

count on you, Steve, to help resolve the remaining issues. The Voluntary Fund for Moldova is a valuable tool for getting rid of weapons and ammunition. Keep using it.

OSCE's action plan will be valuable in fighting terrorism. Implementation is critical. Keep the momentum going.

Institutionally speaking, OSCE's strengths remain its flexibility, the high degree of political will that is reflected in its consensus decisions, and the politically binding nature of its commitments. As OSCE considers how it might best adapt to changing needs, do not compromise these strengths. Build upon them.

Ladies and Gentlemen, next week, Steve and I will travel to Bucharest for a meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council. There, the Chairmanship-in-Office will pass from the capable hands of Romania into the able hands of Portugal. And I will just as confidently witness the passing of the baton from Ambassador Johnson to Ambassador Minikes.

There is a great deal of important work ahead for the OSCE. There are still many promises to keep. And Steve, the President and I know that you will help us keep them.

You and Dede have President Bush's and my best wishes as you embark upon your new mission for our country.

And now it is my pleasure to administer the oath of office.

FREE SPEECH IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Commission on Security on Cooperation in Europe, I have a keen interest in the fight against organized crime and corruption in the 55-nation OSCE region. I have raised this issue at the meetings of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, at Commission hearings, and in meetings with United States Government and foreign officials.

The impact of organized crime in the OSCE region is not limited to some far-off land. Organized crime and corruption directly bear on United States security, economic, and political interests at home and abroad. And at the OSCE Summit held in Istanbul in 1999, the Heads of State and Government of the participating States recognized that corruption poses a serious and great threat to OSCE shared values, cutting across security, economic, and human dimensions of the OSCE.

One of the best tools at our disposal in advancing the fight against corruption is a free and independent press that can both investigate and report on possible corruption. Unfortunately, it is no surprise that journalists who report on issues related to corruption sometimes find themselves the victims of harassment and, in extreme cases, violence.

Accordingly, I am disturbed by reports that the Czech Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Zeman, is seeking to have criminal charges brought against a political weekly, Respekt. Threats by the Prime Minister to shut down this publication followed the newspaper's coverage of the release of Transparency International's most recent report, Global Corruption Report 2001, in which the Czech Republic compared un-

favorably to other former Communist countries in the region.

In fact, Peter Holub, the editor of Respekt, is not the only Czech journalist to get into hot water for trying to report on corruption. In January 1998, journalist Zdenek Zukal was arrested in connection with his reporting on alleged corruption in the locality of Olomouc and charged with "spreading alarming information." His case has dragged on for some four years without resolution.

I understand the government's desire to get its message out. But trying to achieve that goal by muzzling journalists and threatening them with jail time is not the way to do it. More to the point, it violates the OSCE commitments the Czech Republic has freely undertaken.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEX HALL

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to take a few minutes to congratulate Chairman Tex Hall for his recent election as president of the National Congress of American Indians. Tex is the chairman of Three Affiliated Tribes, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, in my State of North Dakota.

As my colleagues know, the NCAI is the Nation's oldest and largest advocacy group representing Native Americans. I can vouch from my own personal experience in working with Tex that he will be a strong and persistent voice on behalf of Native Americans. Over the years, Tex and I have worked together on such issues as Indian education, Indian health care, economic development, water needs in North Dakota, and other issues. Tex has always been fighting, and rightly so, to increase the Federal Government's funding for Indian health, education, transportation, and other programs. Federal funding in these areas has been woefully inadequate, and I have been glad to join him in this fight.

A story from just last year illustrates what a strong advocate Tex is. I was working very hard with Tex to secure funding for the Four Bears Bridge, which is the only crossing point across the Missouri River for 150 miles and is especially important to the Fort Berthold Reservation because it connects the two halves of the reservation. The President's budget requested only \$5 million for design of the new bridge, and at first it looked like even keeping that level of funding would be a challenge. After a lot of elbow grease, however, I was pleased to call Tex to let him know that I had been able to secure \$35 million, which was the full Federal Government share for the bridge's design and construction. I was pretty proud of this accomplishment, and of course, Tex thanked me very graciously. Then, like the true tribal advocate that he is, he asked for more money.

Virtually his entire life, Tex has been a leader in one way or another. For instance, he served 11 years as principal and superintendent of the Mandaree school, and was named North Dakota "Indian Educator of the Year" in 1995. Prior to being elected tribal chairman in 1998, he served on the tribal business council for 3 years. He currently serves on countless boards and task forces, representing tribal interests in just about every important area of Indian policy. And he has even had time for his cattle and buffalo ranching and to found the All Nations High School Basketball Tournament and Tex Hall basketball camps.

Tex's election as president of NCAI comes at a very important time in the Federal Government's relationship with tribes. As is well documented, the Federal Government's century of mismanagement of Indian trust funds and resources is coming to a head with Interior Secretary Gale Norton's announcement of a reorganization of her Department's trust responsibilities. Chairman Hall has jumped right in as president of NCAI and has been leading the fight to ensure that tribes are meaningfully consulted before a plan with such enormous consequences is implemented.

I look forward to continuing to work with Tex in his new position on the many important issues facing Indian country and Congress. I offer him my congratulations and best wishes.●

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. WALTERS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS MOVE FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, my Pacific Northwest colleagues and I have mixed emotions about the recent move of our friend Bill Walters to Washington, DC. Although he will be sorely missed in our region, where he served in the Seattle office as deputy director for the National Park Service's Pacific West region, we realize that he will be playing a crucial role as associate to the Director for the National Park Service in its headquarters office within the Department of the Interior. We wish him much success in this new posting.

After serving the Pacific Northwest so ably, Bill has demonstrated he is well suited for his new job. The regional leadership of the Park Service call him the "regional dad." He has a charming way of being able to take care of things and make everyone feel good about the outcome. I imagine this is what the Director of the Park Service immediately sensed and why we lost a good person in the Northwest, but gained one at National Park Service Headquarters.

Bill arrived in Seattle in 1992, just as the new administration was talking about downsizing. He shepherded a reasonable approach to efficient management, reducing the numbers of employees without an employee losing his or