

## DECENCY BLOCKING EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the television, cable, and satellite industries recently launched the "Be the Boss of What Your Kids Watch" campaign. This campaign, which is headed up by my good friend Jack Valenti, educates parents about how to protect their children from inappropriate television programming.

When Senator INOUE and I first became co-chairmen of the Senate Commerce Committee, several groups and individuals approached us; they were concerned about decency in media content. In November 2005, our Committee began the process of bringing each of these groups together. We convened an Open Forum on Decency and held hearings. In all, more than 30 groups and individuals shared their concerns and insights with us.

The "Be the Boss" campaign is one noteworthy initiative which developed from these efforts. Surveys show that only three percent of Americans know how to use the V-chip, a feature in every television set which enables parents to block programs based on ratings. This \$300 million ad campaign seeks to teach parents how to use this—and other—blocking technologies and will help them better monitor television programs.

In July, Jack Valenti and Peggy Conlon, the president of the Ad Council, kicked off the "Be the Boss" campaign when they showed our committee their first two public service announcements. Thanks to these announcements, and the campaign web site, [www.thetvboss.org](http://www.thetvboss.org), parents now have information about the V-chip, cable and satellite controls, and television ratings.

Earlier this week, kits containing information about this campaign were delivered to every Member of Congress. I urge my colleagues to share these valuable resources with their constituents, and I thank Jack Valenti and his colleagues for their leadership on this issue.

I yield the floor.

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 TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL AGENT  
JOHN BAILEY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of Special Agent John Lawrence Bailey. More than 15 years ago, Special Agent Bailey gave his life in the line of duty. Today, in a fitting memorial, law enforcement agents throughout Nevada enter the Federal Bureau of Investigation building in Las Vegas that bears his name.

John Bailey was an American success story. Born in 1942, he attended the University of Pittsburgh on an athletic scholarship. Shortly after receiving his degree, John enrolled in the United States Marine Corps. He would answer his nation's call by joining thousands of young men who went to Vietnam. There, John was awarded the Vietnam

Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Award, and a Bronze Star. After Vietnam, John entered Quantico and began his distinguished career with the FBI.

While John had numerous work accomplishments, those who knew him best could say that he was most proud of his family. It is not easy being in Federal law enforcement, but his family was always supportive. Joined by his wife Beth and their two daughters, Amanda and Megan, the Baileys came to Nevada in 1977.

On the morning of June 25, 1990, Special Agent Bailey found himself in the middle of an armed robbery in a bank. Instead of standing by in fear, John confronted the robbers and drew his weapon. The robbers quickly turned and Special Agent Bailey fired. The bullet missed one suspect, but Agent Bailey was able to capture them and end the robbery. While securing the suspects, something distracted him. In that split second, a robber recovered his weapon and shot John. He died at the scene.

His heroism that day to save the lives of his fellow citizens was not out of the ordinary for those who knew John. As a 21 year veteran of the FBI, John was a highly decorated agent. He was known throughout the Nevada law enforcement community for his efforts to break up organized crime in Las Vegas. His work even touched my life.

John Bailey was a good man and a friend. When I was the commissioner of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, I worked with John to clean up the gaming industry. It wasn't an easy task because organized crime had deep roots in Las Vegas. Each day, I faced threats against my life and against my family. There were even attempts to bribe me. Special Agent Bailey made the arrests on the gangsters who were after me. I will never forget him.

For all these reasons, I was pleased that the FBI decided to name their building in Las Vegas after Special Agent Bailey. It is a fitting tribute for a fallen officer. Later this fall, the FBI will be moving to a new building in Las Vegas. It is important to the FBI—and to me personally—that the new building at 1787 West Lake Mead Boulevard continue to carry the name of Special Agent John Bailey. Soon, I look forward to touring this new "John Lawrence Bailey Memorial Building."

I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor John before the Senate. With the dedication of the new FBI building, I am hopeful that future generations of law enforcement officers will be able to take a moment to reflect on the life and accomplishments of this distinguished officer.

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 NORTHEASTERN NEVADA  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. This important event is a testament to the hard work of many indi-

viduals across Nevada, and it is worthy of recognition today.

Since its founding in 1956, the Historical Society has grown from a membership of 8 to include over 2,000 members this year. Throughout this half century, the Historical Society has dedicated itself to the preservation of Nevada's heritage. Its collection of documents, artifacts, and art has become a valuable resource for genealogists, historians, Nevada residents, and visitors.

Today, almost any member of the public has access to the extensive research materials of the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. Legal documents, personal papers, newspapers, maps, oral histories, family histories, and municipal records combine with a library of more than 2,200 books and 33,000 photographs to enhance the collection.

In 1968, the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society founded a museum in Elko. The Northeastern Nevada Museum houses the Historical Society's collections and permanent displays as well as special exhibits. The museum has prospered through the years, adding exhibition space to accommodate an increasingly large collection and growing popularity among patrons. It is a source of pride for the entire Elko community.

The Historical Society's collections represent many different faces of Nevada. Exhibits on geology and natural history display the prehistory of Nevada. Another important exhibit is the treasure trove of artifacts from the Great Basin Indian tribes. History comes alive at the museum through representations of the Pony Express, mining camps, the California Trail, and the Basque and Chinese experience in the West. The museum's collection extends into the 21st century to reflect the well-preserved wilderness and contemporary art that define Nevada today.

The Historical Society has also reached out to the residents of northeastern Nevada. They welcome school groups, sponsor speaker series and slide shows, and host local artists. At the same time, the Historical Society extended its reach beyond the local region by publishing a quarterly journal and attracting museum visitors from many different states and countries.

I can confidently say that the people of Nevada are grateful for the Historical Society's dedicated effort to preserve the rich history of our State. I am proud to commend the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society and extend my congratulations on the Society's 50th anniversary. I am confident that the next 50 years will be just as successful as the past 50 have been.

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 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate

crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On November, 9, 1996, Alan Fitzgerald Walker was murdered in his home in Fayetteville, AR. The tires on his car were slashed and anti-gay notes were written on the doors of the vehicle. Prosecutors say Adam Blackford and Yitzak Marta met Walker outside of a gay night club and murdered him. Marta testified at Blackford's trial that the motivation for this crime was the victim's sexual orientation.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### GLOBAL WARMING

Mr. INHOFE. This past Monday, I took to this floor for the eighth time to discuss global warming. My speech focused on the myths surrounding global warming and how our national news media has embarrassed itself with a 100-year documented legacy of coverage on what turned out to be trendy climate science theories.

Over the last century, the media has flip-flopped between global cooling and warming scares. At the turn of the 20th century, the media peddled an upcoming ice age—and they said the world was coming to an end. Then in the 1930s, the alarm was raised about disaster from global warming—and they said the world was coming to an end. Then in the 1970s an alarm for another ice age was raised—and they said the world was coming to an end. And now, today, we are back to fears of catastrophic global warming—and again they are saying the world is coming to an end.

Today I would like to share the fascinating events that have unfolded since my floor speech on Monday.

This morning, CNN ran a segment criticizing my speech on global warming and attempted to refute the scientific evidence I presented to counter climate fears.

First off, CNN reporter Miles O'Brien inaccurately claimed I was "too busy" to appear on his program this week to discuss my 50-minute floor speech on global warming. But they were told I simply was not available on Tuesday or Wednesday.

I did appear on another CNN program today—Thursday—which I hope everyone will watch. The segment airs tonight on CNN's Headline News at 7 p.m. and repeats at 9 p.m. and midnight eastern.

Second, CNN's O'Brien falsely claimed that I was all "alone on Cap-

itol Hill" when it comes to questioning global warming.

Mr. O'Brien is obviously not aware that the U.S. Senate has overwhelmingly rejected Kyoto-style carbon caps when it voted down the McCain-Lieberman climate bill 60 to 28 last year—an even larger margin than its rejection in 2003.

Third, CNN's O'Brien, claimed that my speech earlier contained errors regarding climate science. O'Brien said my claim that the Antarctic was actually cooling and gaining ice was incorrect. But both the journals *Science* and *Nature* have published studies recently finding—on balance—Antarctica is both cooling and gaining ice.

CNN's O'Brien also criticized me for saying polar bears are thriving in the Arctic. But he ignored that the person I was quoting is intimately familiar with the health of polar bear populations. Let me repeat what biologist Dr. Mitchell Taylor from the Arctic Government of Nunavut, a territory of Canada, said recently: "Of the 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number. They are not going extinct, or even appear to be affected at present."

CNN's O'Brien also ignores the fact that in the Arctic, temperatures were warmer in the 1930s than today.

O'Brien also claimed that the "Hockey Stick" temperature graph was supported by most climate scientists despite the fact that the National Academy of Sciences and many independent experts have made it clear that the Hockey Stick's claim that the 1990s was the hottest decade of the last 100 years was unsupportable.

So it seems my speech struck a nerve with the mainstream media. Their only response was to cherry-pick the science in a failed attempt to refute me.

It seems that it is business as usual for many of them. Sadly, it looks like my challenge to the media to be objective and balanced has fallen on deaf ears.

Despite the traditional media's failed attempt to dismiss the science I presented to counter global warming alarmism, the American people bypassed the tired old traditional media by watching CSPAN or clicking on the Drudge Report and reading the speech online.

From the flood of overwhelming positive feedback I received, I can tell you the American people responded enthusiastically to my message.

The central theme was not one of thanks, but expressing frustration with the major media outlets because they knew in their guts that what they have been hearing in the news was false and misleading.

Here is a brief sampling:  
Janet of Saugus, MA: "Thank you Senator INHOFE. Finally someone with the guts to stand up and call it what it is—a sham. I think you have taken over Toby Keith's place as my favorite Oklahoman."

Al of Clinton, CT: "It's about time someone with a loud microphone spoke

up on the global warming scam. You have courage—if only this message could get into the schools where kids are being brow-beaten with the fear message almost daily."

Kevin of Jacksonville, FL, writes: "I'm so glad that we have leaders like you who are willing to stand up against the onslaught of liberal media, Hollywood and the foolish elected officials on this topic. Please keep up the fight."

Steven of Phoenix, AZ, writes: "As a scientist, I am extremely pleased to see that there is at least one Member of Congress who recognizes the global warming hysteria for what it is. I am extremely impressed by the Senator's summary and wish he was running for President."

Craig of Grand Rapids, MI, writes: "As a meteorologist, I strongly agree with everything you said."

My speech ignited an Internet firestorm; so much so, that my speech became the subject of a heated media controversy in New Zealand. Halfway across the globe, a top official from the New Zealand Climate Science Coalition challenging New Zealand's television station to balance what he termed "alarmist doomcasting" and criticized them for failing to report the views of scientists in their own country that I cited here in America.

As the controversy in New Zealand shows, global warming hysteria has captured more than just the American media.

I do have to give credit to one publication here in America, Congressional Quarterly, or CQ for short. On Tuesday, CQ's Toni Johnson took the issues I raised seriously and followed up with phone calls to scientist-turned global warming pop star James Hansen's office. CQ wanted to ask Hansen about his partisan financial ties to the left-wing Heinz Foundation, whose money originated from the Heinz family ketchup fortune. But he was unavailable to respond to their questions, which is highly unusual for a man who finds his way into the media on an almost daily basis. Mr. Hansen is always available when he is peddling his increasingly dire predictions of climate doom.

The reaction to my speech keeps coming in: Just this morning, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review newspaper wrote an editorial calling my speech "an unusual display of reason" on the Senate floor.

I have been engaged in this debate for several years and believe there is a growing backlash of Americans rejecting what they see as climate scare tactics. And as a result, global warming alarmists are becoming increasingly desperate.

Perhaps that explains why the very next day after I spoke on the floor, ABC News's Bill Blakemore on "Good Morning America" prominently featured James Hansen touting future scary climate scenarios that could, might, possibly happen.