

Bondholders have won over 100 U.S. Federal court judgments against Argentina. Additionally, Argentina has not paid claims brought by U.S. companies and other bondholders in international forums, which have collectively issued over \$900 million in judgments against Argentina.

I have been approached on this matter by my constituents in Mississippi who are concerned about the outstanding court judgments. The issue of Argentina's default also reaches beyond my state's borders to every U.S. taxpayer because some of these losses are qualified tax deductions.

In light of my concerns, I am considering introducing legislation next year to address this issue. This is a step I hope I do not have to make, but I believe previous obligations should be honored.

PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to address two matters concerning the impeachment of Judge Porteous. As a former Federal prosecutor and State attorney general, I have reviewed and drafted a number of indictments. I do not believe that evidence of acts committed before confirmation should be withheld from consideration in the impeachment process or that it is inappropriate to aggregate claims together.

The Constitution does not require that all conduct be committed post Federal appointment nor does it stipulate at all when the conduct must occur. Whether treason or bribery occurs before or after confirmation is not the question, but whether or not it occurred. If this were not so, individuals like Judge Porteous, who are very capable of practicing the art of deception and are confirmed, could not be removed from office.

I believe that all four counts against Judge Porteous were well drafted. The Senate has previously stated that "the House has substantial discretion in determining how to aggregate related alleged acts of misconduct in framing Articles of Impeachment and has historically frequently chosen to aggregate multiple factual allegations in a single impeachment article . . . Judge Porteous engaged in a number of elaborate schemes. Having prosecuted fraud, conspiracy, and racketeering cases, I understand that the facts in these types of cases can be extensive and can build up over a period of years. What we should look at is whether the events are sufficiently related so as not to produce prejudice. Each of these counts told a complete story of wrongdoing that was coherent and was held together logically.

Finally, let me say that Judge Porteous's behavior should serve as a reminder to the President of the critical importance of vetting his nominees and as a reminder to this body that a thorough confirmation process is imperative. The process should al-

ways emphasize character, integrity, mental and emotional health, and high morals.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to join in a colloquy with my ranking member, Senator BOND, to correct clerical errors to project and attribution tables in the transportation, housing, and urban development title to the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

Senator CASEY should be added for attribution to the Economic Development Initiative project for the city of Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The project under the Bus and Bus Facilities Account for Longview Transit Vehicle Replacements, Clark County, WA, should read Longview Transit Vehicle Replacements, Cowlitz County, WA.

The project under Surface Transportation Improvements Bench Boulevard Improvements, Helena, MT, should read Bench Boulevard Improvements, Billings, MT, where the project construction will be taking place.

The project under Surface Transportation Improvements for the Maritime Fire and Safety Administration, WA, should read Maritime Fire and Safety Association, WA.

Senator BOXER should not be listed for attribution to the Marin-Sonoma Narrows, CA, project under the Surface Transportation Investments account, and she should be listed for attribution for the Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit, SMART, CA project under the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant account.

The project under the Surface Transportation Improvement Account listed as SR 522 Corridor Improvements should read SR 522 Corridor Signal Improvements, 61st and 181st Street, WA.

Additionally, Senator FRANKEN should be added as a requester of the Economic Development Initiative project for the Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, MN, Renovation of Homes for the Disabled.

Mr. BOND. My colleague and chair, Senator MURRAY, is correct. In addition to the projects she mentioned, the project description under the Economic Development Initiative Account for the City of Brewer, ME, should read "For the development of a riverfront trail system as part of the Penobscot Landing redevelopment initiative."

Further, under the technical corrections table, Senators CHAMBLISS and ISAKSON should not be listed for attribution for the Newton County Eastside High School to County Library Trail, GA.

Mrs. MURRAY. I have confirmed with my staff that these projects have been properly disclosed and have been certified to be free of any pecuniary interest.

Mr. BOND. My colleague and chair, Senator MURRAY, is correct, and I concur with these changes.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SPECIALIST MATTHEW W. RAMSEY

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and heroic service of SPC Matthew W. Ramsey. Specialist Ramsey, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, KY, died on November 29, 2010, of injuries sustained when his unit faced small arms fire. Specialist Ramsey was serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. He was 20 years old.

A native of Quartz Hill, CA, Specialist Ramsey graduated from Quartz Hill High School in 2008 and enlisted in the Army. He served two tours of duty in Afghanistan, both with decoration. Among many other awards, Specialist Ramsey earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the NATO Medal.

During over 2 years of service, Specialist Ramsey distinguished himself through his courage, dedication to duty, and unrelenting commitment to family. Shortly after enlistment, Specialist Ramsey learned from his wife that he was to become a father. He saw the Army as a path to attaining a bright future for his new family. His wife, Mirella, is expecting a second child in early 2011.

Specialist Ramsey worked on the front lines of battle, serving in the most dangerous areas of Afghanistan. He is remembered by those who knew him as a consummate professional with an unending commitment to excellence. His family remembers him as a dedicated son, husband, and father.

Mark Twain once said, "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Specialist Ramsey's service was in keeping with this sentiment by selflessly putting country first, he lived life to the fullest. He lived with a sense of the highest honorable purpose.

At substantial personal risk, he braved the chaos of combat zones throughout Afghanistan. And though his fate on the battlefield was uncertain, he pushed forward, protecting America's citizens, her safety, and the freedoms we hold dear. For his service and the lives he touched, Specialist Ramsey will forever be remembered as one of our country's bravest.

To Wayne and Melissa, Specialist Ramsey's parents, Mirella, his wife, Zachary, his son, and his entire family I cannot imagine the sorrow you must be feeling. I hope that, in time, the pain of your loss will be eased by your pride in Matthew's service and by your knowledge that his country will never forget him. We are humbled by his service and his sacrifice.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES E. THODE

Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and heroic service of SFC James E. Thode. Sergeant Thode, assigned to the 118th Engineer Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, died on