

Then there is in the bill \$125 million for border security, including resources for Immigration and Naturalization Service facilities on the borders of the Nation, and for deploying the system for rapid response criminal background checks to 30 more ports.

The bill provides \$100 million for nuclear nonproliferation programs. The bill provides \$265 million for airport security, including \$100 million to help airports meet the new Federal standards for airport security.

The bill before the Senate provides \$200 million to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for food safety labs, additional food inspectors, and for vulnerability assessments for rural water systems.

The bill before the Senate provides \$100 million for the EPA to complete vulnerability assessments on the security of our water systems.

The bill before the Senate today provides \$286 million for other homeland defense items such as Secret Service efforts to combat electronic crime, FBI counterterrorism efforts, and funds for the Justice Department to develop an integrated information system.

The bill fully funds the President's \$4.4 billion request for the new transportation security administration.

The bill includes \$1.95 billion for international programs. We have included \$200 million for Israel and \$50 million for disaster assistance for the Palestinians.

The legislation contains \$1.069 billion for nonemergency programs, with offsets to pay for them. The major items include \$450 million for election reform grants, \$100 million for the global AIDS trust fund, and \$75 million for WIC. The bill also provides \$110 million for flood relief and \$55 million for Amtrak repairs and security.

I could go on, but Senators and the American people already know we are vulnerable, and in many instances they know where we are vulnerable: Anthrax, smallpox, dirty bombs, border security, nuclear labs, powerplants, cyber-security, food safety, airport security, drinking water.

So we do understand the gaps in our security structures. If we know where those gaps are, we can be sure terrorists know where they are.

Many decisions, large and small, lie ahead. One thing is certain: We cannot afford delay. So I urge Senators to offer amendments, debate, vote, and help members of the Appropriations Committee expedite this much-needed assistance for our Nation. We say, "May God bless America," but we can do a lot to help God to bless America.

We must quickly enact this bipartisan effort to bolster our weaknesses, address our shortfalls, and protect American lives.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DORGAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed 10 minutes each.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDE LILLY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I congratulate Mrs. Jude Lilly for receiving the Wildwood Programs Volunteer of the Year Award.

Jude has worked for Wildwood programs for more than fourteen years. In that time she has selflessly dedicated herself to help enable children and adults with neurologically-based learning disabilities, autism, and other developmental disorders to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives.

The presentation of this award recognizes Jude for all that she does outside of the office as a volunteer. Two years ago she began the Pet Therapy Program. The program involves disabled young adults taking dogs to nursing homes to visit with senior citizens. As the creator of the program, Jude has created a means by which these young adults can give back to their community. The program brings immense value to all parties involved as they benefit from the time they spend with one another.

Jude's hard work is a tribute to her profession. Her ability, dedication, and desire to serve all members of the community is commendable. It is an honor and a privilege for me to congratulate her for receiving this award.●

TRIBUTE TO RADIO HOST MIKE MARTEL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I honor a veteran of the radio broadcast industry, Mr. Mike Martel. He will be sorely missed on the "WOKQ Morning Waking Crew."

As a Dover native, Mike has been in the New Hampshire broadcasting field for 30 years. The WOKQ morning show has received two nominations in as many years from the Country Music Association in the small market category for best on air personalities. The award winning WOKQ is heard daily in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Canada. Mike's witty humor and sense for broadcasting lead him to the creation of the wildly famous "Joke du Jour." Mike's program is at the top of my list for radio listening; the great music and great conversation make for a favorite. The airwaves of New Hampshire will never be the same without Mike.

After retiring on May 31 this year, Mike plans on spending more time with

his wife Joanne and will continue serving the community by volunteering for local charities and organizations. It is truly an honor to serve Mike Martel in the U.S. Senate.●

STUDENTS OF MOULTONBOROUGH ACADEMY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I honor the ingenuity of the ten member biology team from Moultonborough Academy upon winning the national portion of a three-part competition in the "Future Car Congress" event.

The direction these students are taking is exactly what is needed to ensure the conservation of our environment. These new forms of fuel that are being developed will be in high demand in the near future.

These 10 bright students are following and perhaps even forging the future of fuel technology. The pressing issues that face us as a civilization will be drastically and positively affected by the advancements from young people like these. It is a wonderful thing to see students working so diligently on projects that have the potential to benefit all of humanity. I commend these young people on a great accomplishment and encourage them to continue in their pursuit of a better technology.

It is an honor representing Michelle Merritz, Jackie Carr, Kristen Berry, Christine Adamczyk, Sarah Nelson, MaryAnn Remson, Jeff Pelligrino, Bryan Burbank, Casey Doyle, Katelyn Adams, and teacher Dave Severance in the U.S. Senate.●

VETERAN MAJOR MAURICE DINNERTMAN RECEIVES HONORS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Major Maurice Dinnerman for his service in the United States Armed Forces. The Major's bravery and dedication to this country are examples of his exemplary character and worthiness for recognition.

For his outstanding service in the Army, from January 10, 1942 until February 4, 1946, Major Dinnerman will be receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze star, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Honorable Service Lapel Button. It is doubtless that without the efforts of men like Major Dinnerman Americans would be living a vastly different life. The dedication and heroism displayed is a small indication of the character of this man. We, as a nation, are indebted to Major Dinnerman. We enjoy many freedoms and an enriching life because of the sacrifices he made. It is seldom that we take the time to honor these forgotten heroes. America is what it is today because of the bravery of this man.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to thank and commend Major Maurice Dinnerman on his many accomplishments in serving the U.S. Army.●

VETERAN JAMES COSTA HONORED FOR SERVICE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay a very deserved tribute to Veteran James Costa for his service in the U.S. Army. The courage and bravery shown in the face of battle exemplify the spirit of a true American hero.

James Costa entered the service in July of 1943 and fought in the Asiatic Pacific Theater where he was wounded in the line of duty by Japanese rifle fire while sweeping caves. His heroic service was concluded in January of 1946 at the conclusion of the war. The freedom Costa gave while defending his country is commendable and worthy of praise. It is doubtless that the sacrifices he made changed the outcome of the war and the future of the world.

Veteran Costa received many awards while serving in the Armed Forces including a Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, American Defense, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, World War II Victory Medal, Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle, and Good Conduct to name just a few. Although many years removed from service, Costa still remains active in the support of his fellow comrades as seen by his life membership in the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and past Commander of Post 31 Penacook American Legion.

I commend Veteran James Costa on his selfless service in the United States Army and on his bravery during a Japanese attack in which he was wounded. America is indebted to you and your family. It is truly an honor to serve you in the U.S. Senate.●

VETERAN PHILIP J. PLOURDE RECEIVES HONORS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Philip J. Plourde, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. His outstanding service is what has provided Americans with the freedom we now enjoy.

While serving in the U.S. Army, Mr. Plourde received a certificate of recognition for his service during the Cold War. His dedication to the freedom and protection of our nation deserves the praise of every person in the U.S. Giving of himself for the benefit of those he never met is only an indication of his exemplary character. It is seldom that we take the time to thank and honor those who serve us. Without the heroism and selflessness of Plourde and others like him Americans would be living very differently today. We live today because of his service then. The time is long past to individually honor this man.

I commend Mr. Philip J. Plourde on his many achievements in receiving

the Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter Badge with Carbine, and Marksman Badge with Rifle. Thank you Mr. Plourde, with heartfelt appreciation for your personal sacrifice in the U.S. Armed Services.

It is a great honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

VETERAN JOSEPH EDWARD SCHULLERY RECEIVES HONORS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I honor Staff Sergeant Joseph Edward Schullery for his bravery and sacrifice of his own life in the Pacific Theater. His offering of life is more than anyone can ask of another human being.

Making the ultimate sacrifice to die for his country Staff Sergeant Schullery is a man worthy of the greatest honor. Serving from October 6, 1941 to July 11, 1945, Staff Sergeant Schullery's sister will be receiving a certificate of Service, a copy of the American Battle Monuments, and a list of casualties on behalf of her fallen brother.

The outstanding conduct and character Staff Sergeant Schullery displayed is recognized with a Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, World War II Victory Medal, and Honorable Service Lapel Button. There is no doubt in my mind that Americans would be living a vastly different life had it not been for men like Staff Sergeant Schullery. The nation honors and thanks this man for making a positive impact on the lives of so many Americans. It is doubtless that the suffering he endured was purely for our gain.

It is my honor to have the privilege to commend and thank Staff Sergeant Joseph Schullery for his outstanding sacrifice on behalf of all Americans.●

NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the outstanding successes of the recipients of the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards. This annual event, which began in 1994, recognizes the hard work of teachers from throughout the State.

This serves as one of the largest ceremonies acknowledging the positive difference these professionals are making in the lives of students. Praiseworthy public schools, programs, and educators are used as incentives for others. These individuals demonstrate their worthiness in six areas: curriculum, teaching/learning process, student achievement, community/parental involvement, leadership/decision-making, and climate.

Teachers with these qualities are exactly what is needed to guide our youth today. With the attitude and hard work brought to the table by

these individuals I am confident that they will provide the best education possible leading to a spectacular future for our children. It is an honor and privilege to serve these individuals in the United States Senate.

I commend the following recipients: Art Educator of the Year—Trina Wick-Patnaude; NH Business Education Association Achievement Award—Patricia Tucker; Middle School Principal of the Year—Linda Raines; Elementary School Principal of the Year—Kenneth Williams; Assistant Principal of the Year—Carol Mack; NH Teacher of the Year—Nancy B. Molver; NH Technology Education Association Teacher of the Year—Mark Romano; NH Technology Education Assoc. Program Excellence Award—Hudson Memorial School; NH Association of World Languages Teacher of Excellence Award—Peter L. Lallberte; NH School Nurse of the Year—Maureen Krustapentus; Treat Award—Katherine R. Morgan; Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical Award—Katherine R. Morgan; NH Education Media Association Service Award—Nancy J. Keane; Driver Education Teachers' Association Teacher of the Year—Thomas Allelo; NH School Psychologist of the Year—Barbara Cascadden; D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year—Ronald W. Ketchle; D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year—Howard J. Beaudry, Jr.; NH Assn. of School Administrators Outstanding Service Award—Mark R. Masterson; Superintendent of the Year—Darrell J. Lockwood; English Teacher of the Year—Mark Holding.

NH Environmental Teachers of the Year: Elementary Level—Constance Roberge; Secondary Level—Kathe Cusson; Informal Science Category—Sandra W. Martin.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics: Elementary Level—Catherine A. Stavenger; Secondary Level—Catherine Brownrigg Burns.

Presidential Award for Excellence in Science: Secondary Level—Diane B. Savage.

NH Council for the Social Studies: Elementary Level—Susan M. Frost; Secondary Level—Theodore R. Miller; NH School Counselor of the Year—Allan LaFleur; NH Assoc. for Supervision & Curriculum Development Award—Mary Elizabeth McNeil; NH School Board Association School Board Excellence Award—Laconia School Board; Special Education Administrator of the Year—Colleen Bovi; Distinguished Music Educator of the Year—Benjamin Greene; Distinguished Music Educator of the Year—Carole Blake; Educator of the Gifted Award—Franca Barksdale; Pat Keyes Technology Educator of the Year—Joshua Gajowski; NH Society for Technology in Education Impact Award—Daniel F. Hudkins; NH Elementary School of Excellence Award—Belmont Elementary School; NH Middle School of Excellence Award—Merrimack Valley Middle School; NH Secondary School of Excellence Award—Hillsboro-Deering High School.●