

For the last two years, Adolfo has served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee where, as Chairman Hyde will attest, he has provided invaluable counsel on the full range of foreign assistance programs including U.S.A.I.D. programs and operations.

He is uniquely well-qualified for the position the President has selected him for, Assistant A.I.D. Administrator for Latin America. And I am very confident that in that capacity, Adolfo, with his characteristic energy, intelligence and patriotism, will quickly prove himself an invaluable asset to A.I.D., to the President and to the country he has long served so well.

He is an exceptional person, a devoted and talented public servant of exemplary character. I commend and thank the President for nominating him, and I consider it an honor to introduce him to the Committee.

America is among his parents' greatest gifts to Adolfo, a gift he has more than earned as the kind of career public servant all Americans can be proud of. I recommend him to the Committee with the highest praise I can offer an American: he is a credit to his country.

**CHANGES TO H. CON. RES. 83
PURSUANT TO SECTION 215**

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, section 215 of H. Con. Res. 83, the fiscal year 2002 budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make adjustments to the allocation of budget authority and outlays to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, provided certain conditions are met.

Pursuant to section 215, I hereby ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD the following revisions to H. Con. Res. 83.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

	Dollars in mil- lions
Current Allocation to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	\$10,179
FY 2002 Outlays	9,419
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	48,155
FY 2002-06 Outlays	46,411
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	102,173
FY 2002-11 Outlays	97,860
Adjustments:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	0
FY 2002 Outlays	0
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	+3,440
FY 2002-06 Outlays	+2,840
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	+7,665
FY 2002-11 Outlays	+6,590
Revised Allocation to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee:	
FY 2002 Budget Authority	10,179
FY 2002 Outlays	9,419
FY 2002-06 Budget Authority	51,595
FY 2002-06 Outlays	49,251
FY 2002-11 Budget Authority	109,838
FY 2002-11 Outlays	104,450

INCENTIVES TO TRAVEL

Mr. KYL. Madam President, three months ago, we experienced an unprovoked attack on our country. America took a terrible hit, but we have rebounded and we have reminded the world of the strength of the American people.

Three months ago, one industry in particular was stricken, and it continues to struggle to regain its footing. When our government shut down our airlines and our airports, it also shut down our travel and tourism industry.

Under the headline, "Travel Downtown Spreads More Woes," the December 11 Wall Street Journal reminded us that the industry remains in dire straits. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered. (See Exhibit 1)

Mr. KYL. The article focuses on the neighborhood around Los Angeles Airport, but it describes a scene all too familiar to many of us:

Today, planes are once again buzzing just 300 feet above the head of the people of Lennox. But something even scarier has befallen them. The meltdown in the travel and tourism business has claimed thousands of their jobs.

Working together, the government and industry leaders can help the industry recover. By now, my colleagues no doubt have seen the television advertisements sponsored by the Travel Industry Association of America. Featuring President Bush, this privately supported advertising campaign encourages Americans to travel, to see our great country again, and to enjoy our many blessings. Now that the industry has stepped forward, it is time for us to do our part.

The time has come to enact a personal travel credit to get Americans on the road and in the air again. I am pleased that travel-credit legislation has broad, bipartisan support. Now is the time to translate that support into action. With the slowest travel months of the year about to begin, let's give the American public an incentive to travel. Let's get a credit enacted quickly. Let's bring families together and let's get Americans enjoying the blessings of our country again. In short, let's get America traveling again.

EXHIBIT 1

[From the Wall Street Journal, Dec. 11, 2001]

TRAVEL DOWNTURN SPREADS MORE WOES

(By Eduardo Porter)

LENNOX, CALIF.—Something strange washed over this area following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11: quiet.

With planes grounded across the U.S., residents of this crowded community abutting Los Angeles airport weren't assaulted by the sound of jet engines for the first time in anybody's memory. The sudden silence was so at odds with the usual deafening roar that "kids were scared" by it, says Maria Van Deventer, assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary School.

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As much as any place in America, this 1.3-square-mile unincorporated area of Los An-

geles County has been the victim of post-Sept. 11 economic fallout. Because this is practically a company town, with many of its 23,000 residents employed at the third busiest airport in the world and related businesses, Lennox has become a ground zero of sorts for the devastated travel and tourism industry.

The impact of the near collapse in the industry has left a broad footprint. Airline industry revenue should decline 30% in the fourth quarter over the year-earlier period, estimates Kevin C. Murphy of Morgan Stanley, and PKF Consulting estimates that room revenue at hotels in major urban centers will be down 17.5%. Other travel-dependent firms, from airline caterers to airport concession owners, have also been hit hard.

There is no precise count of how many Lennox residents, who are overwhelmingly immigrants from Mexico and Central America, have been laid off in the past 2½ months. But job losses—more than 8,000 at the airport alone and thousands more at area shops, hotels and other companies that depend on travel—have shot through the community. Isabel Gurdíán lost her job cleaning planes on Sept. 12. A few weeks later Gladys Barraza was laid off as a cashier at the airport's City Deli, Margarita Urióstegui, who washed dishes at airline caterer Dobbs International Services, was let go, too. Alfonso Martinez, a barman at the New Otani hotel, got lucky. His workweek—and income—were cut by only two-thirds.

The impact has rippled through Lennox's dusty streets. Sales are down about 30% at Daisy's Party Supply on Inglewood Ave., where a piñata of Osama bin Laden dangles from the roof between a huge can of Modelo beer and Winnie the Pooh. And they're off about a fifth at El Taco Macho, just across the border in Hawthorne, even though \$9 American flags have been added to an eclectic menu of tacos and seafood cocktails. Business also has plummeted at Noemy's Beauty Salon, which doubles as remittance outlet that wires money from local residents back to relatives in Latin America. On a recent Friday, shop owner Margot Noemy Canizales waited all morning for customers to show. None did.

The pain is felt as far away as Jiquilpan, in central Mexico, which has dispatched workers to Lennox for decades. "The whole town depends on money sent from here," says Martin Orejel, a Lennox resident who has had his work hours slashed as a bartender and bus-boy at a Ramada hotel not far from the airport. "Now," he jokes, "we need them to send money here."

At the second floor offices of local 814 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union, the newly laid off lined up to register for unemployment benefits. But many Lennox residents are illegal immigrants and can't get such financial assistance. Downstairs, union volunteers handed out bags of food. Life in Lennox is pretty difficult to begin with. With an average of nearly five people per household, it is one of the most densely populated communities in California. More than 94% of the students in the local school district are in a program that provides free or reduced-cost lunches to poor children, one of the highest rates in the state.

Hispanic immigrants began coming here in the late 1960's, sucked into the U.S. to help sate the explosive demand for low-wage service workers. Now, hit by the first wave of layoffs in a decade, "it seems like the end of the world," laments Ms. Urióstegui, a mother of three whose husband is still hanging on

to a job at a tortilla shop. Most days she hits the road looking for work, leaving applications everywhere from a factory for stamping T-shirts to a plant making refrigerator parts.

To cope, some people are resorting to uncomfortable measures. After losing her job, Gladys Barraza, her husband and two children moved into her parent's two-bedroom home, also in Lennox. Rosa Saldivar is facing starker options. Her husband, Martin, who lost his job at a bakery that served airport restaurants, is pressuring her to take their three kids back to the family home in Durango, in northern Mexico.

They wouldn't be the only ones to go. Ms. Van Deventer, the assistant principal, says that 50 to 60 children, out of a student body of about 1,100, have dropped out of Jefferson Elementary since Sept. 11. Some, she says, have gone back to Mexico and El Salvador, where it's cheaper to be unemployed and where extended families can provide support. Others have left to look for work in other American cities, including Las Vegas, where it is rumored there might be jobs.

For those who are staying, the stress is growing. Health workers and parent-group coordinators at the schools are detecting more alcohol abuse and depression. A few days ago, Carmen Torres, a parent counselor at Jefferson Elementary, saw a couple bickering. The wife was dragging in her recently laid-off husband to register for English-language lessons. The husband, crying in despair, complained that the classes were beyond him.

But many are confident that the community will prove its resilience. Yvonne Moreno, a counselor at a health program run by the school district, notes that most of those in Lennox have been working since they were six or seven years old. Many crossed the desert on foot, eluding border patrolmen, to get here. "They are survivors," she says.

CIVILIAN FEDERAL AGENCY USE OF REMOTE SENSING

Mr. AKAKA. Madam President, I commend to your attention a report entitled "Assessment of Remote Sensing Data Use By Civilian Federal Agencies," which was prepared by Dr. Sherri Stephan of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services and the Congressional Research Service. The report will be available on the Subcommittee's website.

In January 2001, I asked the CRS to conduct a survey of remote sensing data and technology use by Federal non-military agencies. Subcommittee staff used the CRS survey results, included in the report as an appendix, and collected agency responses to analyze how Federal agencies use remote sensing. It is my hope that this report will enable Congress to better understand the issues that arise in obtaining and applying the technology.

The widespread availability of detailed and accurate satellite imaging data has made the world increasingly transparent. Observational capabilities that only a few decades ago were classified and strictly limited are now owned and operated by both govern-

ment and private-sector organizations. For example, Space Imaging, a private satellite data company's web site contains satellite photos of the attack on Kandahar.

Satellite images have also revolutionized the study of the natural environment and global hazards, agriculture, transportation and urban planning, law enforcement, education, energy use, public health trends, and international policy. Researchers in my State of Hawaii, in partnership with NASA, NOAA and others, use remote sensing data for many purposes, such as to monitor water temperature and climate variability for tsunami early warning and evacuation planning, environmental impacts on fisheries, and volcanic activity monitoring.

There is now a national capability to provide remote-sensing data products and value-added information services directly to end users, such as farmers, foresters, fishermen, natural resource managers, and the public. Just this fall, researchers demonstrated on the island of Kauai how remote sensing data from unmanned aerial vehicles could be used to help determine precisely when a coffee crop is ready for harvesting.

New imaging technology and new data systems provide a rich opportunity for federal agencies to improve their services. The nineteen agencies included in this study span the roles of the federal government from basic research centers to law enforcement. All but four report some use of remote sensing data and technology. These agencies use data for environmental and conservation purposes, early warning and mitigation of natural disasters; basic and applied research, mapping activities, monitoring and verifying compliance with laws and treaties, agricultural activities, and transportation and shipping.

We also asked the agencies to share their concerns with remote sensing data. These concerns expressed their desire to use the data and technology more fully and efficiently. Many agencies had difficulties due to cost and licensing of commercial data and value-added products and analysis, as well as other access concerns. Several agencies were concerned about their capacity to exploit fully remote sensing data and technology, mostly due to a shortage of trained personnel within the agencies to analyze and interpret data.

This report offers several options to alleviate these concerns, but these are not the only possible solutions. Nor are they suggestions for action. The Federal Government uses remote sensing data in many ways, and it is unlikely that a single solution will solve all the problems associated with this use.

Since the first photographs of enemy troop positions from a hot air balloon in 1860, there have been military and

intelligence applications of remote sensing data. Today, in this new age of terrorism and homeland security concerns, users now include local first responders, city planners, and State officials. This creates a new challenge for commercial and government data providers to translate our impressive imagery technology into a capability that can be exploited by users quickly and easily.

I would like to thank the staff of the Congressional Research Service, especially Marcia Smith, for her able assistance in preparing this report.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred November 5, 1994 in Laguna Beach, CA. A gay man was attacked by two men yelling anti-gay slurs. The assailants, Donald Nichols, 18, and an unnamed 16-year-old boy, were charged with robbery and assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident.

I believe that 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 of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

LIFT THE HOLD ON S. 1499

Mr. KERRY. Madam President, I would like to submit for the RECORD a letter to our majority leader, Senator DASCHLE, regarding my request to hold all non-judicial nominations that come before the Senate until all holds are lifted on S. 1499, the American Small Business Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2001. I want to make sure that my colleagues are aware of what I am doing and why.

As I just mentioned, my actions have everything to do with emergency assistance for small businesses. They are literally dying in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11. They badly need access to affordable financing and management counseling until business returns to normal, and the administration's approach is not adequately helping those who need it.

Senator BOND and I introduced S. 1499 on October 4 to address the needs of small businesses trying to hold on in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. For almost 2 months, emergency legislation with 63 sponsors has been