

A TRIBUTE TO ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to an outstanding businessman, Robert Scott, on receiving New Hampshire Entrepreneur of the Year. His outstanding business practices and understanding have no doubt brought him to this place.

Scott cofounded Octave Communications in 1998 with audio conferencing in mind. Since then, the systems that have been produced include the newest model that allows for wireless voice conferencing. With many more options available Octave offers browser-based scheduling, management and control for reservation-less conferencing over traditional public switched telephone networks and Voice over Internet Protocol Networks. Scott's effort has paid off in the growth of an up and coming company that is sure to make its mark on New Hampshire.

It is always my distinct honor and privilege to represent fine businessmen like Robert Scott in the United States Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ED LAWRENCE, WILDLIFE ARTIST WORKING TO HELP U.S. SOLDIERS

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, now, more than ever, Americans are expressing their patriotism. Patriotism means different things to different people, but for some, like Ed Lawrence, patriotism comes through his "determination" to help others.

Mr. Lawrence, a wildlife artist from McGregor, IA, is a retired game warden and a U.S. Air Force veteran. After hearing President George W. Bush's address to the Nation following the September 11 attacks, Lawrence was moved into taking action. Although unsure of what contribution he could make, he retreated to his studio and began to sketch. Out of his sketches rose images of the American bald eagle with the Stars and Stripes waving behind it. These heart-felt images became the foundation for Mr. Lawrence's work, "Determination."

With "Determination," Mr. Lawrence was able to give back to the nation. At the end of last year, Mr. Lawrence devoted his energy to the Grant Wood Chapter of the Red Cross in Cedar Rapids. From the proceeds of his "Determination" prints, the group was able to pay the shipping costs of care packages sent to troops on hardship assignments in Saudi Arabia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait and Uzbekistan. The care packages were meant to send a bit of home abroad and included puzzles, games, footballs, microwave popcorn, toiletries, gum and magazines, among other items to boost the troops' morale.

In addition to covering the costs of sending out the care packages, Mr. Lawrence created 911 numbered prints as a special tribute to U.S. troops. He

donates these prints to various community group fundraisers. The limited edition prints go to groups willing to sell a print in support of the Grant Wood Chapter's project.

U.S. Armed Force bases that receive donations also receive a special copy of "Determination." Numbered prints were reserved for Veterans Administration hospitals in Iowa City and Des Moines, and a copy was presented on the floor of the Iowa House at the Iowa State Capitol.

Mr. Lawrence is hoping to take the project nationwide and is working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the American Red Cross to do just that. He and his wife, Chris, have made appearances nationwide to promote the project and received warm responses, as they should.

The "determination," of Ed Lawrence to spread patriotism and promote morale nationwide and across the seas has lifted the spirits of troops and civilians alike. Thank you, Mr. Lawrence, for setting such a positive and patriotic example for fellow Iowans and Americans to follow.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2143. An act to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4800. An act to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

H.R. 4823. An act to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the exclusion from Federal income tax for restitution received by victims of the Nazi Regime.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2143. An act to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 2600. A bill to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. REID):

S. 2600. A bill to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism; read the first time.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2601. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on thiophanate-methyl; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 677

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase payments under the medicare program to Puerto Rico hospitals.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to amend Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to reduce the impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking on the lives of youth and children and provide appropriate services for children

and youth experiencing or exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2006, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the eligibility of certain expenses for the low-income housing credit.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to prohibit United States assistance and commercial arms exports to countries and entities supporting international terrorism.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2512, a bill to provide grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 2552

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2552, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to give States the option to create a program that allows individuals receiving temporary assistance to needy families to obtain post-secondary or longer duration vocational education.

S. 2596

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3807. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3807. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. PROVIDING RELIABLE OFFICERS, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS, AND TRAINING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE.

(a) COPS PROGRAM.—Section 1701(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and prosecutor” after “increase police”; and

(2) by inserting “to enhance law enforcement access to new technologies, and” after “presence.”.

(b) HIRING AND REDEPLOYMENT GRANT PROJECTS.—Section 1701(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by inserting after “Nation” the following: “, or pay overtime to existing career law enforcement officers to the extent that such overtime is devoted to community policing efforts”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking “or pay overtime.”; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) promote higher education among in-service State and local law enforcement officers by reimbursing them for the costs associated with seeking a college or graduate school education.”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Grants pursuant to” and all that follows through “paragraph (1)(A) and (B).” and inserting “Grants pursuant to—

“(A) paragraph (1)(B) for overtime, may not exceed 25 percent of the funds available for grants pursuant to this subsection for any fiscal year;

“(B) paragraph (1)(C), may not exceed 20 percent of the funds available for grants pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year; and

“(C) paragraph (1)(D), may not exceed 5 percent of the funds available for grants pursuant to this subsection for any fiscal year.”.

(c) ADDITIONAL GRANT PROJECTS.—Section 1701(d) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting “integrity and ethics” after “specialized”; and

(B) by inserting “and” after “enforcement officers”;

(2) in paragraph (7), by inserting “, school officials, religiously-affiliated organizations,” after “enforcement officers”;

(3) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the following:

“(8) establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems by using school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools to serve as a law enforcement liaison with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies, combat school-related crime and disorder problems, gang membership and criminal activity, firearms and explosives-related incidents, illegal use and possession of alcohol, and the illegal possession, use, and distribution of drugs;”;

(4) in paragraph (10), by striking “and” at the end;

(5) in paragraph (11), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(12) develop and implement innovative programs (such as the TRIAD program) that bring together a community’s sheriff, chief of police, and elderly residents to address the public safety concerns of older citizens.”.

(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 1701(f) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “use not more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated under subsection (a) to” after “The Attorney General may”; and

(B) by inserting at the end the following: “In addition, the Attorney General may use not more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated under subsections (d), (e), and (f) for technical assistance and training to States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and other public and private entities for those respective purposes.”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “under subsection (a)” after “the Attorney General”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking “the Attorney General may” and inserting “the Attorney General shall”; and

(B) by inserting “regional community policing institutes” after “operation of”; and

(C) by inserting “representatives of police labor and management organizations, community residents,” after “supervisors.”.

(e) TECHNOLOGY AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS.—Section 1701 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (k);

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (j) as subsections (g) through (k); and

(3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

“(e) LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.—Grants made under subsection (a) may be used to assist police departments in employing professional, scientific, and technological advancements that will help—

“(1) improve police communications through the use of wireless communications, computers, software, videocams, databases, and other hardware and software that allow law enforcement agencies to communicate more effectively across jurisdictional boundaries and effectuate interoperability;

“(2) develop and improve access to crime solving technologies, including DNA analysis, photo enhancement, voice recognition, and other forensic capabilities; and

“(3) promote comprehensive crime analysis by utilizing new techniques and technologies, such as crime mapping, that allow law enforcement agencies to use real-time crime and arrest data and other related information, including non-criminal justice data, to improve their ability to analyze, predict, and respond pro-actively to local crime and disorder problems, as well as to engage in regional crime analysis.

“(f) COMMUNITY-BASED PROSECUTION PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants made under subsection (a) may be used to assist State, local, or tribal prosecutors’ offices in the implementation of community-based prosecution programs that build on local community policing efforts.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under this subsection may be used to—

“(A) hire additional prosecutors who will be assigned to community prosecution programs, including programs that assign prosecutors to—