

security, and thus of terrorist vulnerability, the law creates meaningful reporting requirements.

This bill would require the Attorney General to one, mandate the reporting of cargo theft offenses; and two, create a database containing the reported information, which would be appropriately integrated with other agencies' information-collection efforts and made available to governmental officials. Despite the fact that cargo theft is a well-known problem, there exists no national data collection and reporting systems that capture the magnitude of serious crime at seaports.

The bill increases the penalties for noncompliance with certain manifest reporting and record-keeping requirements, including information regarding the content of cargo containers and the country from which the shipments originated. The effectiveness of Federal, State and local efforts to secure ports is compromised by criminals' ability to evade detection by under-reporting and misreporting the content of cargo—with little more than a slap on the wrist, if that. The existing statutes simply do not provide adequate sanctions to deter criminal or civil violations. As a consequence, vessel manifest information is often wrong or incomplete—and our ability to assess risks, make decisions about which containers to inspect more closely, or simply control the movement of cargo is made virtually impossible.

Our Nation's ports represent a critical vulnerability point in our Nation's defenses. It is critical that we take steps to reduce this vulnerability, develop defenses, and, unfortunately, plan for mitigation should there be an attack. There is much to do, including providing additional funding. This bill addresses one aspect of the problem by improving and adding to the criminal justice tools which can protect our ports. It is a relatively narrow bill, with a precise focus on the problem at hand.

I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this much-needed improvement to our law.

MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT EXTENSION BILL

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, Senator TALENT asked me on the date of introduction, February 3, 2005, to be a cosponsor of S. 273. Unfortunately, by the time we got the message to the floor that day, the Senate had adjourned.

Senator TALENT is not only a great friend of mine, but a great friend of America's farmers and ranchers, including our dairy farm families. He is a valuable member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, a cochairman with me of the Senate Biofuels Caucus. We work very closely on issues of importance to our farm families.

I am pleased that Senator TALENT and I will be working together to ex-

tend MILC, legislation extremely important to Missouri and Minnesota dairy farmers and dairy farmers across our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on February 14, 2005, one of our greatest Americans, Frederick Douglass, was honored at a celebration at the historic Ford's Theatre that was sponsored by the Caring Institute and the National Park Service. These two organizations play major roles in ensuring that the life and legacy of Mr. Douglass are not forgotten—the Institute through its establishment of The Frederick Douglass Museum and the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans on Capitol Hill, and the National Park Service through its management of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site at Cedar Hill in Anacostia. As you know, Cedar Hill was his home in Washington, DC.

Frederick Douglass was one of the most important intellectual voices in American life in the 19th century. He was a forceful and persuasive writer and orator against slavery and for equal rights for African-Americans. His experiences as a slave were central to exposing the injustices of slavery. His first autobiographical work, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, was published in 1845 when he was a runaway slave. His second autobiography, *My Bondage and My Freedom*, was published in 1855, 9 years after friends and supporters in Great Britain bought his freedom. He frequently lectured about his experiences as a slave, and on what freedom meant to him.

During the Civil War, Douglass served as a recruiter of African-American soldiers for the North, and several times discussed with President Lincoln the problems of slavery. In the early 1870s, Douglass moved from Rochester, NY, where he had established the anti-slavery newspaper, the *North Star*, to Washington, DC, where he served as the District's Marshal, 1877–1881, and Recorder of Deeds, 1881–1886. Douglass later served our Nation as Minister to Haiti, 1889–1891.

Even when he was serving in governmental capacities, Douglass continued to deliver speeches on the meaning of abolition and emancipation. Just as he fought for the rights of African-Americans, he also worked to expand women's rights. On the day he died, February 20, 1895, he had attended a women's suffrage meeting.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to one of our greatest Americans, Frederick Douglass. He would have celebrated his 187th birthday this month.

THE LIFE OF PATRICK OKURA

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, Patrick Okura was an extraordinary man who contributed much to our Nation, the Asian American community, and the

fields of mental health and psychology. I was privileged to have him as a great friend and mentor. During my life in the Nation's Capital, Pat was always ready to help and advise me.

At Pat's memorial service on February 11, 2005, at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD, the Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, spoke of Pat and his remarkable life that had an enormous and positive impact on many.

I ask unanimous consent that Secretary Mineta's remarks be printed in the RECORD.

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

We are here today to celebrate the life of an extraordinary man one of the great leaders of our community, of our great nation, and a valued and trusted friend.

It is almost impossible to count the number of contributions that Kiyoshi Patrick Okura made to all of us.

His national presidency of the Japanese American Citizens League came during one of the most critical periods of the civil rights movement, and his active involvement in the JACL throughout its history helped win unprecedented victories for our community.

His advocacy on behalf of mental health was a passion that continued through his service as the staff psychologist for Father Flanagan's Boy's Town, his work at the National Institute of Mental Health, his founding of the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse, and the work that he and Lily have done together at the Okura Mental Health Foundation.

But most important of all, Pat had a passion to help others whether through his profession as a psychologist or through his endless personal drive to develop leaders for our community.

As a mentor, a friend, a guide and a counselor, he was second to none. I had the good fortune of knowing Pat for over 50 years and he was all of those things to me throughout my life and career.

There are so many of us here today who would not have achieved the successes we have without the foundation of opportunity that he laid for all of us, or without the support and the encouragement that he provided every day.

Lily, Deni's heart and my heart go out to you today. Pat's loss is a bitter blow to all of us.

But his life, and the things he achieved for all of us, will live forever as a testament to a life well-lived."

IN RECOGNITION OF STU AND BETHEL DOPF

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I speak about some people who, through the way they lived their lives, have been very important, not only to me, but to their entire community. I am talking about Stu and Bethel Dopf of Cambridge, ID.

Stu Dopf passed away in 2001, and just recently, on January 17, 2005, he was joined in Heaven by his wife of 63 years. When I read of Mrs. Dopf's passing, fond memories flooded my mind from my time growing up in Washington County, where Cambridge is located. I have only good things to remember about Mr. and Mrs. Dopf and

the family they raised from my very first experiences with them.

For more than 40 years, the Dopfs worked together to publish a small weekly newspaper known as the Upper Country News-Reporter. It was printed on newsprint, but I have no doubt in my mind that this paper represented and still does the very fabric of that community. The paper plays that role because the Dopfs wanted it that way, and made sure it happened.

I believe my first experience with Stu Dopf was almost 50 years ago at the Washington County Fair in Cambridge. I was in 4-H and had entered fat calves to be judged at the fair. Now, to some reporters or newspaper editors, livestock judging at a county fair may not seem like much of an assignment. But Stu understood the community in which he lived, and the farm and ranch families that made it a closely-knit community. People were interested in the activities and accomplishments of their neighbors, and no achievement was too small to report.

After that, any time I had some news or any stories about my 4-H or FFA activities, or public speaking contests, I knew I could stop by the News-Reporter office, where the Dopfs would be certain to listen. More often than not, those stories would show up somewhere on the pages of the next issue. Later, when I made my decision to run for office for the first time, for a seat in the Idaho State Senate, I went to the Dopfs to ask if they would print the pocket brochure for my campaign. Their sons, Alan and Don, had just started a printing business the year before, so it was an easy choice for me to go there.

Throughout my life, whether in the activities of my younger days, my endeavors in the legislature, or my time in the U.S. House and Senate, Stu Dopf always provided a fair, unbiased account in the News-Reporter. He always gave me a fair opportunity to make my point. Continuing Stu's example, the editors generously include each weekly column I write in the paper, and I am truly grateful.

Even after they retired, the influence of Mr. and Mrs. Dopf remained at the News-Reporter. Their children have carried on the same brand of community reporting, and this is why I continue to subscribe to the paper and read and enjoy it every week.

The Dopfs took pride in Cambridge and Washington County, and they loved it down to the smallest details. They took a special interest in the youth of the area, including articles and pictures of local high school sporting events, essay contest winners, invitations to baby showers, and as I mentioned, 4-H and FFA news.

They were great community people, and they were great people in their community. The Dopfs were a big reason I had such a positive experience growing up in rural Washington County. It is people like them who make Cambridge, Midvale, Weiser, and other small towns across Idaho great places

to live. I'm sure they are resting peacefully in Heaven.

TRIBUTE TO WALLACE RUSTAD

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a member of my staff who will be retiring from his position in the U.S. Senate. Wally Rustad is a man who is recognized by his colleagues and myself as an extremely dedicated, hard-working, and joyful public servant.

Mr. Rustad has had a remarkable career in public service, spanning close to half a century. He joined the Army in 1955, where he served in Germany until 1958 and in the Reserves until 1961. Following that, he taught high school history and literature in Williston, ND. In 1965, he pursued his interest in politics with a move to Washington, D.C. to become a legislative assistant for the Honorable Rolland Redlin in the U.S. House of Representatives. After 2 years, he returned to North Dakota to work for Basin Electric Cooperative. But in 1970, he was drawn back to Washington, D.C. to work for Congressman Arthur Link in the U.S. House of Representatives as chief of staff and senior spokesperson.

With experience gained from his time on Capitol Hill, Mr. Rustad went on to a position with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, where he soon became the director of Government Relations. His work at the NRECA was recognized and praised by many. Under his direction, the NRECA saw the strength of its political influence grow substantially, prompting the Wall Street Journal to call the co-op lobby the second most powerful in Washington. He spent his years on the political front lines defending against attacks on the rural electric program. On February 17, 2004, Wally was presented with the prestigious Clyde T. Ellis Award, which honors an individual for contributions clearly above the routine call of duty in furthering the principles and progress of rural electrification and the development and utilization of national resources.

For the past 5½ years, I have been honored to have Wally serve on my staff. He brought with him his extensive experience in the energy industry and rural economic development and a tremendous dedication to our home State of North Dakota. During his tenure in my office, he has worked on economic development issues for North Dakota and in outreach to numerous individuals and groups throughout the State. As my State liaison, he has built strong rapport and stayed in close contact with constituents, responding to needs and monitoring priority issues to make sure that the views of North Dakotans are represented in Washington.

A native of Grenora, ND, population 261, Wally is a tremendous advocate for our home State. He and his family still own a farm near Grenora. Last summer, Wally and his wife, Marlys, organized a trip for a group of 38 of their

friends to tour the State. They visited the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and trails along the Missouri River, toured the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, attended the musical and pitch fork fondue in Medora, and did a lot of golfing. His tour group was awed by the history and beauty of the State and, of course, its golf courses. As Wally put it, it was "one small thing" he could do to help promote economic development and tourism in North Dakota.

Wally and his wife of 43 years, Marlys Rustad nee Jacobson, live in Leesburg, VA. Their daughter Kimberly and her husband, Clark Kelly, and their children, Avery, Kate and William, live in Mobile, AL. Their daughter Jill and her husband Jonathan Adler, and their children, Julia, Jami and Jessica, live in Leesburg, VA. Jon, their son, lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Wally is a man with great dedication to public service. He arrives at work each day shortly after 6 a.m., after commuting for 2 hours, and brews the first pot of coffee. He greets his colleagues with a smile on his face and the news of the day as they arrive into work. As the late North Dakota Senator Quentin Burdick once said, "Wally Rustad is a small-town North Dakotan who has made it big in Washington. He has a genuine commitment to serving the people of rural America."

As Wally goes forward in his life, I hope that he proudly looks back from time to time and knows what a difference he has made in the lives of so many people. He is a good friend and a wonderful American whom I am honored to have had the pleasure to work with. I commend him for his accomplishments and outstanding service and wish him well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RUSS DONDERO

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Russ Dondero of Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR. Professor Dondero is retiring from a full-time teaching load in the Department of Politics and Government at the end of this school year. He is being honored this week by his current and former students and friends during events leading up to the annual Pacific University Tom McCall Forum in Portland, OR on February 17.

The Tom McCall Forum may be Professor Dondero's most visible accomplishment. Now in its 23rd year, the forum has become the premier public affairs event in the Pacific Northwest, drawing national political figures each year for a spirited debate between a liberal and a conservative of national interest. The driving force throughout the Forum's history has been Professor Dondero. He has taken the event from the small confines of a basement room on campus to an event that attracts over 1,000 people and the cameras of C-SPAN.