

Secretary of Transportation, coming from the White House, I guess. But I still think it is a setback for the country. I hope others know it as well.

NATALEE HOLLOWAY

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss an issue that has troubled me for many months, and that is the disappearance of an Alabama teenager, Natalee Holloway, from the island of Aruba. Most people have heard about this. It has been in the news for months.

More than 5 months ago, on the early morning of May 30, Natalee Holloway disappeared from the island of Aruba. Since the start of the investigation into Natalee's disappearance, I, along with others, have been deeply troubled by the process that has taken place in Aruba. From the outset, there has been miscommunication and misinformation from the Aruban Government. The investigation has been plagued by inconsistencies and conflicting information, calling the integrity of the investigation itself into question. Since Natalee's disappearance, a number of suspects have been arrested, detained, and released without the benefit of any substantive information regarding her disappearance.

I have made no secret of my concern regarding the handling of this case and the careless and inappropriate manner in which it appears the evidence has been handled. Nevertheless, I continue to believe that without the will of Natalee Holloway's mother, Beth Twitty, Natalee's disappearance would not have received the level of scrutiny in Aruba and around the world we have witnessed.

It is disturbing that so many months have passed with no clear answers regarding the circumstances surrounding Natalee's disappearance. To that end, I joined Alabama GOV Bob Riley and others yesterday to call for a boycott of Aruba. Today, I call upon my colleagues to join me in that call.

I understand this is a drastic measure, but I believe that we as Americans, along with others around the world, should carefully weigh our travel options until the Government of Aruba exhibits a good-faith effort to solve this case.

For the safety, security, and well-being of our citizens, I do not believe we can trust that we will be protected while in Aruba. Quite frankly, if this can happen to Natalee Holloway, a teenager from my home State of Alabama, it could happen to any of us. That is why I believe a boycott is the answer. I hope the American people, when they think of traveling to the Caribbean this winter, will look at other options.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT JASON A. FEGLER

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of

U.S. Army SSG Jason A. Fegler. Staff Sergeant Fegler died November 4 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 24 years old.

Staff Sergeant Fegler grew up in rural Banner County, NE, and graduated from Banner County High School in 1999. He served more than 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps before recently transferring to the U.S. Army. He had hopes of joining the Army's Special Forces. Staff Sergeant Fegler was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY. Staff Sergeant Fegler will be remembered as a loyal soldier who had a strong sense of duty, honor, and love of country. Thousands of brave Americans like Staff Sergeant Jason Fegler are currently serving in Iraq.

Staff Sergeant Fegler is survived by his wife, Shianne, who is in the U.S. Navy, and their son, Aiden, 2, of Virginia Beach, VA. He is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Rita and Eugene Snyder of Harrisburg, NE; and father, Jim Fegler of Sierra Vista, AZ. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time. America is proud of Staff Sergeant Fegler's heroic service and mourns his loss.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring SSG Jason A. Fegler.

CAPTAIN JOEL CAHILL

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of U.S. Army CPT Joel Cahill. Captain Cahill died of wounds suffered on November 6, while on patrol in Ad Dawr, Iraq. He was 34 years old.

Captain Cahill graduated in 1989 from Papillion-La Vista High School in Nebraska. Captain Cahill graduated magna cum laude in 1999 from the University of Nebraska-Omaha, where he was a member of the ROTC program. He was a 15-year military veteran and in the midst of his fourth tour of combat duty, having served one tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan. In 1998, he was awarded the Soldier's Medal for selfless action in a noncombat situation. A live grenade accidentally landed next to Captain Cahill's men during training at Fort A.P. Hill, VA. Captain Cahill grabbed the grenade and hurled it out of harm's way, saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. Captain Cahill was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA. Captain Cahill will be remembered as a loyal soldier who had a strong sense of duty, honor, and love of country. Thousands of brave Americans like CPT Joel Cahill are currently serving in Iraq.

Captain Cahill is survived by his wife, Mary, a U.S. Army nurse, and their two children, Faith, 4, and Brenna, 3, of Columbus, GA. He is also survived by his mother and father, Barbara and Larry Cahill of Gretna, NE; sister, Erin Christensen; and brothers Larry Jr., Randy and Jason. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time. America is proud of

Captain Cahill's heroic service and mourns his loss.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring CPT Joel Cahill.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, on November 1, the Committee on Foreign Relations conducted a business meeting to consider several matters.

The motion to report the nomination of Roland Arnall to be U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands failed on a 9-to-9 tie. The chairman then ruled that the nomination was ordered reported by an 8-to-2 vote, which reflected the vote of those physically present.

With all respect to my friend and chairman, Senator LUGAR, I disagree with his ruling, which negated the proxy votes cast by me and several of my colleagues; I believe it to be inconsistent with the rules of the Committee on Foreign Relations. So that the record of the proceedings at the meeting will be available to all members, I ask unanimous consent that the relevant portion of the transcript of that meeting be printed in the RECORD.

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

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, U.S. SENATE NOVEMBER 1, 2005

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:32 p.m. in Room S-116, The Capitol, Hon. RICHARD G. LUGAR [chairman] presiding.

Present: Senators LUGAR [presiding], HAGEL, CHAFEE, ALLEN, COLEMAN, VOINOVICH, ALEXANDER, SUNUNU, MURKOWSKI, and SARBANES.

Senator SARBANES. First of all, on the point about filing lawsuits to delay the nomination, there are a number of individual suits that have been brought regarding some of these matters. I don't premise the position I'm taking on that.

I think in effect a screening process has been done by the State attorneys general, and therefore I think it raises the issue to a much higher level, that these State attorney generals are considering bringing charges in this instance.

Mr. Arnall asserts that his motto is to do the right thing. That's what we're trying to get him to do in this instance. He owns this company. It's privately held. We had testimony from people that were at the company telling about how intimately he was in its activities, how much he's essential to the sort of direction and the drive, the vitality of the company.

He does have an impressive life story and I alluded to that in the course of the hearing and said as much.

But you've got a real problem here in terms of these practices, and Mr. Arnall ought to resolve this matter in my opinion before he goes off to the Netherlands in order to assume this ambassadorship.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the committee will now vote on the nomination. I will ask the Clerk to call the roll.

Ms. OURSLER. Mr. Hagel.
Senator HAGEL. No.
Ms. OURSLER. Mr. Chafee.
Senator CHAFEE. Aye.
Ms. OURSLER. Mr. Allen.
Senator CHAFEE. Aye.