

the Senate Agriculture Committee's farm bill reduces the deficit by \$23 billion. It eliminates more than 100 duplicative programs to make government leaner and more effective. It strengthens accountability to make sure we are giving a hand up where it is most needed and not wasting taxpayer dollars where it's not. And, perhaps most importantly, this farm bill supports more than 16 million American jobs. That is why I led a letter to leadership with 43 of my colleagues this week urging quick action. Moving this farm bill is the right thing to do for our farmers and ranchers, the right thing to do for American taxpayers, and the right thing to do for jobs.

So as we say happy birthday to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, I think the best gift Congress could give is passing the farm bill.

IMPORTANCE OF SENATE BIPARTISANSHIP

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, over this past weekend, while reading the News Journal, Delaware's only statewide newspaper, I came across a column written by my good friend and our former colleague, Ted Kaufman. He was writing about an issue that is troubling to me and to many of our colleagues—the narrowing scope of bipartisanship in the U.S. Senate today.

As you know, Mr. President, our longtime colleague Senator RICHARD LUGAR faced a difficult primary contest last week in Indiana. While he put up a good fight, he ultimately lost the primary to someone who openly espouses an aversion to bipartisanship. In recent days a number of our colleagues, including Senators DURBIN and KERRY, have stood in this Chamber to lament the parting of Senator LUGAR. Like them, I, too, am disappointed that Senator LUGAR will not be part of the Senate in the future.

Though I haven't always agreed with him on every issue, Senator LUGAR has been and remains a deeply respected colleague and statesman. He understands that national unity and patriotism should always trump partisan bickering, and he believes that working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle is critically important for the welfare of our country.

In his article last weekend, Ted Kaufman wrote, "If candidates like Mike Castle and RICHARD LUGAR are defeated because they are willing to consider bipartisan solutions, the gridlock can only get worse." I couldn't have said it better myself. DICK LUGAR is the type of Senator we need more of, not less of. With his departure, the Senate will lose someone who was willing to put progress ahead of party and willing to favor compromise over conflict.

Senator LUGAR, as mayor of Indianapolis and as Senator from Indiana, you have served your State and your country with distinction. I have no doubt that as this Congress and your time in the Senate come to a close

later this year, you will choose to finish strong. I expect that as you do, my colleagues and I will have the opportunity to work with you, in a bipartisan way, on a number of critically important issues for our country. There will be much work to do, together.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the text of Senator Kaufman's article as a testament to the importance of bipartisan cooperation in the Senate.

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

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LUGAR PROVED 'BIPARTISANSHIP' SERVES

PRINCIPLES WELL

(By Ted Kaufman)

I have spent the last 40 years of my life working in and teaching about the U.S. Senate. Right after then-Senator Biden and I came to Washington, he told me something I have always kept in mind when dealing with its members. "There is a reason the citizens of each state picked each individual senator," Senator Biden said, "and it is worth looking for what that is."

The Senate has always been a partisan place. The arguments are fierce. Strongly held beliefs collide. No matter how much I disagreed with the positions taken by senators on the other side of the aisle, I could respect and even admire nearly all of them.

One of the senators I disagreed with on many issues but came to greatly admire was Richard Lugar. Last week, in the Indiana Republican primary, he lost his bid for a sixth term. He will be sorely missed in the next Senate.

For many years, I watched as he and Senator Biden passed the gavel back and forth on the Foreign Relations Committee, where they traded positions as chair or ranking member. As partisan a conservative Republican as he was on most domestic issues, Senator Lugar deeply believed in the approach to foreign policy articulated in the early 1940s by Michigan's Republican Sen. Arthur Vandenberg: "To me, bipartisan foreign policy means a mutual effort, under our indispensable, two-party system, to unite our official voice at the water's edge so that America speaks with one voice to those who would divide and conquer us and the free world."

Throughout his Senate career, Senator Lugar was a driving force in maintaining this approach to foreign policy. He did not grandstand. In his quiet, intelligent way, he became one of our most knowledgeable experts on an issue that wins few votes but is literally a matter of life-and-death for the planet—nuclear proliferation.

Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the joint effort with former Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn that established the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which provides U.S. funding and expertise to help former Soviet countries safeguard and dismantle their nuclear and chemical arsenals. The program has deactivated thousands of nuclear warheads, chemical weapons, and their delivery systems. It has eliminated all the nuclear weapons in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus. Senator Lugar, as much as any single person alive, is responsible for greatly reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation into the terrorist world.

There were many reasons why Senator Lugar lost his bid for re-nomination. But among the criticisms raised against him by his opponent was that he supported the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. It is hard to

understand how this vote could be characterized as anti-Republican when Lugar was joined in his support of START by the Secretaries of State for the last five Republican Presidents.

I smile when I see Senator Lugar being portrayed in the media as a "moderate." His voting record on domestic issues has been consistently conservative. The American Conservative Union gives him a 77 percent lifetime rating. But that, it seems, is not conservative enough. His victorious opponent, Richard Mourdock, ran a campaign that was openly dismissive of any kind of bipartisanship. Right after Mourdock won the nomination, he explained, "I have a mindset that says bipartisanship ought to consist of Democrats coming to the Republican point of view."

Wherever I go, the most common thread in talks I have with many different groups of people is their frustration with the lack of compromise and gridlock in Washington. If candidates like Mike Castle and Richard Lugar are defeated because they are willing to consider bipartisan solutions, the gridlock can only get worse.

I could not agree more with what Senator Lugar said in his typically thoughtful concession speech: "Bipartisanship is not the opposite of principle. One can be very conservative or very liberal and still have a bipartisan mindset. Such a mindset acknowledges that the other party is also patriotic and may have some good ideas. It acknowledges that national unity is important, and that aggressive partisanship deepens cynicism, sharpens political vendettas, and depletes the national reserve of goodwill that is critical to our survival in hard times."

INTERNATIONAL FOOD SECURITY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to express my enthusiastic support for our efforts to elevate international food security commitments through the G8, which is being held this weekend in Maryland.

I understand that President Obama has invited the Presidents of Benin, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Tanzania to participate in the summit and strategize on ways in which we can all work together to accelerate progress on food security. With over 1 billion poor and hungry people around the world, there is no time to wait.

Just 3 years ago, in L'Aquila, Italy, G8 leaders committed to support developing-country plans for agriculture to the tune of \$7 billion a year over 3 years. African governments also committed to allocating 10 percent of their budgets to support agriculture, because they recognize that three-fourths of Africans make a living from agriculture.

This week we expect the G8 leaders to focus on private sector investment, donor coordination, innovation, and partnership. I see this as a natural next step in which we strive to amplify the truly historic commitments that we have made to ending world hunger.

As Secretary Clinton said in 2009, "We have the resources to give every person in the world the tools they need to feed themselves and their children. So the question is not whether we can end hunger. It's whether we will."

We must harness the good will of the private sector, do a better job of coordinating among ourselves in the

donor community, and show the American people that we are doing development better. With such a limited foreign assistance budget, getting the most out of every dollar that we spend is vital if we are going to beat global hunger and human suffering.

To that end, I am very pleased that the U.S. will be following up on not only what the members of the G8 committed but what they actually delivered. In order for our new food security initiative to succeed, all pledges must have clear accountability mechanisms.

I believe that our own Feed the Future Program, our global hunger and food security initiative, does just that. Feed the Future focuses on small farmers, particularly women. It helps countries to develop their agriculture sectors to generate opportunities for broad-based economic growth and trade, which in turn support increased incomes and help reduce hunger. It is strengthening strategic coordination to align the efforts of the private sector, civil society, and multilateral institutions. And it is delivering on sustained and accountable commitments through robust monitoring and evaluation systems. I look forward to hearing more about the Feed the Future success stories in the months to come, as USAID officials develop and release their accountability reports.

There are a few other elements of the program that I would just like to underscore as someone who cares very deeply about the status of women. First, Feed the Future developed and launched the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index, a research method which measures the quantity and quality of gender integrated programs. This is essential as we are to continue designing better development programs.

Second, Feed the Future has launched a fund to advance innovative approaches to promote gender equality in agriculture and land use and integrate gender effectively into agricultural development and food security programs. And third, Feed the Future has harnessed the capabilities of other U.S. Government partners such as the Department of Agriculture to develop science-based solutions to many of the problems faced by women farmers.

Feed the Future is already working with the private sector in Africa; just recently USAID announced a unique trilateral partnership between PepsiCo, USAID, and the World Food Program. Through this partnership they will provide a nutritionally fortified feeding product while helping to build long-term economic stability for smallholder chickpea farmers in Ethiopia by involving them directly in PepsiCo's product supply chain.

Ending global hunger is a monumental task. But when the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, and the United States join together with our African partners and the most powerful private sector and civil society

organizations in the world, I believe it is one that we can achieve.

BUDGET RESOLUTION VOTES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Today I wish to discuss a series of votes we took yesterday on five different budget resolutions offered by my colleagues.

I ultimately voted against the budget resolutions offered by my colleagues because they were simply not in line with what I believe our priorities for this country should be.

Like my colleagues, I am very concerned about our long-term fiscal situation. That is why last year I helped pass the Budget Control Act of 2011. This legislation caps spending levels for 2012 and will reduce our deficit by at least \$2.1 trillion over the next 10 years.

In many ways, the Budget Control Act is even more extensive than a traditional congressional budget resolution. Unlike a budget resolution that is not signed by the President, the Budget Control Act has the force of law. It also set discretionary caps for 10 years, instead of the 1 year normally set in a budget resolution.

Believing we should go further, I also voted for a constitutional balanced budget amendment offered by Senator UDALL of Colorado and cosponsored bipartisan legislation to give the President line-item veto authority to go after wasteful spending.

The key difference between the Budget Control Act and the budget resolutions that were offered yesterday is that the Budget Control Act did not achieve its savings on the backs of the middle class while at the same time giving more tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans.

In 2010, I worked with 14 Senators to block a statutory increase of our national debt limit until the Senate agreed to set up the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility. While I do not agree with every single recommendation included in the final report, I have made clear through my support for the bipartisan efforts in the Senate to advance this framework and I believe it provides a good starting point for the work we must do to reduce our debt.

This framework would put in place a long-term plan to responsibly reduce the deficit by achieving at least \$4 trillion in debt reduction through a balance of revenue and spending cuts. This is the balanced approach I hear Minnesotans asking for every day, and it is the approach I will continue to insist we take.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

2012 TOP COPS

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize five police officers from my home State of Nevada for being honored with the prestigious Na-

tional Association of Police Officers, NAPO, 2012 TOP COPS award for their acts of heroism during a routine fraud call that turned into a deadly shooting. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers John Abel, Michael Ramirez, Corey Staheli, Beaumont Hopson, and David Williams' overwhelming courage in the line of duty epitomizes the best of what America's police officers have to offer. I am honored to recognize this group of Nevadans whose efforts to go above and beyond their oath to serve is a testament to the strength of our law enforcement community.

This year marks NAPO's 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony to honor members of the law enforcement community for their heroic actions. I stand with NAPO in their dedication to raising public awareness concerning the contributions made by our law enforcement officers to the welfare of our communities. Officer Ramirez literally stood in the line of fire to protect shoppers at a Las Vegas WalMart while attempting to apprehend a criminal. His colleagues bravely answered the call to duty and fatally shot the assailant after he shot Officer Ramirez several times in the arm and once in the chest. Fortunately, Officer Ramirez's bulletproof vest, along with the bravery displayed by his colleagues, saved his life. I am so honored to acknowledge these exceptional individuals who are being recognized for their commitment to the safety, protection, and well-being of the people and community of Las Vegas.

It is a privilege to recognize our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line for our protection every day. Their dedication to upholding and enforcing the law is essential to the welfare of our communities and is not taken for granted. The citizens of Nevada are proud to honor John, Michael, Corey, Beaumont, and David as TOP COPS and thank them for serving and protecting the Silver State.●

TRIBUTE TO CARY M. MAGUIRE

• Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the remarks of Representative RALPH HALL be printed in the RECORD on the tenacity of Cary M. Maguire, founder, Chair and President of the Dallas-based Mcguire Oil Company and Maguire Energy Company.

The remarks follow.

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Cary M. Maguire, a fellow Texan who exemplifies fortitude, American entrepreneurship, and community service.

Over the past twenty years, Cary's strength of character was tested and proven as he fought for justice in a property rights dispute against the Houston, Texas city government. Despite being dealt a bad hand, court after court, Cary never surrendered. He showed courage and faith that justice would prevail, and his perseverance was ultimately rewarded.

Cary is the founder, Chair, and President of the Dallas-based Maguire Oil Company