

occasion that a person gets to argue once, but to argue as many cases before the Supreme Court as the Senator from Washington has is extremely impressive.

I also want to say that the people of Nevada have done well as a result of the Senator being the chairman of that subcommittee. The State of Nevada is 87-percent owned by the Federal Government. As a result we have many problems. The Senator from Washington was always very understanding of the very special problems we had in the State of Nevada.

The Senator had a great relationship with the ranking member of that subcommittee, Senator BYRD, and to have Senator BYRD say publicly the things he has on many occasions about his relationship with Senator GORTON speaks volumes. Senator BYRD has been in the Senate 48 years and really understands quality when he sees it.

I want the Senator from Washington to know how much I appreciate his good work. I will always remember his friendship and look forward to our continued association.

I thank SLADE GORTON, his wife Sally, and their three children and seven grandchildren for their years of sacrifice and dedication to our nation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. I thank the Senator from Nevada for his fine comments and compliments. I may tell the Senator, that relationship is perhaps a result of the marvelous biblical statement about casting your bread upon water and having it come back manyfold.

When I was first a member of the Appropriations Committee, I was in the minority. The Senator from Nevada was the chairman of the modest subcommittee on the legislative branch, and I was his ranking minority member. The Senator from Nevada came to my office to consult with me in a way he did not need to about those appropriations. I think it was I who persuaded him to put more benches and trash receptacles on the Capitol grounds, which was denuded of them at the time, so I can believe I actually accomplished something in that modest position.

It was that lesson when we went into the majority that taught me that on the Appropriations Committee and the Senate as a whole, it was best to work with everyone when it was at all possible to do so and that you were far more likely to be successful not only for the people of your own State but the country, if you used the experience and the wisdom of all Members of your committees or of the Senate itself.

So I am particularly grateful for the comments of the Senator from Nevada. But whatever courtesies he was rendered by this Senator he earned by having taught the same lesson.

PROJECT HOMESAFE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, there is a company in my home State of Michigan which is to be commended for its efforts to reduce gun injuries and deaths. Last month, Meijer Stores paired up with a coalition of law enforcement officials to implement a firearm buyback program in selected counties in Michigan.

The firearm buyback program, called "Project Homesafe," allows gun owners to receive a \$50 Meijer cash card in exchange for every functioning firearm. Meijer Stores donated \$100,000 worth of these cash cards to promote the disposal of unwanted guns. Guns turned in under this program are expected to be destroyed.

Mr. President, Project Homesafe is a constructive enterprise and the kind of public-private partnership needed to promote safety in Michigan homes and communities. I applaud the initiative of Meijer Stores as well as Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, and Kent County Sheriff James Dougan, all of whom were instrumental in implementing Project Homesafe.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN HONOR OF MARK LEWIS GILLMING

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor the two-month anniversary of the death of Mark Lewis Gillming, who passed away Sunday, October 8, 2000, in a car accident in Springfield, Missouri, on his way to church with his cousin, John Lingo.

Mark Gillming grew up in my home town of Springfield, Missouri, and was a senior at Hillcrest High School to be graduated with the class of 2001. As a student, he excelled in both academics and athletics, becoming an honors student and being involved in track and football. Mark exhibited a great presence on the Hillcrest High football team, both in action and in spirit.

Mark's life touched many lives, far beyond his school into his community. He was well liked by his peers and had great influence on those who knew him during his short life. His positive outlook enriched those around him.

Mark was the son of Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth D. Gillming. He was a member of Cherry Street Baptist Church where his father is a pastor. Mark was a leader in their youth ministry. His Christian faith was a central part of his life. He loved his family, friends and most important of all, he loved Christ. Today, I join his family and friends in remembrance of Mark Gillming, whose demeanor and character were a blessing to those who knew him. He will be missed greatly. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 7, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2415. An act to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 10:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Kelaher, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 128. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1898. An act to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners.

S. 3045. An act to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4640) to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5630) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3048. An act to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4281. An act to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness.