

crime that has occurred in our country.

On August 8, 2005, in Montrose, CO, two men were charged in the murder of Kevin Hale in what police are saying may be classified as a hate crime. Todd Fisk and Adam Hernandez got into a physical altercation with Hale. During the altercation, Fiske grabbed Hale by the neck and strangled him to death. According to police, Hale had received a number of physical threats from Fiske due to his sexual orientation.

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.●

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENERGY COOPERATION ACT

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today in support of S. 1862, the United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Act of 2005, which I introduced on October 7, 2005. This bill is designed to promote binational collaboration in research, development, and commercialization of alternative and renewable energy technologies.

Israel is a strong ally of the United States and our two nations have a long history of mutual interest and successful collaboration in scientific research and technology development. Examples include the numerous successes of the programs under the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, BSF, and the U.S.-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, BIRD.

We also share an enduring interest in the development and commercialization of alternative energy technologies that offer the promise of enhancing the energy security of both of our countries as well as that of other nations. Israel and the United States have strong capabilities in renewable and alternative technologies based on extensive research and development efforts. In 1996, the United States and Israel entered into an agreement fostering energy cooperation as a means of sharing the benefits of our capabilities.

Today, we are facing increasing concerns about adequate supplies and increasing prices for both petroleum products and natural gas. In this context, it is especially important that we redouble our efforts to cooperate in the development of alternative energy systems. This bill establishes a grant program within the Department of Energy to support collaborative research, development, and commercialization projects in alternative renewable energy.

The program will provide grants for joint venture projects between U.S. and Israeli institutions meeting the program qualifications established by the Secretary of Energy. The bill author-

izes funding of \$20 million for each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2012. Technologies include: solar, biomass, energy efficiency, wind, and other types as determined by the Secretary. Proposals may be submitted either to the Secretary or to either of the binational research foundations, BSF and BIRD. This provision enables utilization of the established practices of those existing foundations for implementation of at least half of the funds granted for collaborative projects. To assure sound management of this grants program, this bill calls on the Secretary of Energy to establish an Advisory Board, including representatives of both the United States and Israel.

I thank the American Jewish Congress, the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee, and others for all their efforts and input on this bill.

In light of increasing concerns about the security of affordable energy supplies, I urge consideration of this bill as a means of capitalizing on considerable capabilities of the United States and Israel to move toward broader use of these clean and indigenous energy resources. I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this important bill.●

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3893. An act to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2520. An act to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program.

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-4327. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330-301, -321, -322, -341, and -342 Airplanes; and Model A340-200 and A340-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0474))

received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4328. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Transport Category Airplanes Manufactured by McDonnell Douglas" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0473)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4329. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330-243, -341, -342, and -343 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0471)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4330. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0472)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4331. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: BAE Systems Limited Model ATP Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0470)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4332. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0484)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4333. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -200C, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0486)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4334. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: BAE Systems Limited Model ATP Airplanes and Model HS 748 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0487)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4335. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0489)) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4336. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-200, -300, and -300F Series Airplanes Powered by General Electric or Pratt and Whitney Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-0490)) received on October 11, 2005; to the