

with that attack—could unleash mushroom clouds from nuclear bombs. We were told that waterboarding was effective. We were assured that shipping men off to countries that tortured was good for national security. We were led to believe that our military and civilian courts were inadequate, and so we established a network of unaccountable prisons. And the administration launched secret wiretapping initiatives, scoffed at the rule of law, and flaunted the will of the Congress.

Nonetheless, in his second inaugural, President Bush rightly proclaimed, “America’s vital interests and our deepest beliefs are now one.” But, tragically, he has failed to heed his own words. We have not only vacated the perch of moral leader; we have also compounded the threat we face, spurring more people to take up arms against us.

The further bad news is that other countries have not stepped up to fill the void left by our lack of moral leadership. The hundreds of thousands killed and two million displaced by the genocide in Darfur; the shell-shocked Buddhist monks in Burma; the political opposition in Zimbabwe; the imprisoned independent journalists in Russia; the brave human rights lawyers and judges in Pakistan—they do not know where to turn internationally. Human rights abusers win seats on the U.N. Human Rights Council, the International Criminal Court issues war crimes indictments, but no country steps up to enforce them; the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations begs in vain for troops, helicopters and police to help stave off humanitarian catastrophes. For all these reasons, the world needs renewed, principled U.S. leadership.

There is another critical reason why America must again provide moral leadership on human rights: the fate of women around the world. Whether it is in creating wealth, access to capital, and property rights, or receiving quality education, health care, and social services, women still lag far behind men. And of course the lack of full reproductive rights can be a matter of life and death for too many women. Inequality means insecurity for women, especially those who comprise 70 percent of the world’s poorest. There is a clear link between discrimination and violence against women; equality and empowerment of women is the most effective approach to ending violence against women. Today, violent acts against women, in the words of UNICEF, “are the most pervasive violation of human rights in the world today.”

Women’s inequality and the persistent prevalence of honor killings, trafficking, repression, and sexual assault nearly six decades after the Universal Declaration shame us all. One need only look to Saudi Arabia, where a 19-year-old woman, who was raped, instead of receiving treatment and support, was sentenced to 200 lashes and 6

months in prison for riding in a car with a non-related male. In the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Darfur, rape is routinely used as a weapon of war by militia and government forces. In northern Uganda, young girls are given as “prizes” to older male soldiers to reward performance.

In Pakistan, international observers report that one of the largest challenges facing its next election is guaranteeing women enough security so they can leave their homes to vote. In Iraq the militarization and rise of radical Islam has eroded women’s rights. In Afghanistan, while nothing can compare to the day when the Taliban ruled the entire country, women throughout that country complain that their freedoms have been woefully curtailed. The United States alone cannot solve the problem of women’s suffering and gender inequality around the world, but with new, principled leadership, the United States can elevate women’s economic, political and social development to the top of our international agenda and ensure that women around the world know that they have a reliable friend and partner in America.

Let me close by saying that the very depth of the anti-Americanism felt around the world today is a testament not to hatred but to disappointment, acute disappointment. The global public expects more from America. They expect our government to embody what they have seen in our people: industriousness, humanity, generosity, and a commitment to equality. We can become that country again.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TERM OF SERVICE

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, within the Treasury Department is a Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Internal Revenue Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 provided that the Commissioner is appointed to a 5-year term.

This bill, co-sponsored by my good friend and ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, CHUCK GRASSLEY, clarifies that the term of the Commissioner is a 5-year term, determined by reference to a 5-year term beginning with the term commencing on November 13, 1997.

This proposal is effective as if included in the amendment made by section 1102(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998.●

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT MILLER

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I celebrate the tenure of Wesley College president Dr. Scott D. Miller. After 10 years as president, Dr. Miller will step down to assume leadership of Bethany College in my home State of West Virginia in January 2008.

Founded in 1873, Wesley College is located on 50 acres in historic Dover, DE. Delaware’s oldest private college, the school offers 30 bachelors and 4 associates degrees, and master’s degrees in nursing, education, business administration and environmental science.

I first met Dr. Miller in 1997 when I was Governor of Delaware, and he was appointed as the 15th president of Wesley College. During his tenure, the college proudly reported record applications, a climbing enrollment, increased alumni participation and a greater minority presence. For these and other accomplishments, Dr. Miller has been nationally acclaimed for his contributions to higher education.

Under Dr. Miller’s leadership, Wesley experienced substantial growth, including total enrollment increases from 1,052 to 3,210 and \$67 million raised in the Campaign for Wesley fund, with more than \$40 million earmarked for capital renovations and new construction. Dr. Miller oversaw the creation of four graduate programs and the establishment of a New Castle County campus for Adult Studies. In addition, he established an undergraduate nursing program and five other new undergraduate majors.

Beyond academics, Wesley College has also been granted membership in the selective Capital Athletic Conference and enjoys the addition of new varsity sports programs. Congratulations to the Wolverines who are again in the quarterfinals this year for the NCAA Division III South Region collegiate football championship.

To maintain Wesley’s support of the local community, Dr. Miller was also instrumental in building an alliance with Delaware State University and the Friends of the Capital Theater to maximize the usage of the historic Capital Theater, positioning it as the premiere performing arts center in southern Delaware. The relationship was formalized in January 2007 with the three organizations becoming equal partners in the operation, management and programming of the theater.

In addition to all the accolades already mentioned, Scott and his family have become valued friends of mine and of many others in Delaware over the past decade. Dr. Miller’s wife Ann is an educator in her own right and has been a full partner with her husband in supporting his efforts to lead Wesley to new heights. We were also lucky to have their daughter Ashlee serve as an intern in my Wilmington office this past summer.

Scott and Wesley College have also supported my charter school initiative in Delaware by being one of the first colleges in America to charter and provide space for a public charter school. Additionally, Wesley College was one of the first institutions to sign on as a partner of a homeownership initiative that I started in Dover by supporting the effort to increase homeownership rates in the capital city. Our new homeowners include employees of the

Aramark company which provides food services to Wesley College.

Prior to joining the Wesley community, Dr. Miller served as president, executive vice president, and vice president for development of Lincoln Memorial University; an interim public information officer at West Virginia Wesleyan College; and director of University Relations and Alumni Affairs at the University of Rio Grande.

Dr. Miller earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, master's degree from the University of Dayton, education specialist from Vanderbilt University, and doctorate in higher education administration from the Union Institute and University. He has also completed postgraduate studies at Ohio University and Harvard University.

Outside of the college, Dr. Miller was an active community participant during his time in Delaware. He served on the board of numerous local and national groups including the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church, the United Way of Delaware and the Greater Dover Commission. Dr. Miller was also an honorary commander of the Dover Air Force Base for 2 years and was selected to serve on the Joint Civilian Orientation Council by the Secretary of Defense.

I would like to personally acknowledge and sincerely thank Dr. Miller for the outstanding contribution he has made to Wesley College and the surrounding community over the past 10 years. The Millers have been good for Wesley, for Dover, for Kent County, and for Delaware. We will miss them a great deal.●

MATTHEW SHEPARD ACT OF 2007

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I 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.

Early in the morning of May 8, 2007, 51-year-old Stevenpaul Richey was severely beaten by two men inside his Missoula, MT, apartment. The previous night, Richey had been at a bar in downtown Missoula where he met Michael Daniel Lemay and Christopher Lance Newrider, both 20 years old. The three men reportedly headed back to Richey's apartment at about 1 a.m., stopping on the way to buy beer. At that point, Richey assumed that the trio would have drinks and listen to music. He was wrong. According to Richey, once inside the apartment, one of the men stated that he did not like gay people while the other hit him suddenly from behind. Richey fell to the ground. Newrider and Lemay tied his

ankles and wrists, continuing to batter him and yelling anti-gay epithets. The attackers left Richey bound with a punctured lung, two broken ribs, and shattered bones in his face. Although investigators examined the possibility that the beating was bias-motivated, Montana bias-crime laws currently do not cover crimes motivated by sexual orientation. The two assailants were charged with kidnapping and aggravated assault.

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 Matthew Shepard 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.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 3:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 888. An act to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances.

S. 2371. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

S.J. Res. 8. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2436. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

S. 2440. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2441. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

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-4167. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department in fiscal years 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4168. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 63110) received on Novem-

ber 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4169. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 63112) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4170. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alaska Essential Fish Habitat VMS Rule Correction" (RIN0648-AU93) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4171. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD21) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4172. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD33) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4173. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD36) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4174. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action, Temporary Rule, Reopening of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area" (RIN0648-XD40) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4175. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule; Rescission of Closure; Connecticut 2007 Summer Flounder Commercial Fishery" (RIN0648-XC92) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4176. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XD07) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4177. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ownership and Control; Permit and Application Information; Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights" (RIN1092-AC52) received on November 26, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.