

characterized as nothing more, or less, than a shameless power grab. According to news reports current polls show that the leading opposition party has more support than Mugabe. No doubt this will cause an even more heinous crackdown on political opponents in the lead up to the elections. While I sincerely hope that Mugabe comes to his senses and allows for the presence of international observers during the upcoming presidential elections, I doubt that he will. Perhaps passage of this bill will send a signal to the government of Zimbabwe that the United States is serious about its position on the rule of law, human rights and democracy. The tragedy that has unfolded in what was once a stable prosperous country must not be ignored.

INTRODUCING ADOLFO FRANCO

Mr. McCAIN. Madam President, last week I had the privilege of introducing Adolfo Franco, the President's nominee to be Assistant Administrator for Latin America at the United States Agency for International Development, to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The President has made a wise choice for this important position, and I commend him for it. I also commend Mr. Franco to all of my colleagues as they consider their vote on his nomination, and I ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD, my statement introducing Mr. Franco before the Committee.

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

INTRODUCING ADOLFO A. FRANCO TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Adolfo Franco was born in Cardenas, Cuba. His family emigrated to the United States in 1961, when he was 5 years old, and settled in Cedar Falls, IA.

Blessed with wonderful parents and the opportunities afforded him in a free society, Adolfo has led an accomplished life of public service. And the good and faithful service he has given our country for nearly seventeen years is a splendid tribute to his own fine character, to his parents, and to the great civilization that welcomes the genius and industry of all Americans, whether native born or newly arrived.

He is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and the Creighton University School of Law. He came to Washington in 1984 and in 1985 began work in the General Counsel's office at the Inter-American Foundation, where he served with great distinction for fifteen years as Deputy General Counsel, General Counsel, Senior Vice President and, finally, President of the Foundation.

For the last two years, Adolfo has served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee where, as Chairman Hyde will attest, he has provided invaluable counsel on the full range of foreign assistance programs including U.S.A.I.D. programs and operations.

He is uniquely well-qualified for the position the President has selected him for, Assistant A.I.D. Administrator for Latin America. And I am very confident that in that capacity, Adolfo, with his characteristic energy, intelligence and patriotism, will quickly prove himself an invaluable asset to

A.I.D., to the President and to the country he has long served so well.

He is an exceptional person, a devoted and talented public servant of exemplary character. I commend and thank the President for nominating him, and I consider it an honor to introduce him to the Committee.

America is among his parents' greatest gifts to Adolfo, a gift he has more than earned as the kind of career public servant all Americans can be proud of. I recommend him to the Committee with the highest praise I can offer an American: he is a credit to his country.

CHANGES TO H. CON. RES. 83 PURSUANT TO SECTION 215

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, section 215 of H. Con. Res. 83, the fiscal year 2002 budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make adjustments to the allocation of budget authority and outlays to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, provided certain conditions are met.

Pursuant to section 215, I hereby ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD the following revisions to H. Con. Res. 83.

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

	Dollars in mil- lions
Current Allocation to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	\$10,179
FY 2002 Outlays	9,419
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	48,155
FY 2002-06 Outlays	46,411
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	102,173
FY 2002-11 Outlays	97,860
Adjustments:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	0
FY 2002 Outlays	0
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	+3,440
FY 2002-06 Outlays	+2,840
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	+7,665
FY 2002-11 Outlays	+6,590
Revised Allocation to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	10,179
FY 2002 Outlays	9,419
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	51,595
FY 2002-06 Outlays	49,251
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	109,838
FY 2002-11 Outlays	104,450

INCENTIVES TO TRAVEL

Mr. KYL. Madam President, three months ago, we experienced an unprovoked attack on our country. America took a terrible hit, but we have rebounded and we have reminded the world of the strength of the American people.

Three months ago, one industry in particular was stricken, and it continues to struggle to regain its footing. When our government shut down our airlines and our airports, it also shut down our travel and tourism industry.

Under the headline, "Travel Downtown Spreads More Woes," the December 11 Wall Street Journal reminded us that the industry remains in dire straits. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

(See Exhibit 1)

Mr. KYL. The article focuses on the neighborhood around Los Angeles Airport, but it describes a scene all too familiar to many of us:

Today, planes are once again buzzing just 300 feet above the head of the people of Lennox. But something even scarier has befallen them. The meltdown in the travel and tourism business has claimed thousands of their jobs.

Working together, the government and industry leaders can help the industry recover. By now, my colleagues no doubt have seen the television advertisements sponsored by the Travel Industry Association of America. Featuring President Bush, this privately supported advertising campaign encourages Americans to travel, to see our great country again, and to enjoy our many blessings. Now that the industry has stepped forward, it is time for us to do our part.

The time has come to enact a personal travel credit to get Americans on the road and in the air again. I am pleased that travel-credit legislation has broad, bipartisan support. Now is the time to translate that support into action. With the slowest travel months of the year about to begin, let's give the American public an incentive to travel. Let's get a credit enacted quickly. Let's bring families together and let's get Americans enjoying the blessings of our country again. In short, let's get America traveling again.

EXHIBIT 1

[From the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 11, 2001]

TRAVEL DOWNTOWN SPREADS MORE WOES

(By Eduardo Porter)

LENNOX, CALIF.—Something strange washed over this area following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11: quiet.

With planes grounded across the U.S., residents of this crowded community abutting Los Angeles airport weren't assaulted by the sound of jet engines for the first time in anybody's memory. The sudden silence was so at odds with the usual deafening roar that "kids were scared" by it, says Maria Van Deventer, assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary School.

Today, planes are once again buzzing just 300 feet above the heads of the people of Lennox. But something even scarier has befallen them. The meltdown in the travel and tourism business has claimed thousands of their jobs.

As much as any place in America, this 1.3-square-mile unincorporated area of Los Angeles County has been the victim of post-Sept. 11 economic fallout. Because this is practically a company town, with many of its 23,000 residents employed at the third busiest airport in the world and related businesses, Lennox has become a ground zero of sorts for the devastated travel and tourism industry.

The impact of the near collapse in the industry has left a broad footprint. Airline industry revenue should decline 30% in the fourth quarter over the year-earlier period, estimates Kevin C. Murphy of Morgan Stanley, and PKF Consulting estimates that room revenue at hotels in major urban centers will be down 17.5%. Other travel-dependent firms, from airline caterers to airport concession owners, have also been hit hard.

There is no precise count of how many Lennox residents, who are overwhelmingly