

bankruptcy reform bill. I voted against cloture even though I support bankruptcy reform, and even though I supported this legislation when it originally passed the Senate.

However, I oppose the motion to invoke cloture because I am troubled by some of the actions of the Republican majority. Neither the House nor the Senate ever formally named any conferees. Instead, the majority created a sham conference, hollowing out the State Department authorization bill and inserting the provisions of the bankruptcy reform. And even though the original bankruptcy reform bill that passed the Senate was a product of bipartisan input, the majority party did not include any Democrats in the discussions regarding the final package. Negotiators made significant changes to the bill without any input from Democrats. Important provisions were dropped; others were changed dramatically. All of this without the benefit of a formal conference that allows for debate and compromise by both parties. Under these circumstances, I could not support cloture.

I still support efforts to reform our bankruptcy laws, and I hope we can achieve this goal before the Senate adjourns sine die. I am disappointed by the way in which the legislative process has been twisted and broken by the majority in the development of this bill. That is why I opposed cloture.●

#### IDAHO SUPPORTS WWII MEMORIAL

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, on November 11 of this year, we will commemorate the sacrifice made by veterans and all Americans during World War II by dedicating the National World War II Memorial. The Memorial is a tribute to the men and women who risked their lives for our freedom and democracy. Sixteen million men and women served our country during this war, and many more contributed on the home front. Each day, more veterans pass away, and it is imperative we remember the great effort they made, securing the liberties we enjoy in the United States of America.

Hundreds of Americans from all sectors of our society joined the effort to show their appreciation to America's World War II generation by raising millions of dollars. The Memorial was almost completely funded by private contributions, and among the many who contributed to this effort were students from Eagle High School in Eagle, Idaho.

In November of 1999, high school students Fi Southerland and Kate Bowen decided to raise \$20,000 for the National World War II Memorial. These students were soon joined by many of the Eagle High students and staff. With the assistance and under the direction of their high school teacher, Gail Chumbley, they held various events to

raise money. I am pleased to report that this group of outstanding young people and the many others involved in the project have not only met the goal of raising \$20,000 but have actually surpassed it by seven thousand dollars.

Those who participated in this effort expressed how the effort changed their perspective on the great sacrifice made by our War Veterans. The students said one of the most satisfying parts of this year-long project has been letters and stories they have received from people involved in WWII. One of the most interesting was from a man who was not a veteran, but born in Holland and lived through the war and now is a United States citizen. He told the students that as a child, he heard the allied bombers flying overhead at night on their way to Germany, his parents called the "sound of freedom."

Kate Bowen summed up the reasons for raising the funds. "The effort is about paying respect to that generation. Look at what they did for us." We recognize, with gratitude, the difference World War II veterans made in our every day lives. I commend all those involved with this project for their dedication and hard work, and hope their interest and concern will inspire others.

Other students and organizations involved in the project include Kristen Ediger, Sam Johnson, Karl Krohner, Hilary Case, Lacey Rammel-O'Brien, Katria Taylor, Amy Marcotte, Darcy Haney, David Sant, Tony Bergman, Jennifer Martinez, Chase Deobald, Cassie Southerland, Kiley Southerland, Kristen Clark, Lindsey Marshall, Robert Frazier, Josh Miller, Melissa McGrath, Catherine Sant, Bryan Jolly, Brandon Putzier, Melvin Delic, Jason Steik, Shaun Huntington, Deanne Jenkins, Tana Martin, Traci Mayhugh, Tysen Janak, Carolyn Michaud, Jimmy Hallyburton, Taylor Cooley, Cory Snethen, Brian Price, Elizabeth Pearson, Aimee McCauley, Dawn Leavitt, Matt Reines, Devan Satterly, Ashley Ellis, Craig Cahan, Justin Bodine, Jason Gates, Patrick Bulson, John Winder, Shyann Harris, Shannon Bruce, Michael Johnson, James Burdick, Edis Kajic, Merzine Ceric, Jason Kalk, Steve McClenny, Casey Spirk, Conrad Crisman, Paul Moore, Jason Lindquist, Steven Baker, Nathan Nichols, Katie Miller, Adam Brundy, Jason Peterson, Jeff Auchampach, Roy Brewer, Danny Edvalson, Larissa Martinson, Robbie Buck, Travis Barney, Nicola Miller, Ryan Griffiths, Bret Anderson, Diana Chong, Andrea Banks, Brad Smith, Dena Smith, Robert Frazier, Kia Black, Cathy Peterson, Heidi Webb, Jeff Collier, Kimber Crogrove, Jennifer Pengelly, Ryan Small, Linda and Mike Bowen, Kacey Bowen, Kelly Bowen, Lili Gonzales, Lindsay Miller, Brandon Rapp, Clipper Net, Chapparral Elementary School, Amanda Vissotski, Amy Barnes, Eagle

Middle School, McMillian Elementary, Bill and Wendy Southerland, Emerson and Patricia Smock, Bruce Gestrin, Eagle Albertons, Dick Bengoechea, Andrea Mahan, Lori Smock, Joanna Lee, Eagle Lions Club, Eagle Volunteer Fire Department, Eagle Chamber of Commerce, Chad Chumbley, Henni Keller, Pat O'Oloughlin and Kapa Zubizaretta.●

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, in 1998, I co-authored section 3137 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), which dealt with research and other activities conducted at Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories and facilities for other entities.

Section 3137(b)(2)(A) allows the Secretary of Energy to impose a federal administrative charge in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the cost of the research carried out by Federal agencies and other entities at DOE laboratories and facilities. My preference in putting forward this language was to eliminate such charges altogether, but I agreed to some flexibility so that such a change could be phased in. We are now in fiscal year 2001, and the President has signed a bill providing for full appropriations for the Department. I would urge at this point that the phase-out of administrative costs be completed by DOE. For example, it makes little sense to have one Federal agency racking up administrative charges against other Federal agencies for the privilege of using Federal facilities. We should encourage such sharing of common assets in the name of efficient administration, instead of keeping incentives to have each agency build its own duplicative equipment and facilities. Additionally, it is in the public interest to encourage outside use of DOE facilities by other entities. This is because outside entities that want to use DOE laboratory facilities are likely to have similar research interests and aims with the DOE researchers at the labs who also use these facilities. The opportunity for enhanced scientific interaction from facilitating their use of these facilities can result in additional scientific efficiencies that will benefit the government.

Accordingly, Mr. President, I urge that the Secretary of Energy reduce these administrative costs to zero for fiscal year 2001 and each succeeding fiscal year.●

#### GEORGE E. BROWN, JR. UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate yesterday passed legislation to name the new federal courthouse in Riverside, California