

Homeland Security Advisor Tom Ridge to determine if the current government structure allows us to meet the threats of today while anticipating the unknown threats of tomorrow. I question why the Air Force has not done the same.

I understand that my original amendment was not considered germane. This amendment would have prevented any funds from being made available for this conversion. The amendment the managers accepted requires the Secretary of the Air Force to certify that a comparable search and rescue capability is available in the 939th Combat Search and Rescue Wing's area of responsibility and that any new aircraft assigned to the unit will comply with local environmental and noise standards, and that the Air Force has developed a plan for the transition of personnel currently assigned to the unit.

I appreciate the assistance from Senators STEVENS, INOUE, and BYRD and look forward to working with them on this important issue.

Let me close by illustrating why this is so important to me and all Oregonians. The pioneer spirit of the Oregon Trail did not end with the settlement of the valleys of Oregon. That spirit and bravery is very much still alive in my state. But Oregonians cannot go any further west. They can only go up, into the skies and into the mountains. It is there that the modern-day pioneers meet with both triumph and tragedy, and their lessons are learned.

The lessons of last week on Mt. Hood are harsh ones that remind us of human frailty and the unbending forces of nature. Not unlike the tragic events of the last year, what I saw in the recovery on Mt. Hood also illustrates the bravery and compassion inherent in us all, and I want that spirit to continue in Oregon.

This is the spirit that is the bedrock of America's Armed Forces. It is clear to me that removing the 939th from Oregon would truly be a tragedy without a lesson.●

THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD TIMBOE, USA

● Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an American who has honorably served our Nation for 34 years—Major General Harold L. Timboe, United States Army Medical Corps, Commanding General, North Atlantic Regional Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

A native of Long Beach, CA, General Timboe attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1968. He started his Army career as an Air Defense Artillery officer with assignments in Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. Following graduation from the University of Texas Medical School in 1978 and his residency, Major General Timboe served

with distinction in a variety of leadership and executive positions including the following: Corps Surgeon, XVIII Airborne Corps, Operation Desert Storm; Commanding General, 44th Medical Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC; Commanding General, Great Plains Regional Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, TX; culminating as the Lead Agent, TRICARE Northeast, Region 1, headquartered at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

In his most recent position Major General Timboe directed the integration of the National Capital Area Composite Health Care System across the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard services, which includes 77 work centers between National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Malcom Grow Medical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and their 41 Satellite facilities. Through his distinctive accomplishments, Major General Timboe reflected great credit upon himself, the United States Army, and the Department of Defense.

General Timboe's accomplishments and service have been recognized in numerous military awards. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Expert Field Medical Badge, Flight Surgeon Badge, U.S., British, and German Parachutist Badges, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Major General Timboe and his wife Donna are to be commended for their dedication and contribution to our Nation. Major General Timboe's service to his country has been exemplary and in the finest traditions of the United States Army. I extend my appreciation to General Timboe, and congratulate him as he retires from his distinguished military career. I wish him and his family well in their future endeavors as they enter a new phase of their lives in Texas.●

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE B. CRAFT

● Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, it is with great pride, but with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's greatest heroes and fellow Arkansan, Clarence B. Craft. Mr. Craft passed away on March 28, 2002, but left behind a legacy of kindness and courage. Though he was born in California, he spent the last twenty-five years of his life in northwest Arkansas giving selflessly of his time as a volunteer for the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville. He will be remembered as a true and dedicated friend to the veterans, one who lifted their spirits with personal visits, often visiting every patient in the hospital.

After his passing, those who knew him characterized Clarence as a "special man."

Clarence Craft was an extremely humble person, and rarely talked about the accolades that made this great American truly special. On May 31, 1945, then-Private First Class Craft faced a numerically superior Japanese force on the island of Okinawa. PFC Craft's one-man attack against a Japanese defense that had repelled repeated, heavy assaults by battalion-sized U.S. formations for 12 days, resulted in the entire defensive line crumbling. For these heroic acts Clarence Craft was recognized with our nation's highest award for actions above and beyond the call of duty, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Let the record show on behalf of a grateful nation, that the U.S. Senate pays tribute to Clarence B. Craft, an American hero. He will be sorely missed.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

NINTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COMMITTEE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2002—PM 89

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Ninth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 2000, to January 31, 2002).

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 6, 2002.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001—PM 90

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: