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ALCOA'S MASSENA OPERATIONS

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge the contribution to this nation provided by the workers and management of Alcoa's Massena, New York Operations. The Massena Operations make aluminum ingot—which is the raw material that is used in a variety of applications—and fabricated aluminum products.

I hope many of my colleagues will have the chance to visit the town of Massena, NY, because it is a wonderful community. Massena is located on the St. Lawrence River in St. Lawrence County, serving as a gateway to America's Fourth Coast, including the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Thousand Islands and the Great Lakes.

This year, Massena is celebrating its 200th birthday, and along with it a century of Alcoa involvement in the community. Alcoa is celebrating an incredible 100 years of aluminum production at its Massena location. As part of its celebration, Alcoa will establish the Massena Operations Memorial Park. Earlier this year, Alcoa-Massena officials also announced their contribution of \$100,000 to the Massena Bicentennial.

The history of Alcoa's Massena Operations is a true American success story. A century ago, the Pittsburgh Reduction Company, a predecessor of Alcoa, built a smelting plant at Massena. The products manufactured at Massena have included wire and electric transmission cable. Consumer products with aluminum components made in Massena have harnessed the power of electricity for the home. The Massena Operations have also made significant contributions to our Nation's military and aerospace efforts.

For a century, Alcoa's Massena Operations has upheld the proud American tradition of quality manufacturing. I wish to thank you for the opportunity to highlight their fine work and the important role that Alcoa's Massena Operations plays in their community in New York.●

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 12, 2001, in Boston, MA. Three teenagers, claiming they wanted to "get back at Arabs," threw three Molotov cocktails onto a convenience store the day after the September 11 terrorist attacks. The teenagers thought that the store was owned by an Arab. The owner of the store, Aswin Patel, an Indian man, escaped unharmed. The three perpetrators face Federal hate crimes charges and have been charged with assault with intent to murder and arson.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

CONGRATULATING INDIANAPOLIS ON BECOMING DIGITAL TELEVISION ZONE

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the city of Indianapolis on its recent designation as a "Digital Television Zone." Viewers in Indianapolis are fortunate to be served by local television broadcast stations that have been and continue to be leaders in the digital television transition. These stations are: WTHR, a dispatch broadcast-owned NBC affiliate; WISH-TV, a LIN television-owned CBS affiliate; WRTV, a dispatch broadcast-owned ABC affiliate; and WXIN, a tribune broadcast-owned FOX affiliate.

As the broadcast industry undertakes its transition to digital television, I am proud to say that our local Indianapolis affiliates are already fully on the air in digital.

For those not familiar with digital television, it is the next step in the evolution of television. Those of us old enough, remember the move from black and white to color. Now, the next exciting step in the process is digital. Just as the other communications mediums are moving from an analog to a digital world, so too is television.

This past spring, Indianapolis' local CBS station, WISH-TV, granted the wish of many of my constituents. Through digital television, the station was able to simultaneously broadcast four NCAA basketball tournament games. Our local ABC affiliate, WRTV, has expanded its primetime digital line up. Today, Indianapolis viewers can watch popular programs such as "Drew Carey," "Alias," and "NYPD Blue"—all in high definition. The local NBC affiliate, WTHR, airs "Crossing Jordan" and "The Tonight Show" in high-definition nightly. This year, they broadcast the Olympics' opening ceremonies in digital. It is compelling programming like this that will propel the transition forward and encourage consumers to invest in digital technology—like their local broadcasters have done already.

In January, Indianapolis earned the distinction of being named a "Digital

TV Zone." As Mayor Bart Peterson said at the ribbon cutting ceremony, "Our designation as a Digital TV Zone—being one of only a handful of cities to have all local network affiliates broadcasting in digital—is evidence that Indianapolis is where it needs to be to compete in the digital world."

Through the Digital TV Zone Program, Indianapolis broadcasters pooled their resources over the past year to educate Indianapolis consumers—my constituents—about digital TV technology and its benefits.

The local stations cooperated with electronics manufacturers and retailers to post digital sets in high traffic areas throughout the city. If you walked through Indianapolis International Airport, or if you went to Conesco field house, or the NCAA Hall of Champions over the last 5 months, you would have seen the local Indianapolis stations in digital being displayed on high-definition digital television sets.

Clearly, Indianapolis broadcasters are doing their part to launch the digital television future. All of these different activities are designed to educate my constituents about the promise of this new technology.

There will, of course, be many challenges before all consumers can fully benefit from digital television. Despite any outstanding issues, I am proud to say that Indianapolis broadcasters are leading the charge into the digital television future and giving local viewers the opportunity to experience digital television now.●

LETTER TO HARVEY PITT, CHAIRMAN, SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

● Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask that a letter, sent today, to the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Harvey Pitt, from Senator BREAUX and myself be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, June 28, 2002.

Hon. HARVEY L. PITT,
Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PITT: We are writing out of deep concern regarding recent reports about a variety of abuses in corporate accounting scandals by companies and corporate executives. In particular, the accounting practices at WorldCom that led to an error of more than \$3.5 billion is unforgivable and inexcusable.

We are pleased to have taken steps to investigate several recent disturbing disclosures and encourage you to pursue initiatives to improve corporate responsibility and shareholder protections. We fear that these reports of corporate fraud may just be the tip of the iceberg, and the need to improve accountability in America's public companies is imminent.

American business is built upon an integrity and trust in business relationships that bolster our currency and provide a shining face of transparency that supports western values and spreads capitalism and corporate