

Vucetich, both distinguished researchers affiliated with Michigan Technological University's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. In partnership with the National Park Service, Michigan Technological University, and the volunteer efforts of Earthwatch, among many other contributors, this project has provided a wealth of information and has contributed in many important ways to our understanding of the interaction within and between these two species.

Today, scientists enjoy a deeper understanding of the complexities that exist within the gray wolf and moose populations that survive on Isle Royale. Through the depth and breadth of the research compiled through this study, we are better aware of the intricate nature of wolf pack leadership, social structure, and territorial interaction. We have also learned how parasites the size of a pinhead, en masse, can mortally wound an adult 900-pound moose.

I was fortunate to visit with Mr. Peterson during a trip to Isle Royale National Park in July of 2003. I left thoroughly impressed by the dedication and hard work of those involved with this study and was fascinated to learn about some of the information they have uncovered. I am certain that their efforts have enabled us to better understand the gray wolf and moose in an environment largely free from human influence.

We celebrate the lessons learned and the sharing of knowledge gained through the course of 50 years of observing wolves and moose on Isle Royale. All of us benefit from the application of the information attained through this study.

The health and well-being of our environment not only affects the quality of our daily lives but is one of the most significant legacies our generation will pass onto the next. I know my colleagues join me in recognizing the efforts and hard work of each person affiliated with this important project and wish them much success as they continue to shed light on the relationships of these species in Isle Royale.●

COMMENDING DR. EPHRAIM ZUROFF

● Mr. SMITH. Madam President, today I commend Dr. Ephraim Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center for their efforts to track down the last Nazi war criminals from World War II. Their work is enormously important, both in bringing the guilty to justice and preventing future acts of genocide. The statute of limitations does not—must not—expire on crimes against humanity. I am proud to assist Dr. Zuroff and his organization through the World War II War Crimes Accountability Act, which I introduced with Senator NELSON earlier this year.

Over the past weeks, Dr. Zuroff has traveled throughout South America in an effort to locate Dr. Aribert Heim,

one of the most wanted Nazis still at large. Dr. Heim, a former SS concentration camp doctor, was nicknamed "Dr. Death" for his brutal and sadistic experiments on camp inmates. At Mauthausen, the camp where he committed his worst crimes, Dr. Heim was known for murdering inmates by injecting toxins directly into their hearts. Though detained after the Second World War, Heim was subsequently released and remained free until 1962. After he was tipped off that German authorities intended to prosecute him for war crimes, he fled Germany and disappeared. Today, Dr. Heim is believed to be living in either the Chilean or Argentinean Patagonia region at the tip of South America. His family claims he died in 1993 after fleeing Germany, but Dr. Zuroff points out that the family has still not claimed one of his bank accounts holding over a million dollars. If he were dead, his relatives could receive that money by showing evidence of his death.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center launched Operation: Last Chance in 2002 to identify and assist in the prosecution of the remaining Nazi war criminals still at large. Dr. Zuroff, who has been leading this effort, should be highly commended for his outstanding efforts in bringing the most guilty Nazis to justice. Of these, Dr. Heim is at the top of his list.

Even today, the crimes of Heim and the Nazi regime strain our understanding of hate. National Socialist Germany today is an icon remembered only for its brutality, its mantra of genocide, and its culture of racism. And those last Nazis, who are waiting out their last days under the coming twilight, must not be allowed to go quietly into the night, as did too many of their victims. For the souls that were lost, and even more for those that remain, there must be justice. I commend Dr. Zuroff and the Simon Wiesenthal Center in the highest possible terms, and urge the U.S. Government to do all it can to help them in their cause.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3564. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to other existing requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4289. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Euripides Rubio Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

S. 231. An act to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 2607. An act to make a technical correction to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 3145. An act to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

S. 3218. An act to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7173. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Joseph F. Weber, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7174. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Evan M. Chanik, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7175. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7176. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7177. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a single function standard competition at Buckley Air Force Base, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7178. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of the authorization of Brigadier General Harold W. Moulton II, United States Air Force, to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7179. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((73 FR 36803)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on July 18, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7180. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management