

the public of Florida—and they were getting their information from this other entity—the people of the gulf coast of Florida would have let down their guard and then, all of a sudden, they would have gotten hit. There was a lot less destruction this time and, thank the good Lord, no loss of life because people heeded the warnings: Get out. The day before the hurricane, there was a massive evacuation, very orderly. We did not lose one life.

Here again is another reason why we can be thankful we do have such experts. And never, under the guise of privatization, should we say a governmental service that often is the difference between life and death in my State of Florida should be knocked off the Internet. To the contrary, I can tell you last year, the National Weather Service Web site got 9 billion—that is with a “b”—hits in that 6-week period. It is a governmental service I am proud of, and I am proud of all the people at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. I have called Max Mayfield, the director, to tell him how proud I am of all those people. They were right on. We never want to focus on that centerline of the track because Mother Nature has a mind of her own. We want to focus on that cone of possible landfall. But in this case, the National Hurricane Center was right on track. My congratulations to them.

I thank my colleagues for the passage of these amendments regarding FEMA last night on the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota.

(The remarks of Mr. DORGAN pertaining to the introduction of S. 1412 are located in today's RECORD under “Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.”)

#### TV MARTÍ

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I point out an amendment I will offer to the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. Let me show a picture of something called Fat Albert. Fat Albert is an aerostat balloon. It is on a tether far up in the sky. The purpose of Fat Albert is to broadcast television signals into the country of Cuba to tell the citizens of Cuba that life under Castro, life in communism in Cuba, is a pretty awful life and you ought to aspire toward a democracy and here are all the good things democracy has to offer.

The fact is, the Cubans already know all that. That is why they get on rafts and risk their lives trying to leave. In any event, if they don't know that, they can tune into a Miami radio station 90 miles away. If they choose not to tune in to a Miami radio station, they can tune in to Radio Martí. That does work. It sends signals to the country of Cuba and people listen to it. But TV Martí does not work.

TV Martí doesn't get into the Cuban marketplace. The Cuban people can't

see it, because the Castro regime jams the signals. We have now spent \$189 million on TV Martí. We send television signals the Cuban people can't see. We spend \$189 million. Apparently, someone feels better because we have wasted this money.

I had an amendment earlier this year to shut this down. Strangely enough, this Senate turned it down. I will give them the chance again on the Foreign Operations bill. I am going to take the money out of that bill, and we will vote on it again.

Why do the Cubans not see these signals? Because Castro jams them. The President is asking for \$21 million more to send television signals to Cuba. They used to use Fat Albert. Fat Albert got loose at one point, meandered over into the Everglades. They had to find some grapple hooks to rescue him. But that wasn't enough.

Incidentally, for most of the time they have broadcast these signals, they broadcast them from 3:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. All were jammed. They decided to change that on May 20, 2002, and then they began to broadcast in prime time. An administration official from the State Department said this: We don't have any official evidence that the audience has increased due to the broadcast schedule change.

Chris Coursen, former chairman of the President's board of advisors on broadcasting to Cuba, says until 6 years ago, TV Martí used to do exit interviews with Cubans coming to the United States on rafts and so on to determine whether Cubans, in fact, watched TV Martí. It was clear from those interviews no one was seeing TV Martí in Cuba because Castro was jamming it. We get people coming off a raft. We say: Have you watched Television Martí? No, we can't see it. It gets jammed. What do we do? We keep spending money anyway. And they stopped doing exit interviews with Cubans coming here, because they didn't want to document the fact that nobody could watch TV Martí.

It is now not enough to do it by an aerostat balloon. We now have a specially equipped airplane flying once a week, a C-130, Commando Solo, which is a very special airplane designed for communications strategies in warfare. We have taken an Air National Guard Commando Solo, put it up 4 hours a week, and it still cannot overcome the jammers in Cuba. We went from spending money we don't have on things we don't need to send television signals to people who can't receive them, and then we went to airplanes.

Now the President wants to buy an airplane just for this purpose, buy a new one. The President wants to spend \$21 million more sending a television signal no one can see. It is unbelievable. I want to see somebody vote to continue this funding and then go home and thumb their suspenders and crow about how they oppose Government waste. I want to see one person do that. If ever there was a dem-

onstrated waste in Government, this is it. Everybody in this Chamber knows it. We will see whether finally this Senate will decide to shut down money that is spent that unwisely.

#### MASSIVE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I am going to offer one other amendment on the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. I will offer it on every appropriations bill I get the chance to offer it on. It is legislating on appropriations, but it is important to do.

We have held hearing after hearing on the subject of Halliburton and other contractors in Iraq. There is massive waste of the taxpayers' money. The most recent hearing talked about a whistleblower who worked for Halliburton in a food service enterprise in a supervisory capacity in Iraq. He said: We were serving food to American troops that had expired and outdated stamps on it by as much as a year. We were told to feed it to the troops. There was food in convoys that came under fire, and the food was contaminated with bullets and shrapnel. We were told to take out the bullets and shrapnel, and feed the food to the troops anyway.

He also said—with respect to when he worked for Halliburton we were told if we spoke to a government auditor who came to our base, we would be fired or sent to an area to work where there is an active fire zone. And this in fact happened to him.

This isn't just this hearing. It is not just feeding outdated food to the troops. It is about people who have testified, whistleblowers who have testified at previous hearings and said: We drove \$85,000 new trucks, and we left them on the side of the road. If they had a flat tire or a plugged fuel pump, they got torched. We would just leave them behind. It was a cost plus contract, so there was no need to fix these little problems. Just buy new trucks, and make a nice little profit on the new purchase.

The stories of waste and fraud and abuse are unbelievable, and nobody cares.

Anybody hear of any oversight hearings by the oversight committees of jurisdiction in the U.S. Senate? None, zero. That is why we are holding the hearings I am chairing in the Policy Committee, because no one here cares.

I just sent a letter to Secretary Rumsfeld to say please at least look into this question of whether we are sending men and women in America's uniform to Iraq to fight and serving food that is outdated by as much as a year. Unbelievable.

Bunny Greenhouse testified at the hearing. She is the highest ranking civilian official in the Corps of Engineers, and is responsible for approving large contracts. She always got excellent scores on her performance evaluations. But they didn't like her much when she began to interfere with the

sweetheart deals given to Halliburton—no bid—under circumstances she objected to. She said:

I can unequivocally state that the abuse related to contracts awarded to KBR [Halliburton] represents the most blatant and improper contract abuse I have witnessed during the course of my professional career.

Will someone investigate? Who will investigate? The answer is no one. So I am going to propose, as I have previously, a Truman-type committee. Harry Truman, a Democratic Senator from Missouri, when we had a Democrat in the White House, said: I am going to investigate waste, fraud, and abuse in the military. And he found it.

We need an investigation here, and we should have a special committee of the type of the Truman committee. I will offer that amendment once again.

We cannot sit idly by and suggest nothing wrong is happening. This is serious. It ought to be taken seriously. It undermines, in my judgment, those who fight the wars, the men and women who wear America's uniform and go, when asked by the Government, to fight. The least we can do is make certain they are not being fed outdated food, that contractors are not shortchanging them in a range of ways, and make sure the taxpayer isn't being bilked.

We have had testimony about how we paid to put an air conditioner in a building in Iraq, and then it goes to a subcontractor, and eventually goes to another subcontractor, and another one, and pretty soon that room gets a fan and we get charged for an air conditioner. The American taxpayer just gets shafted, and our troops are ill served.

There is so much waste, fraud, and abuse that it is unbelievable.

I will offer these amendments: on the issue of the Truman committee, on the issue TV Marti, and also I may offer my amendment on the issue of the purchase of Unocal by CNOOC.

#### SEXUAL PREDATORS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I want to mention an issue dealing with sexual predators. We are now hearing, as I did this morning on the news, more information about Mr. Joseph Duncan. He is a violent sexual predator. He raped a young boy at gunpoint and went to prison for 20 years for that crime. He was then released, and went to live in North Dakota. Duncan has now been charged in Idaho with multiple counts of murder and with the abusing of two young children that he kidnapped.

This is a man who, just some months ago, in the month of April, was hauled into an American court in the State of Minnesota, charged with molesting a 6-year-old boy, having had the record of violently raping at gunpoint a teenage boy some long while before. But we are told that the judge in Minnesota did not know this person's previous history. So after walking into a Min-

nesota courtroom, being charged with molesting a 6-year-old, despite his previous history, Mr. Duncan was allowed to post \$15,000 bail and was gone. Now children have been abused and kidnapped by this violent sexual predator. People are dead.

I have introduced a bill called Dru's law. I will put up a picture of this beautiful, young woman, Dru Sjodin. She walked outside of a shopping center in Grand Forks, ND, one night and, similarly, a violent sexual predator, Mr. Rodriguez, allegedly abducted her and murdered her.

Let me tell you about Mr. Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez is a man who served 23 years in prison for a violent sexual crime. When released, he was judged by the psychiatrist and psychologist to be at the highest risk for reoffending. He was let out of prison after 23 years. No monitoring at all. At the prison door, it is: So long, see you, hope you do well.

Within 6 months, this man allegedly abducted and murdered this wonderful young woman, a student at the University of North Dakota.

Now, Martha Stewart went to prison, and when she was let out, she was required to wear an electronic bracelet around her ankle so that they knew her whereabouts. I believe she still wears an electronic bracelet. But Joseph Duncan didn't wear an electronic device. And Mr. Rodriguez didn't wear an electronic device.

What is happening in this country—especially with violent sexual predators—is just shameful. We know what causes this, who does it. In most cases, they have been in the hands of law enforcement and the criminal justice system and they have been let out. We know also that over 70 percent of the violent sexual predators will reoffend and, in most cases, will reoffend more violently.

As a result of that, some long while ago, I introduced Dru's law, named after this young woman, Dru Sjodin. It would do three things: One, establish a national registry of sexual predators. There is not now one. There are State registries, but there is no national registry that you can search to find out who lives near you, regardless of state lines.

Second, if a high-risk sex offender is about to be released from prison, there must be notification of the local State attorneys so they can, if they wish, seek additional civil commitment and incarceration.

Third, if a high-risk offender is, in fact released, they must have high-level monitoring upon release. We just cannot allow these people—the violent sexual predators—to end their term, or to come into court on a new charge and to walk back out on the sidewalks to terrorize other innocent Americans.

The Senate passed Dru's law last fall. It didn't get through the House, so I have to start over. I am proud to tell you that ARLEN SPECTER, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is a cospon-

sor, and ORRIN HATCH, the previous chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has been very supportive of this bill. We have bipartisan cosponsorship. I hope next week we will, by consent, move Dru's law through the Senate again and send it to the House. We must address these issues.

In April, I held a town meeting about the issue of sexual predators in Fargo, ND, which, coincidentally, is where Mr. Duncan was living. I called up on the North Dakota Registry of Sexual Predators for the names of these people living within 2 miles of where I was having the meeting. I told the people at the meeting I want to know that there is this violent offender within blocks of where we are holding this meeting. Here is what I had. I had this piece of paper. I told them about this sexual predator, and his rape of a 14-year-old boy at gunpoint and the burning of his victim.

The fact is, this man was not some stranger with no record.

Then Mr. Duncan went to court on the charge of molesting a 6-year-old boy in another state, and was allowed to post \$15,000 bail because the judge apparently wasn't aware of his record. The judge should certainly have been apprised of his record.

In fact, we cannot any longer—from California, to Texas, to Florida, to Idaho, to North Dakota—continue to see violent sexual predators let out of prison in circumstances that are so much more lenient than that which was required of Martha Stewart when she finished her incarceration. That makes no sense.

Mr. President, I hope that next week perhaps we will have the opportunity by consent to move the legislation, with the support and active cosponsorship of ARLEN SPECTER, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and also with the support of Senator HATCH, Senator LEAHY, and many others. If we do this, I think we will send hope to all of those who have asked this Congress to take action to do the right thing. I hope that perhaps by this day next week, I am able to say we have been successful in moving that legislation and, hopefully, we can move it to the House and get the President to sign this very important piece of legislation.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

#### VIOLENCE IN CONGO

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I want to call attention to and condemn the recent deplorable violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Last Saturday, almost 50 people, mostly women and children, were quite literally burned alive in eastern Congo because of their support for the U.N. peacekeeping mission there. While many of the men in the village fled, the victims—again, the vast majority