

have been impossible for Manuel to represent his community as Democratic ward chairman for such an extended period of time if people did not put trust in his word.

Although much about New Mexico has changed since Manuel's childhood years, one characteristic that has not changed is a strong sense of community. He is very central to that feeling in Martineztown. Whether in the grocery store or at the Barelás Cafe eating some combination of green chile, I believe he deserves recognition and our thanks for his service to the community over the years. It is with this thought that I wish Manuel many more years of health and happiness on this his 94th birthday. ●

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, although the period of official mourning in Israel for slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has ended, the time for reflection on his legacy has not. Supporters of Israel in America and around the world continue to ponder the incredible sacrifices made by Yitzhak Rabin during his relentless pursuit of peace in the Middle East. Many people continue to draw great personal strength and inspiration from the way Rabin conducted his heroic life until his tragic and untimely death.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following statements on Yitzhak Rabin by leaders of the Jewish community in my home State of Minnesota be included in the RECORD.

Mr. Frank R. Berman: "It is with much grief that we mourn the tragic assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. I had the honor of knowing the Prime Minister and came to hold him in the highest regard. He was a great leader and visionary for Israel as well as for peace-loving people everywhere. I know that the Jewish community and all citizens of Minnesota join me in expressing our deeply felt condolences to the government and people of Israel and to his family. We pray that his noble goal of peace in the Middle East will be fulfilled."

Margo and Fred Berdass: "We offer our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Rabin and her family and to the people of Israel. We pray God give them the strength and wisdom to unite as a people and to overcome their great loss. May we all hope Israel may forge a policy all can support and that will lead to peace."

Mr. Mike Fiterman: "Prime Minister Rabin was more than a leader within his country—he was more of a visionary on how to make the world a better place. Although he was viewed as a brilliant military strategist, his role in the military only befits him as really a champion of peace and not war. His desire was never one of victory over opponent, but rather a desire to bring peace and security to his beloved country and the Israeli people. I had the great privi-

lege of attending the historic peace signing on the White House lawn between the people of Israel and the Palestinian people. No one watching that day could help but be moved by the significance of that event whether you were personally present or watching from places around the world. It was one of the most emotional events I have ever been privileged to witness. With all of the various speeches, I think it was Prime Minister Rabin's words of 'enough killing, enough war' that were the most moving. It was not the words he spoke, but the emotion in his voice that spoke volumes. He spoke not only of his desire for peace, but also of the enormous sacrifice he personally knew was needed to earn a lasting peace. None of us knew that day the ultimate sacrifice Yitzhak Rabin would make in the name of peace for his country, his people and the world. The sacrifice that Yitzhak Rabin made that day on the White House lawn was a true exhibit for all people around the world that nothing could ever be more important than people living in harmony with one another throughout the world. He showed us if two peoples warring over the centuries could put down their weapons and pick up a pen to sign a peace agreement, it was possible for all people around the world to achieve peace with their neighbors. Prime Minister Rabin's granddaughter during the memorial service, however, remembered him for all of us as not a statesman or a general, but as a warm person who loved his family and who tried to make the world a little better for all of us. Yitzhak Rabin will be missed by all peace loving people and will be a lasting reminder to all of us that we can never stop working toward a goal to do whatever we can to make the world a little better everyday and to continue to strive to bring peace to all the people of the world." ●

GLOBAL CASINOS POSE VIRTUAL MESS; LAWMAKERS SAY ELECTRONIC GAMBLING DIFFICULT TO REGULATE

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask that the following article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Tampa Tribune, Aug. 27, 1995]

GLOBAL CASINOS POSE VIRTUAL MESS; LAWMAKERS SAY ELECTRONIC GAMBLING DIFFICULT TO REGULATE

(By Ron Bartlett)

So you're sitting at home, somewhere in Florida, and you've got the itch to go casino gambling?

No problem. Chances are by early next year, no matter where you live in the state, such an opportunity will be at your fingertips.

Through a personal computer, you'll be able to glide down the hallways of a glittering casino, passing rooms filled with roulette wheels and slot machines. Once you pick a game, you'll be able to plunk down a bet and take on other gamblers from across the globe.

But this won't be for play. This will be for real, cold, hard cash.

Didn't state voters resoundingly reject casinos in 1994 for the third time?

Sure they did. But savvy entrepreneurs are using electronics to introduce new forms of gambling that are likely to be widely available in Florida and throughout the United States in the coming months.

In a rapidly developing market, offshore companies based mostly in the Caribbean are beginning to offer "virtual reality" casinos and sports book operations on the Internet, the worldwide network of computers.

From your easy chair in Tampa, it soon will be possible to place real bets through your personal computer at virtual casinos in places such as Antigua and St. Martin. Some of these games will come with sophisticated graphics and video that will give players at home the feeling that they are inside a major casino.

While the first such virtual casino isn't yet operating, predictions are that hundreds could be up and running within the next year.

Meanwhile, the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe in Idaho plans to offer a national lottery by year's end that some experts say ultimately could offer weekly jackpots up to \$200 million.

The tribe wants to set up toll-free 1-800 lines that players would use to dial in numbers and give their credit card information.

And Floridians who want to bet on sporting events already can call Connecticut or New York, which offer national telephone wagering.

The expansion of electronic gambling is not only creating new outlets for players but also bringing wagering directly into the home, which gaming entrepreneurs view as the new frontier. In Florida and other states, the trend is worrying law enforcement officials, regulators and lawmakers.

On one level, there are concerns that electronic gambling will hurt business at existing state lotteries, pari-mutuel facilities, bingo halls and Indian gaming facilities.

On another, there are fears it will be difficult, if not impossible, to regulate offshore casinos operating on the Internet, that consumers won't be adequately protected, and that the new opportunities could increase gambling addiction and all its dangers.

Earlier this month, the chairman of the Florida House Regulated Industries Committee asked state Attorney General Bob Butterworth to investigate what, if anything, the state can do to stop Floridians from betting on the emerging virtual casinos or from calling other states to wager on sports events.

State Rep. Steven Geller, a Hallandale Democrat, said his request wasn't a moral stance against gambling, rather, he wants to protect the state's struggling horse and dog tracks and jai alai frontons, which generate jobs and taxes.

"If you have access to a virtual casino and play blackjack, how do you know that the casino in Antigua is run honestly?" Geller asked. "How do you know that the roulette wheel isn't rigged?"

Butterworth hasn't responded to Geller's inquiry. But with the Internet gambling in particular, he says, any regulatory answers rest in Washington, not Tallahassee.

"How do you stop it from coming into states that don't want it?" Butterworth said. "How do you tax it in states that do want it? I don't know how you do that without the federal government taking the lead."

Some members of Congress are grumbling about online gambling. The Justice Department has declared it illegal in the United States, saying it will act on violators. But to date, the full extent and scope of the federal response—if any—remains to be seen.

Under federal law, it's a crime for anyone in the gambling business to use an interstate