

If we have learned anything from the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict it is that only through diplomacy can the people of the Middle East achieve peace and stability.

I also call on my colleagues in the Senate to support active American leadership in the region.

This is not the time—or the issue—to be engaging in partisan politics. Democrats and Republicans alike must unite in supporting our friends in Israel as well as President Bush and Secretary Powell in their peace-building efforts.

With this cease-fire, the United States must continue to be involved as a facilitator of peace and diplomacy in the Middle East.

The administration also must continue to follow in the footsteps of previous Republican and Democratic administrations alike, whose involvement in Arab-Israeli peacemaking led to historic breakthroughs such as the Camp David Accords, the Madrid Conference and the Wye Agreement.

Last year, by walking away from the negotiations, Mr. Arafat raised serious questions about whether he was truly committed to the cause of peace.

We are at another critical juncture and Mr. Arafat, now, again, has the opportunity to show he is serious about peace. In the past few days he has said the right things—in both English and Arabic—and now he must do the right things as well.

I believe that if the parties are committed to coexistence, and that if each continues to demonstrate the necessary leadership—with the United States playing an active and engaged role—we may soon see an end to the violence and a return to negotiations.

The events of the last 8 months will make it difficult, but with this cease-fire paving the way for a cooling off period and the implementation of confidence building measures, I remain hopeful that peace for the peoples of the Middle East is still possible.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY last month. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred in St. Louis, MO in 1998. A gay man was allegedly assaulted by a male neighbor who came into the victim's garage and hit him 12 times with a baseball bat saying, "You are a faggot motherf---er who needs to move [out of this neighborhood]. If you don't move, you're gonna die." The victim required 70 stitches and sustained a permanent head injury.

I believe that 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 of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, June 12, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,683,524,204,123.12, five trillion, six hundred eighty-three billion, five hundred twenty-four million, two hundred four thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars and twelve cents.

One year ago, June 12, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,648,174,000,000, five trillion, six hundred forty-eight billion, one hundred seventy-four million.

Five years ago, June 12, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,141,287,000,000, five trillion, one hundred forty-one billion, two hundred eighty-seven million.

Ten years ago, June 12, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,491,404,000,000, three trillion, four hundred ninety-one billion, four hundred four million.

Fifteen years ago, June 12, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,046,458,000,000, two trillion, forty-six billion, four hundred fifty-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$3.5 trillion, \$3,637,066,204,123.12, three trillion, six hundred thirty-seven billion, sixty-six million, two hundred four thousand, one hundred twenty-three dollars and twelve cents during the past 15 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR ROSENBAUM

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to one of the great cultural treasures of Massachusetts, Victor Rosenbaum. Mr. Rosenbaum is the President of the esteemed Longy School of Music and has been an important figure in Boston's musical life for more than a quarter century, excelling as a pianist, teacher, conductor, composer, writer and administrator.

As a pianist, Victor Rosenbaum is critically acclaimed for his performances as a soloist and chamber musician. He has performed throughout the world and has appeared as a soloist with the Boston Pops, Pro Arte Orchestra, Boston Classical Orchestra and the Boston Philharmonic. His chamber music collaborations have been with such distinguished artists as Leonard Rose, Joseph Silverstein, Roman Totenberg, and the Vermeer and Cleveland Quartets.

In addition to teaching at Longy, Mr. Rosenbaum is also a member of the faculty at the prestigious New England Conservatory where he was the former chair of the Piano Department, and a current member of the faculty of Musicorda.

Since Mr. Rosenbaum's appointment as President in 1985, Longy has become a major performance center in the greater Boston area, and has greatly

expanded its curriculum for children, avocational students, and aspiring professional musicians and teachers.

In 1994, the Schools work with low-income school children from Cambridge came to the attention of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the Nation's largest private arts funder. Selecting Longy as one of the six non-profit cultural institutions nationwide to expand their youth programs, the Fund awarded the School \$355,000, the largest of the six and the largest single gift ever made to the School at that time, to provide private music instruction to students from Boston and Somerville as well as Cambridge and to develop an in-school music enrichment program.

Victor Rosenbaum has had an immeasurable impact on Boston's cultural life. He has elevated the quality of music in our city and expanded its reach to new audiences and music-lovers.

I commend him for what he has accomplished and extend congratulations to him as he retires from Longy at the end of his 16th year as its venerable President.●

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY FREDERICK

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, since 1963, the month of May has helped the Nation focus on the contributions and achievements of America's older citizens. The image of those over the age of 65 is dramatically different than it was just a generation ago. Older Americans increasingly redefine modern maturity, re-shape cultural boundaries and dispel age-related stereotypes associated with getting older. They are leaders in our families, in our workplaces and in our communities.

One of these leaders is an 80-year-old woman from Milford, IA. Dorothy Frederick understands the value of helping others. Through her initiative, concern and commitment, she has touched the lives of many in her community.

Mrs. Frederick and her husband, Ted, moved to Milford in 1950 where the couple has owned a hardware business for fifty years. After the couple's five children were grown, Mrs. Frederick's desire to stay active led to her increasing involvement in the community.

Through her church, Mrs. Frederick helped start meals on wheels in Milford more than twenty years ago. Over that time, she has gotten other churches in the community involved in the program. Today, meals on wheels is still going strong in Milford, and Mrs. Frederick continues to be the program coordinator. She is "on call" with the program each day and is responsible for finding drivers and coordinating their activities. She even fills in as a substitute driver when needed.

Mrs. Frederick's initiative also led to the establishment of the Dinner Date program in Milford nearly twenty years ago. Every Tuesday, Mrs. Frederick is responsible for serving meals