

signed into law the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 which will make a number of desperately needed changes to our Nation's transportation infrastructure. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with my colleagues to pass this legislation. More importantly, I want to take special notice of a particular section of this law and the Louisiana citizens who did their civic duty in bringing a serious problem to the attention of their representatives in Washington.

The National Highway System Designation Act contains numerous specific projects that will benefit society and commerce and, as with all of the legislation we concern ourselves with in the U.S. Senate, proves the worth of our democratic process. Included in this law is a provision which I think most clearly demonstrates how important our system of representative democracy is and, hopefully, will help to renew our sense of civic duty and alleviate the apathetic attitude toward government that is so common today.

In one of the fastest growing areas in Louisiana, Ascension Parish, there is a section of State Highway 42 known commonly as "Dead Man's Curve." Unfortunately, this name truly reflects the road's history. On this section of the two lane highway which curves drastically and cannot accommodate its growing traffic load, nearly 50 serious automobile accidents have occurred in the last 4 years. When the road becomes wet, as roads often do in south Louisiana, this poorly designed road becomes a death trap causing numerous multiple car sideswipes and head-on collisions. One particularly tragic accident last year took the lives of three young people and galvanized public support for the effort to make LA 42 safe.

On August 20, 1994, in a head-on collision on this dangerous S-curve, Mandy Acosta age 18, her cousin Brett Leggette age 13, and his friend Brett Frederic also age 13 died. In one horrible accident two sisters had lost their teen-aged children. An extended family and an entire community were devastated.

When the grieving period had run its course, these sisters decided that they would not simply stand by and watch history repeat itself, but would become involved to make sure that this road would not take more of our sons and daughters. Ms. Templet and Ms. Leggette organized the community through public marches and petition drives. They contacted Parish President Tommy Martinez who immediately mobilized his resources. Engineers Mr. Glenn Shaheen and Mr. Mark DeBossier were called in to find out what needed to be done. Mr. David Young coordinated their message and worked with the Louisiana congressional delegation to find the surest way to get the Government to fulfill its duty in protecting the lives of its citizens.

Mr. President, the dedicated and passionate work of these two sisters, Par-

ish President Martinez, and their community did make a difference. As a result of their involvement, the Federal Government has now dedicated itself to finding the best way to fix Dead Man's Curve. I am pleased that the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 includes \$250,000 for this problem. I am most pleased, however, that Congress and the President have proven that our system works and that civic duty has not lost its meaning.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL O. BOFINGER

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure today to rise to pay tribute to Paul O. Bofinger, president of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, upon his retirement. Paul has served the New Hampshire conservation community loyally for 30 years as an intelligent and clear voice of reason and stubborn common sense. Upon graduation from Cornell University in 1953 and the University of Michigan in 1955, Paul has been actively involved in the New Hampshire conservation debate. Paul's profound insight and powerful influence on New Hampshire environmental policy has helped to create the special tradition of balance and consensus building that we are proud of in New Hampshire.

Over the past three decades Paul Bofinger has received numerous awards and honors including the American Foresters John Artson Warder Medal, the Nature Conservancy's Conservation Achievement Award, the University of New Hampshire Granite State Award, and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire Tudor Richards Award. Paul received a 1982 Governor's Award of Distinction and was named 1994 Forester of the Year by the Granite State Division of the Society of American Foresters. He is a Franklin Pierce College Honorary Doctor of Human Letters, and a recipient of the Chevron Conservation Award. Paul Bofinger served in 1984 and 1985 at Harvard University as a C. Bullard Fellow.

Paul's leadership assured the success of the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program and the creation of the majestic Lake Umbagog National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Under his presidency, the New Hampshire Forest Society has become one of the premier land trusts in the Nation. During the past several years Mr. Bofinger and the New Hampshire Forest Society have contributed greatly to the work of the Northern Forest Lands Council. He has positioned New Hampshire as a leader in the regional effort to protect the traditional land use patterns of the great Northern Forest for the benefit of future generations. Through Paul's stewardship of New Hampshire conservation policy, his strong commitment to the development of broad consensus-based groups, and his disciplined approach to conservation policy through respectful dialog, New Hampshire's forest conserva-

tion and land use process has become a model for the rest of the country to learn and benefit from.

Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Paul Bofinger on an exemplary career as a leader of New Hampshire forest conservation and a voice of wise moderation. I wish him good fortune and God-speed as, upon retirement, he pursues new life challenges.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following military nominations reported out of the Armed Services Committee today: Thomas Schwartz and Paul Funk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirm, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed, en bloc, are as follows:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1995

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 239, H.R. 2204.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2204) to extend and re-authorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.