

As we are poised on yet another verge in our national experience, we would do well to remember Dr. Boorstin's advice about what has served us well before: be more aware of our Americanness, whet our appetites for the new, and form new communities so that we might rely better on one another as we deal with changing circumstances.

REPORT PURSUANT TO WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached statement from the President of the United States be printed in the RECORD, consistent with the War Powers Resolution.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 2, 2004.

Hon. TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: In my report to the Congress of February 25, 2004, I provided information on the deployment of combat-equipped U.S. Armed Forces to Haiti. I am providing this additional report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on U.S. military activities in Haiti.

On February 29, 2004, approximately 200 additional U.S. combat-equipped, military personnel from the U.S. Joint Forces Command deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to secure key facilities, to facilitate the continued repatriation of Haitian migrants, to help create conditions in the capital for the anticipated arrival of the Multinational Interim Force, to protect American citizens as may be required, and for other purposes consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1529 (2004). I anticipate additional combat-equipped military personnel will be deployed to Haiti until the situation in Haiti stabilizes. The forces that the United States deployed and continues to deploy will be part of the Multinational Interim Force.

The United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1529 on February 29, 2004. It authorized the deployment of a Multinational Interim Force to contribute to a more secure and more stable environment in the Haitian capital and elsewhere, to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance and the access of humanitarian aid workers to the Haitian people, and for other purposes.

It is anticipated U.S. forces will redeploy when the Multinational Interim Force has transitioned to a follow-on United Nations stabilization force.

I have taken this action pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive. I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY

and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

In February, 2003, in Antioch, CA, a 15-year-old teen was charged with assault and battery and for committing a hate crime. He viciously assaulted and taunted another teenager because he believed he was gay.

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 is a symbol that can become substance. By passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

CHANGES TO DISCRETIONARY CAPS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, section 421 of H. Con. Res. 95, the 2004 Budget Resolution, requires the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make appropriate adjustments in the appropriate allocations and aggregates to reflect the difference between Public Law 108-11, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003—and the corresponding levels assumed in the resolution.

As enacted, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003 contains budgetary authority, outlays and revenues that differ from those assumed in the budget resolution. On May 5, 2003, the allocations and aggregates were revised, but the discretionary caps were not appropriately adjusted to reflect the changes.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a table which reflects the revised discretionary caps for 2005. These revised caps are the appropriate levels to be used for enforcement of the 2004 Budget Resolution.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Category	2005 cap	Adjustment	New 2005 cap
Discretionary:			
BA	812.598	0.175	812.773
OT	817.883	0.402	818.285
Highway:			
BA	0.000	0.000	0.000
OT	33.393	0.000	33.393
Mass Transit:			
BA	1.488	0.000	1.488
OT	6.726	0.000	6.726
Total:			
BA	814.086	0.175	814.261
OT	858.002	0.402	858.404

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

DISCOVERY BY JULIAN "JAY" W. MCNEIL II

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I would like to take the opportunity to honor Mr. Jay McNeil of Paducah, KY. On January 23, 2004, Mr. McNeil discovered a new nebula while examining the night sky over Western Kentucky.

Mr. McNeil immediately established himself as an extremely capable amateur astronomer. The discovery was made with a relatively small telescope. His discovery was a very rare occurrence. According to experts in the field, such a discovery by an amateur of this magnitude has not occurred since 1939.

The discovery, later named McNeil's Nebula, was verified by the International Astronomical Union in February of 2004. The nebula is believed to contain a newborn star and is about 1,500 light years from earth. This means that what Mr. McNeil saw actually occurred a millennium and a half ago, and is just now being seen on earth.

I salute Mr. McNeil for his discovery. The thirst for knowledge and appreciation for science that he has shown serves as an example for all Kentuckians.●

LEWISTON ELKS LODGE NO. 896 CELEBRATES 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I congratulate the Lewiston Elks Club, Lodge No. 896, on its 100-year anniversary. The organization has overcome multiple obstacles in its efforts to continue the fellowship among its members, and more important, its consistent and significant contributions to the local community.

Lodge No. 896 was first chartered on March 8, 1904 by just eight members. The organization envisioned by the original eight founders has grown to include more than 13,000 members over the past century. Today it is the largest Elks Club in Idaho. Successful recruitment efforts bring in 15 to 18 new members each month, making the Lewiston lodge one of the Nation's best. Together, the Elks have made countless positive impacts on the Lewiston area, and have been stellar ambassadors of our great State.

The Lewiston Elks Lodge has endured two devastating fires, the first of which occurred in 1904 after the club's second meeting. The second fire happened in 1969, and spurred the group to move the lodge to a new location overlooking the beautiful Snake River, which passes through Lewiston. It was at its present location that disaster made a third attempt. In 1998, the lodge was closed for more than 18 months after a landslide on the hillside below threatened the structure. Despite these obstacles, the Lewiston Elks have continued their community service.

The service projects carried out by the Lewiston Elks are significant. They serve people of all ages, and from every walk of life. Some projects include making Christmas baskets, supporting a drug awareness program, poster contests, and an annual food caravan for needy families. The Elks also express their support for individuals and groups in the community by sponsoring a number of awards recognizing Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Special