

One of the historic preservationists who worked with Judge Becker to reopen the street in front of Independence Hall said of Judge Becker: "He was one step below the Supreme Court, but he's such an everyday man."

Proverbs 16:19 offers a maxim that fits Judge Becker to a tee: "Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."

By his character, personality, and wisdom, Edward Roy Becker made anyone who knew him better for the experience.

The judiciary, the country, and yes, the Senate, are better because this good man walked and worked with us.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today the Senate Foreign Relations Committee took an important step on the issue of global climate change by passing a resolution, introduced by Chairman LUGAR and Ranking Member BIDEN, that expresses the need for the United States to address global warming through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments. While it remains to be seen whether the full Senate will take up and pass the resolution, I am encouraged by the growing awareness in Congress of the need to face the facts on global climate change. Just last week, a report was released by a nonprofit group, Christian Aid, which suggests that climate change could lead to millions of deaths in Africa. In my role as chairman and ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs, I have paid significant attention to the challenges faced by the continent of Africa, and as we look to the future, we must address the consequences our global energy habits will have on less developed nations, in addition to the consequences on our own constituents. I applaud the leadership of Chairman LUGAR and Ranking Member BIDEN on Senate Resolution 312 and I hope that the Senate will move quickly to adopt it.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On June 9, 2005, Dwan Prince, a gay man, was attacked by his neighbor Steven Pomie near his Brooklyn, NY, home. During the attack, Pomie shouted antigay slurs as he punched and kicked Prince in the head until he was unconscious. According to police,

Pomie knew that Prince was a gay man prior to the attack.

I believe that the 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. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1736. An act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, each with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1235. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in life insurance coverage to servicemembers and veterans, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, to make technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004, to make permanent a pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans, and to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2349. An act to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3858. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

H.R. 4530. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5354. An act to authorize the Secretary of Education to extend the period during which a State educational agency or

local educational agency may obligate temporary emergency impact aid for elementary and secondary school students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5401. An act to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments.

The message also announced that the House disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 4939 making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. WALSH, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. OBEY, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SABO, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. OLVER, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. EDWARDS, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3858. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4530. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5354. An act to authorize the Secretary of Education to extend the period during which a State educational agency or local educational agency may obligate temporary emergency impact aid for elementary and secondary school students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-6911. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add Kazakhstan, Romania, Russia, Turkey, and Ukraine to List of Regions in Which Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Subtype H5N1 is Considered to Exist" (APHIS-2006-0010) received on May 22, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6912. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Aviation Career Incentive Pay and