

Family Support Group met every Wednesday to discuss the ways in which they could best support family members of the mobilized soldiers. On Saturdays, they frequently showed videos of the mobilized soldiers stationed in Hungary and provided access to e-mail for communication between soldiers and their family members.

Each and every family member deserves recognition, but at the risk of leaving someone out, I would like to mention the following officers of the 452d Family Support Group: Sandy Robinson, South Dakota Reserve Family Support leader; Ronnie Evenson, unit leader; Becky Parker, group leader; Lois Beckner, group leader; Mary Ewalt, group leader; and Donna Schulte, assistant group leader.

I would also like to mention the important service provided by the unit members who were not mobilized, but who remained in South Dakota and provided the ever-important moral support to their colleagues serving overseas. These individuals, including mechanics, administrative personnel, and others, continue to ensure that the unit is ready to serve their nation at a moment's notice.

It is also important to recognize those employers who stood by their employees called upon to serve their nation. The commitment of employers like these allow our country to rely so heavily on its reserve and guard forces.

It is with much relief and pride that I join the family members of the 452d and all South Dakotans in welcoming the following troops safely home from their mission. It is from this service that the 452d has formed a strong bond with the community of Aberdeen and the State of South Dakota, and I thank them for their service.

Sgt. Brian Allmendinger, Spc. Joellen Allmendinger, Spc. J. Arlt, Spc. Travis Atkinson, 1st Sgt. Troy Beckner, Spc. Michael Bell, S.Sgt. Chad Bierman, Sgt. Kirk Bierschenk, Sgt. Scott Black, Pfc. Wileen Blacklance, Spc. Hollie Breitag, S.Sgt. Rodney Buck, CW2 Aaron Donat, Sgt. Eric Donat, S.Sgt. Joel Donat, S.Sgt. Mark Dunwoody, Sfc. Ronald Evenson, S.Sgt. Michael Ewalt, Sgt. Janel Fonder, Spc. Robin Freeland, Sgt. Calvin Gardner, Sgt. Chad Gardner, Sgt. Brian Grabowska, Sgt. Kevin Gustafson, Sgt. Daniel Haberling, Spc. Kristi Heintzman, S.Sgt. Brabdon Herold, Sgt. Adam Heyd, Spc. Joshua Horner, Sgt. Sean JOHNSON, S.Sgt. Stanley Kannas, Spc. Justin Kappes, Sgt. Daniel Karst, Sgt. Jyson Karst, S.Sgt. Daryl Kiefer, S.Sgt. Gary Kindle, Spc. Deric Knutson, Sgt. Deidra Kolb, S.Sgt. Gene Kopetsky, S.Sgt. Donald Kraemer, S.Sgt. Scott Lane, Sfc. THOMAS Mailloux, S.Sgt. David Manning, Sgt. Philip Marnette, Spc. Rebecca McGannon, Pfc. Shawn Nash, Spc. John Naumann, Spc. Britt Nelson, Sgt. Jeffrey Norden, Spc. Benjamin Ochs, 1st Lt. Kritina Ochsner, Sgt. Lance Ordal, S.Sgt. Darrell Pfeifle, Sgt. Jerry Plank, Spc. Derrick Quitsch, Spc.

Jammy Rawden, CW4 Freddie Robinson, S.Sgt. Kevin Roush, S.Sgt. Jason Rydberg, Spc. Joshua Ryowski, S.Sgt. Todd Salfrank, Sgt. Robert Sayer, Sgt. Justin Scepaniak, S.Sgt. Paul Schilling, Sgt. Dawn Schlotte, 1st Lt. John Schulte, Sgt. Jeffrey Severson, Spc. Cassandra Shaffer, Sgt. Michael Stofferahn, Sgt. Kenneth Sutton, Sgt. Wade Taylor, Sgt. Tonda THOMAS, S.Sgt. Terry Thue, Sgt. Joseph Thyne, W0C David Trego, S.Sgt. Chad Vetter, S.Sgt. Tamera Voss, Sgt. James Welch, Spc. Charles Willis, Sgt. Shannon Wright, and S.Sgt. Kenneth Young.●

INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE REFORM

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, in recent days, Chairman MCCAIN and I have addressed the Commerce Committee's communications agenda for next year. I expect the Communications Subcommittee, which I chair, to have an active and full slate of issues as we approach the second session of the 105th Congress.

Chairman MCCAIN and I have agreed that the Communications Subcommittee will hold a series of oversight hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. We will examine the degree to which the act has met its objectives of promoting competition and deregulation. We will examine the level of competition in the local and long-distance markets, between cable companies and alternative video providers, competition in the wireless industry and other important issues. We will devote considerable attention to interconnection issues and universal service.

I would like to address in some depth an issue that will be one of the most important issues before the Communications Subcommittee, that of international satellite reform.

The Communications Subcommittee has already begun to examine the international satellite communications market. On July 25 of this year, the subcommittee held a very informative hearing on this vital issue. We learned of the need for further changes in the regulation of the international market. We need to promote greater competition internationally while lifting unneeded regulations domestically. The issues in this debate are complex—they involve trade policy, fair treatment for those with existing investments, allocations of spectrum and orbital slots, market access, and elimination of outdated regulations.

Recently, my colleague from Hawaii, Senator INOUE, introduced S. 1328, which is virtually identical to a bill introduced earlier this year in the House by Chairman Bliley. Senator INOUE has stated that he hopes his bill will help "spur debate on this important issue." I share this hope. Senator INOUE's bill has been referred to the Commerce Committee. I look forward to working with him and others next year to develop an appropriate inter-

national satellite policy for the future, and also to address other domestic satellite issues.

As we move forward, I am going to be guided by the principles of former President Ronald Reagan. In 1984, President Reagan signed an Executive order that effectively eliminated outdated regulations and allowed U.S.-licensed satellite companies to compete around the world. That competition has resulted in greater consumer choices, lower prices, and the ability to reach anyone anywhere in the world.

Now as we approach the turn of the century, we need to complete President Reagan's vision. The Satellite Act, which was enacted in 1962 at a time when satellites were still experimental, has become outdated. This country cannot afford to have an industry guided by rules that were created in the days of Sputnik. We need to look forward at ways to roll back unwarranted regulations and fully unleash the potential that this industry holds.

I share the goals of increasing competition, privatizing intergovernmental organizations, and enhancing market access abroad for American satellite companies. Any legislative action should be designed to promote opportunities for American businesses, while making sure they are not harmed by the very effort that seeks to enhance their ability to succeed in the international marketplace. These are extremely complex issues and there may be different paths that lead to the same goals. The approach the subcommittee will take in further exploring these issues will be balanced. We will examine in detail how best to eliminate outdated regulations, address universal service concerns and provide for the needed flexibility to achieve an international agreement on satellite policy.

I will continue to work with the Communications Subcommittee on this critical issue. I look forward to holding further hearings, and intend to develop legislation with Chairman MCCAIN, ranking member HOLLINGS, Senator INOUE, and other committee members to establish fair rules that are competitively neutral for the international market.●

THE "ONE GOOD COW" PROJECT

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of two outstanding Montana cattlemen, Michelle Tebay and Lisa Schmidt of Whitehall, MT.

This past year has been tough in Montana and across the West for many cattle producers. They incurred severe losses due to floods and blizzards. But thanks to the hard work and vision of Michelle Tebay and Lisa Schmidt, hope is on the horizon. They initiated a project called "One Good Cow," and it certainly deserves our attention.

In Montana, we pride ourselves on looking out for one another—especially