Johnson (WI)	Schumer
Carper	Kerry	Shaheen
Casey	Kirk	Snowe
Chambliss	Klobuchar	Tester
Coats	Kohl	Thune
Cochran	Landrieu	Toomey
Collins	Lautenberg	Udall (CO)
Conrad	Leahy	Udall (NM)
Cooms	Levin	Warner
Corker	Lieberman	Webb
Cornyn	Lugar	Whitehouse
Crapo	Manchin	Wicker
Durbin	McConnell	Wyden

NAYS—8

Coburn	Lee	Shelby
DeMint	McCain	Vitter
Kyl	Sessions	

NOT VOTING—8

Burr	McCaskill	Risch
Hatch	Menendez	Stabenow
Inhofe	Paul	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 84, the nays are 8. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. REED). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant Daily Digest editor proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

REMEMBERING SERGEANT JOE SZCZERBA

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a hero. I rise to remember the sacrifice of a man I am proud to have known. I rise to remember SGT Joe Szczerba of the New Castle County Police who was killed in the line of duty just this past Thursday night.

Sergeant Szczerba and several other officers responded to a disorderly conduct call in New Castle, DE, just before midnight. The officers arrived on the scene and set up a perimeter. Sergeant Szczerba spotted the suspect and gave chase. A seasoned officer, Sergeant Szczerba attempted to subdue the man, and in a very tough fight that ensued he was stabbed.

The suspect continued to resist arrest. Although seriously wounded, Sergeant Szczerba worked with three other officers to take the suspect into custody. Only then did he acknowledge his injury. Officers on the scene performed CPR until county paramedics arrived, but it was not enough. Sergeant Szczerba did not make it.

When I was county executive for New Castle County for 6 years, after a particularly long or difficult day, as I was heading home, I would flip on the police scanner in my car and listen to the chatter, to the calls from dispatch and the officers responding. I was always mindful in those hours that here I was heading home to my family and safety and here were our officers heading out on patrol into a dark and uncertain night.

My phone rang at 5 a.m. this past Friday morning, and it was my friend, Chief Mike McGowan, the county's police chief—his voice weighted down with grief. It was the worst news I have ever received in public life.

New Castle County had only lost one previous officer in a line-of-duty death when CPL Paul Sweeney was in a traffic accident nearly 40 years ago in 1972, but never had an officer been murdered in the line of duty. Each year, as county executive, when I attended our annual police memorial, we would quietly pray that we would never know this day.

Just roughly 2 weeks earlier, Delaware had marked the second anniversary of the killing, in the line of duty, of another brave and decorated local police officer, Patrolman Chad Spicer of Georgetown. It was just too soon for this to have happened again. We all know there is risk—grave risk—in policing, but this could not have happened again. Delaware is a State of neighbors, and as a State we are still mourning Chad's death, and we could not possibly have lost another brave police officer. But we did. This Friday he will be laid to rest.

My State is grieving. In the days that have passed, I have grappled with two questions. I have asked myself over and over: How is it that people continue to do these terrible and dangerous things? How is it that senseless violence continues to claim the lives of the innocent?

As I spoke at the graduation ceremony this past Friday for the Delaware State Police and the Municipal Police Academy and looked at the young men and women who were right in front of me about to take their oath and put on their badge and take on, willingly, this most dangerous and honored profession, another question emerged to me: Why is it that we continue to have men and women who volunteer, who step forward, and who take on this most important and difficult task of preserving the peace, of protecting our communities? What more can we do to support them, to protect them, and to honor them?

These are the questions I challenge all of us to consider.

SGT Joe Szczerba was on the New Castle County police force for 18 years. He was greatly respected by his colleagues on the force and in the community he served. His wife Kathy; his brothers Ed, Gerald, and Stephen; his sisters Nancy and Karen and a host of nieces and nephews survive him.

Today, Heaven is a safer place because Joe Szczerba is on patrol. He was a good man and a great cop, and he died a hero. He died doing what he was called to do, and he died doing what he loved to do. For that, all of Delaware is grateful. We will treasure his memory and honor his sacrifice.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business.

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

IRAN

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, recently, international media and diplomatic attention has focused on the inspiring stories of citizens across the Middle East and North Africa demanding greater participation in their government.

While the regime changes in Libya, Egypt, and Tunisia have certainly opened the door for democratic progress in a region long dominated by authoritarian rulers, we cannot allow these hopeful aspirations to monopolize our focus or distract our attention from the fact that brutal and oppressive regimes remain.

Today, I want to highlight an especially dangerous and odious regime—that of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and the mullahs in Tehran.

I am seriously concerned by Tehran's continued march toward a nuclear weapon. Earlier this month the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, published a report confirming the obvious—that Iran remains in violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions to halt its nuclear program, and that it is not cooperating with the IAEA.

We also know that the Iranian regime continues to increase its support for terrorist groups operating in Iraq; reports also indicate that it is providing weapons and assistance to the Assad regime in Damascus in its brutal crackdown on the Syrian people.

Iranian authorities, apparently fearful of the popular unrest that swept longtime leaders in Egypt and Tunisia from power—and which is currently threatening Bashar al-Assad's dictatorship in Syria—have cracked down on dissent and increased the arrest and detention of activists and opposition figures in the past months—even arresting young people with squirt guns.

One dissident whose case I have been following is Bahareh Hedayat, a student and women's rights activist. Bahareh was arrested in December 2009 for participating in Iran's prodemocracy student movement and placed in solitary confinement in the notorious Evin prison. After nearly 2 months of interrogation, she was sentenced to 9½ years in prison for her activism. Her 9½ year sentence included 5 years for "activities against the state," 2 years for insulting Supreme Leader Khamenei, and 6 months for insulting Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Iranian authorities also reinstated a 2-year sentence she received in connection with a 2006 women's rights protest that had been suspended.

While in prison, Bahareh has endured Evin's harsh conditions, interrogation, and a lengthy solitary confinement, all while being denied contact with her husband and family. She has kept her spirit and has even protested her detention and treatment with hunger strikes. However, detention has taken a toll on her and her health has deteriorated. Earlier this year she devel-

oped gall stones, and while it was clear that the prison's facilities could not provide adequate treatment, she was only allowed to seek outside care this month. After receiving treatment, she was promptly returned to prison last week.

Bahareh Hedayat and dissidents like her—those who have been brutally punished for seeking basic human freedoms—has shown great courage in confronting the brutality and intolerance of the Iranian regime. She and thousands of others have sacrificed immeasurably to bring about reform in Iran, the United States must show similar courage and do all in its power to support their vision of a peaceful, free, and democratic Iran.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARICK MICHAEL DOBSON
TARR

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of PFC Class Arick Michael Dobson Tarr, who died at the young age of 20 on July 30, 2011, at Fort Lewis, in Tacoma, WA, where he was stationed. Private First Class Tarr was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry at Fort Lewis and served his country with honor and distinction on a tour of duty in Afghanistan. He was preparing to leave in January to return to New Hampshire.

Americans across the country gathered recently to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, and to reflect on how the tragic events of that day changed our Nation and all Americans on a personal level. Although Arick was only 10 years old at the time, his life was forever changed by 9/11. That day sparked within him a desire to join the Army and defend the freedoms we hold dear.

Arick defended the American people with courage and distinction, receiving many awards for his service, including the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Marksmanship Qualification Badge, and Overseas Service Bar.

Arick is remembered by family and friends as having a larger than life personality and a contagious smile. He understood the importance of family and was a role model for his two brothers and six cousins. Although Arick spent much of his life in South Portland, ME, he was very excited to return to New Hampshire after his service, to attend college and begin a new chapter of his life with his fiancée.

Our Nation can never adequately thank this young hero for his willingness to heed the call to defend the American people and our way of life. I hope that, even in these dark days, Arick's family can find comfort in knowing that all Americans share a