But the onslaught from imports was relentless. From the processors and packers to the feeders, the domestic market crash now reaches all the way to farms and ranches that have stood for generations—an entire industry teeters on the edge of financial ruin.

Last fall, some producers with sheep to sell couldn’t find a single buyer. For the second Easter-Passover season in a row, the market’s traditional high point and the largest holiday marketing period of the year—live lambs were selling in the 60-cent per pound range. Few producers in the country can remain in business at those prices.

Let me add my voice to those urging the President to fashion strong, effective import relief for the U.S. lamb industry. This relief must do two things, curb this unprecedented surge of imports and level the playing field.

RECOGNITION OF EDGAR LEE NEWTON

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable person from my home state of Michigan, Mr. Edgar Lee Newton. On May 23, 1999, Mr. Newton will be honored upon his retirement after 18 years as the president of the Bay City branch of the NAACP.

As president of the Bay City NAACP, Edgar Newton has fought many difficult battles for equality and civil rights. Although his tireless efforts on behalf of the NAACP are worthy of recognition in their own right, Mr. Newton has not confined his community service to the NAACP. He has also served with distinction in leadership roles with organizations like the American Red Cross, the United Way, Habitat for Humanity and the Kiwanis Club.

Edgar Newton’s departure from the NAACP will mark a new chapter in his life. I can only hope it is as successful as his civil rights career. Though I am sure he will remain active in the Bay City community, he will enjoy spending more time with his wife Shirley and his two children and grandchild. I am pleased to join his colleagues, friends and family in offering my thanks for all he has done.

Mr. President, Edgar Newton can take pride in the many important achievements of his tenure with the NAACP. He has truly exhibited a dedication to justice and equality for all people. I know my colleagues will join me in saluting his commitment to civil rights and in wishing him well in his retirement.

MELISSA YORK, WINNER OF JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

• Mr. GORTON. Today, I would like to recognize Melissa York, a teacher from Tyee High School in Seatac. She has won Washington State’s 1999 James Madison Memorial Foundation Fellowship which will pay for her graduate school program.

James Madison was perhaps the hardest working and most widely respected man of his day. Commonly hailed as the Father of our Constitution, Madison had more to do with its conception than any other man. He was the driving force in organizing the convention and in establishing the tone and ironing out each obstacle that threatened the success of the Constitution.

Because of Madison’s tremendous contributions to the creation of the Constitution, Congress decided to establish the Memorial Foundation Fellowship to recognize Americans who teach American history and the Constitution to our young people.

Each day teaches eleventh and twelfth graders about the Constitution and how it is used in everyday life and how it is reflected in our society. The future of our country depends on today’s students and on their knowledge of the creation of our Constitution and government.

She not only gives her students greater understanding of our country, but she also inspires her students to achieve more through her example. By continuing her own education, Melissa is showing her students that the educational process should never end.

I applaud Melissa for her hard work and dedication to her profession and for her commitment to her students and to learning.

SALUTE TO ALEX XUE

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on Friday May 14th, MATHCOUNTS held its national competition in Washington, D.C.—the culmination of local and State competitions involving 350,000 students. It gives me great pleasure to inform my colleagues that Alex Xue, a resident of Essex Junction, VT finished second in this competition and received a $6,000 college scholarship.

In a day and age where we are bombarded by reports of failing school systems and apathetic young people, I believe it is extremely important to recognize Alex’s tremendous accomplishment. His success is a tribute not only to his own intelligence and hard work, but also to his family, his teachers and his school community.

In addition to meeting with Alex and his MATHCOUNTS teammates on the Senate steps prior to the competition, by coincidence, I was on Alex’s flight back to Vermont on the Sunday following his competition. I had a chance to talk with Alex and compliment him on his tremendous achievement. He was holding the trophy he had received and when I admired it, although it was clear that he was happy with it, he was especially pleased with the college scholarship. I praised him as any Vermonter would, but I was impressed with his modesty and his pride in his family and school. This is a young man who is doing remarkably well in life and we Vermonters should be proud that he is one of us.

I ask that the editorial detailing Alex’s achievement, which appeared in the Burlington Free Press, be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press, May 19, 1999]

WHAT ALEX KNOWS

Imagine a 13-year-old boy who finished second in the nation in an athletic event. Vermont would know exactly how to celebrate: His parents and coaches would be praised, he would be held up as a role model for other kids, his community would be proud.

Alex Xue of Essex Junction deserves the same response, for scoring second in a nationwide math contest.

This remarkable performance is a tribute to his school, though schools are rarely praised these days. This success requires effective instruction year round.

His award is an accolade that also belongs to his parents, who support his studies. Would that more parents lavished as much time on their children’s academics as they do on their sports.

The high finish is also a sign that he is a smart kid, very smart, and that is worth a great deal in the life Alex and his classmates have ahead of them.

Of course, schools cannot fix their attention solely on top students, because they must serve everyone who enters their doors. But they can recognize talent and reward performance, because it motivates other students, and because it serves as a reminder of what school is for: to learn, to strive, to fail at times and gain by the experience, and to achieve.

For his knowledge of math, statistics, geometry and more, Alex receives a $6,000 college scholarship—a fitting prize. Learning offers rewards for every student, though, not just the smartest, and education level is the clearest indicator of a society's future. Won’t it be fun to see what becomes of Alex and his abilities? Wouldn’t it be something if society thought of every child’s potential that way?

“FRIENDS OF ROMAN LEE HRUSKA”

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask that the attached comments made by the Honorable Charles Thome at the memorial service for former Senator Roman Lee Hruska, be printed in the RECORD for Monday, April 26, 1999, immediately following my remarks entitled, “Tribute to U.S. Senator Roman L. Hruska.”

The comments follow:

FRIENDS OF ROMAN LEE HRUSKA

Friends all:

First, let me, and all of you here today, recognize two special people, Millie and Carl Curtis. Sen. Curtis served all 22 years with Roman, and Senator Hruska always acknowledged that no U.S. Senator ever had a more caring, a better and more cooperative colleague anywhere—anytime. Thank you, Senator Curtis.
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It seems only fitting to also recognize all public officials present. It is from this vantage point that Roman sprung. He epitomized public service at its best. He lived it! He loved it! He honored it!

He and I have been pleased to know that, at the outset here, all Judges, current & past, all Federal, State and County officials, current and past, are asked to stand for a brief silent recognition. I also want to especially recognize Governor Mike Johanns; Former Governor Kay Orr and Bill; Former Governor Ben Nelson, Former Governor and U.S. Senator Jim Exon and Pat; Former Congressman John Y. McCollister and Nan; Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hendry; Congressman Doug Bereuter and Louise; and Congressman Lee Terry. Also, a special salute to former chair of the Lancaster County Board and the lifelong Douglas Theatre skit-a-business partner of Roman, Bill Brehm of Lincoln and his charming wife Louise Brehm. Also, Attorney General Don Stenberg, a former Hruska staff member.

It was the British iconoclast, George B. Shaw who once wisely opined, “No remarks from a former Governor are all that bad”—if they are well written. Good stuff, but I’m remembering Roman, I’m inclined to want to cover everything, filibuster a bit, if you please, and exhaust both your goodwill and patience, so I must warn you ahead of time that I’m going to be a spell-binder deluxe, given the proper occasion."

Roman’s work was always his total recreation—Oh, occasionally he would superfilter in Buffalo, and in later years, cheer the mighty Cornhuskers on to victory! Early on, I must concede, he would have easily accepted the specious thought that “a quarter-back was a refund on the ticket.”

Many here will remember genial Dean Pohlenz, the Senator’s long time and wonderful AA. He and I once seriously comprised against Roman and another very studious and important top aide to Roman, Bob Kutak. (Kutak and Harold Rock later organized Kutak-Rock, a very successful national law firm. Kutak, as he knew him, was very serious and highly professional."

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Roman was never happier nor better showcased than when he was on those early day political campaigns. Ruth and I were visiting the other day about a particular stump speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “sec- ond coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he once made—with a partially eaten kolache in his left hand—on a Main Street corner at Schuyler during the Nebraska Republican caravan. It was indeed a powerful speech, spiced with Czech phrases and when he finished his remarks, the audience accolades were the “second coming.” The same result happened a couple of weeks later in a Hotel Ballroom in Broken Bow where the usually very reserved Roman spread his wings. The Sandhills crowd gave his at least a five minute standing ovation on his inspiring speech he Once...
Herald editorial writer noted: “The standards for integrity and service that Sen. Hruska set for himself, will long stand as his most fitting memorial.”

A quick postscript paraphrasing beautiful Ecclesiastes, Chapter III, “to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven . . . A time to plant, and a time to harvest, a time to be born and a time to die.”

Roman, you had a long and superlative life, and we’re all a little better because you cared and touched us.

In Czech—Nas Dar—Good Bye—Dear Roma . . .

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL DAVID W. GAY

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of Senators the retirement of Major General David W. Gay, Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, after a military career that has spanned more than 40 years.

The recipient of many military awards and honors, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Award, and the National Guard Board’s Eagle Award, General Gay has been a valuable friend to me and all the people of Connecticut. His experience and dedication have helped make the Connecticut National Guard the exemplary organization that it is today.

General Gay’s contributions to the state go far beyond his command of both the Army and Air National Guard. His record of community service equals his record of military service and his participation in such activities as the Nutmeg State Games and the Character Counts State Advisory Board demonstrate his love for the community he calls home.

Even in retirement, General Gay will continue to work for the people of Connecticut as the state’s Year 2000 Coordinator. I am happy to extend my thanks to General Gay for his years of distinguished service and offer my best wishes in his retirement.

SUPPORT FOR S. RES. 99

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that the attached letter of support from the American Psychological Association be printed in the RECORD in support of S. Res. 99.

The letter follows:


Hon. Harry Reid,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

Dear Senator Reid: On behalf of the 159,000 members and affiliates of the American Psychological Association (APA), I want to express support for your proposed Senate Resolution that would designate November 20, 1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day.”

The APA is concerned that suicide rates among young adolescents, African American males, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, and the elderly have increased dramatically over recent years. Since a 1960’s, suicide rates among youth have nearly tripled. Between 1980 and 1990, the suicide rate increased by 30 percent in the 10-19-year-old age group. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-old American Indians and Alaskan Natives. For Americans age 65 and older, the suicide rate increased by nine percent between 1980 and 1992. Elderly Americans comprise about 13 percent of the country’s population but account for about 20 percent of all suicides.

Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States—our country is in dire need of a national effort to prevent suicide. In response to that need, the Surgeon General has been working with mental health advocates to develop a National Strategy for the Prevention of Suicide and is expected to publish a final version of the coordinated strategy later this year.

Your proposed Senate resolution would serve to further the intent of S. Res. 84, which you successfully introduced in the last Congress, to recognize suicide as a national problem and declare suicide prevention as a national priority. The proposed resolution would acknowledge the trauma of those who have suffered losses due to suicide (suicide survivors) and the support they derive from one another. Their active involvement individually and through organizations has been key to their efforts to reduce suicide through research, education, and treatment programs.

In closing, the APA lends its support to you and other members of Congress in securing passage of this resolution. We also look forward to learning more about the administration’s initiatives at the upcoming hearing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education.

With best regards,
RAYMOND D. FOWLER, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S PERSON OF THE YEAR: MR. GREGORY SULLIVAN

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I stand before this body today to congratulate a truly remarkable Missourian, Mr. Gregory Sullivan—the Small Business Administration’s Person of the Year. Mr. Sullivan founded G.A. Sullivan in 1982 with just $300 in start-up capital. Today, it is one of the fastest growing technology companies in the nation. This custom software company has appeared on Inc. Magazine’s 500 list of fastest growing companies for the past two years. G.A. Sullivan also is leader in the St. Louis community—ranking among the top seven fastest growing technology companies in St. Louis for the past three consecutive years.

In reading Greg’s story, I was intrigued by his biggest challenge. To me it shows the remarkable risks taken by America’s entrepreneurs. Ten years after starting the company—after paying his dues programming computers and building the foundation of the business—he knew that there would be a huge growth in information technology industry. At that point, he had to decide on his business’ future. In December 1992, he engaged with an aggressive business expansion program. He engaged an advertising agency, developed a business plan, designed a logo, hired a marketing consultant to build a sales staff and started aggressively recruiting technical talent. Since that time, sales have grown over 1,400 percent and he now employs nearly 175 people—his clear vision paid off.

While Greg’s custom software development company provides world-class leading edge information technology in the business arena—he personally is a leader in the community. He was recently appointed Vice Chairman of Science and Technology for the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. I understand that he personally conducts workshops on resume writing skills, interviewing and networking to help students be competitive in the after-graduation job market.

Mr. Sullivan is the 36th recipient of this annual entrepreneurial award. He was selected from a field of 53 state small business persons of the year winners representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. The national entrepreneur award is the highlight of the Small Business Administration’s national Small Business Week celebration. Small Business Week honors contributions of the nation’s small business owners who are the backbone of this great nation. The SBA selects winners on their record of stability, growth, employment and sales, sound financial status, innovation, and the company’s response to adversity and community service.

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Lois went into the hot dog business not long after her hair salon was lost in a fire, and at the same time I was growing the SBA. While running my first campaign for U.S. Senator. Back then, Church Street was a typical Vermont downtown, and Lois operated her cart on the sidewalk as a time to harvest, a time to be born and a time under heaven . . . A time to plant, and a time to harvest, a time to be born and a time to die.”

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