

Manchester Airport's Director, the airport handled approximately 700,000 passengers a year and there were six commercial airlines that serviced the airport. Today, there are eleven commercial airlines based there, and last year, the airport served almost 2 million travelers. Fred's efforts have played a key role in the City of Manchester's nationally recognized renaissance.

Fred has worked closely with each member of the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation—educating, advising, and encouraging us to undertake a number of vital federal initiatives at the airport. He has vigorously pursued support for the Residential Sound Insulation Program; the New Passenger Terminal; the New Armed Forces Reserve Center; the Manchester Airport Access Road; and the Runway, Taxiway, Parking, Roadway and Terminal Improvements and U.S. Customs Service's at the renovated Ammon Terminal. It has been my great privilege to work with Fred on these and other important airport projects which have fundamentally changed for the better air transportation services for New Hampshire. Fred deserves the highest admiration and praise for these significant accomplishments.

Fred leaves Manchester Airport to become the Director of Philadelphia International Airport. Aldermen and the Mayor of Manchester have expressed high praise for the work Fred did for the City of Manchester, and I strongly agree. His leadership and effective advocacy for safe and efficient airline transportation will be fondly remembered by all New Hampshire citizens.

Once again, I would like to commend Fred Testa on his service to Manchester Airport and the State of New Hampshire. His work was greatly beneficial to the City and the State, and I wish him well. It has been a pleasure to represent Fred Testa in the United States Senate, and I am proud to call him my friend.●

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN SANTINI

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Martin Santini, an architect and planner who has literally helped New Jersey build and grow. His entrepreneurial spirit is to be commended as the firm he founded, Ecoplan, celebrates its 25th year in existence. Ecoplan is an award-winning architectural, planning, and design firm, whose clients include the State of New Jersey. His peers have recognized his talent, accomplishments, and contributions to the State as he has been elected as president of the New Jersey chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is a registered architect in six States and licensed as a professional planner in the State of New Jersey.

After graduating with both Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Archi-

ecture, as well as an Urban Planning degree, Martin established his own firm in 1974. Ecoplan has been dedicated to providing quality design services and producing creative solutions that add lasting value to its client's projects. After 25 years of committed service, his firm has grown exponentially. Recently, Ecoplan was ranked as the 14th largest architectural firm in New Jersey by New Jersey Business Magazine. To date, Ecoplan has designed and built over 1,000 structures in the Tri-State region. As Ecoplan's president, Martin has been largely responsible for this success.

Martin and Ecoplan have served the State of New Jersey well. Ecoplan's clients include numerous municipalities, counties, boards of education, housing authorities, and police departments. They have served the public sector well by closely maintaining construction budgets and schedules, which are so important in Ecoplan has also served the private sector and various communities well, building schools, medical offices, YMCAs, condominiums, townhouses, apartments, single family homes, corporate headquarters, restaurants, commercial office buildings, warehouses, and a wide variety of additions, renovations, and interior design projects.

Martin and his firm have served the State of New Jersey by improving our schools, housing our citizens, and providing a workplace for our government employees. His dedication to the success of his firm and his steadfast commitment to his clients embody the entrepreneurial spirit. I am proud to recognize Martin's accomplishments and contributions today and I know he will continue to serve New Jersey well in the years to come.●

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 1999

● Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise today to ask that my name be added as a cosponsor to S. 625, the Bankruptcy Reform Act. It is clear that a reform of our consumer bankruptcy laws is called for. The United States is at the height of its prosperity, yet in these good economic times bankruptcy filings are at an all time high.

Of course, no matter how well the Nation is doing as a whole, individuals and individual families may need to fall back upon bankruptcy protection. The reforms included in the bipartisan Grassley-Torricelli proposal will not punish legitimate uses of the bankruptcy codes. Rather this bill will root-out what I agree are its illegitimate uses, and assert rights of consumers filing for bankruptcy. S. 625 also extends or authorizes several necessary bankruptcy judgeships, including one in Delaware, and reenacts farm bankruptcy laws among its provisions.

This bill also makes changes in the way that tax claims are handled in

bankruptcy. As chairman of the Finance Committee, I have a strong interest in these tax-related provisions. As Senator GRASSLEY mentioned when he introduced the bill, we both expect to modify a number of the provisions at the appropriate time.

Mr. President, I am glad to join my friend and fellow Delaware Senator, JOE BIDEN, as a cosponsor of the Bankruptcy Reform Act. I look forward to its consideration on the Senate floor in the coming months.●

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 975

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I understand there is no further business to come before the Senate today. Therefore, I would like to say that I also understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 975) to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program.

Mr. GORTON. I object to further consideration of the measure at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on the Executive Calendar: No. 16. I ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nomination appear in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.