Mr. President, when I went to work in the Washington

office of then-Senator Walter Mondale from Minnesota as a young,

beginning legislative assistant in 1975, Al Eisele was a Washington

correspondent for the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press, Duluth

Herald and News-Tribune, and other Knight-Ridder newspapers. In 1976,

after Senator Mondale was elected as Jimmy Carter's Vice President, he

named Mr. Eisele as his press secretary and senior adviser, a position

that Mr. Eisele held for the next 4 years.

``He previously covered me as a Washington correspondent for

Minnesota newspapers during my 11 years in the Senate, so I obviously

know him well,'' Senator Mondale later explained. ``He was one of the

most well-respected and knowledgeable reporters in Washington, with a

reputation for even-handedness, incisive reporting, and personal

integrity, which is why I asked him to join my staff.''

After the Carter-Mondale administration, Mr. Eisele helped found the

Center for National Policy in Washington; was a fellow at the Institute

of Politics at Harvard; served as an assistant to Mr. William C.

Norris, the founder and chief executive officer of Control Data

Corporation in Minnesota; and started his own literary agency and

international consulting firm, Cornerstone Associates.

For the past 10 1/2 years, this native Minnesotan has been

instrumental in the success of The Hill, a nonpartisan, nonideological

newspaper covering Congress, that he helped found. Indeed, the April

27, 2005, issue of The Hill includes the 500th column Mr. Eisele has

written since the newspaper's inaugural issue of September 21, 1994. In

addition, he has acted as a mentor for more than 50 young journalists

whom he helped train and who now work for many major newspapers,

magazines, and broadcast organizations.

Last month, Mr. Eisele traveled to Iraq to get, as he wrote, ``a

firsthand look at what the American military is up against in this

greatest projection of American power since Vietnam.''

With his customary dedication, he did not just visit Iraq; rather, he

traveled throughout the country for 10 days and interviewed everyone,

from generals to privates, high-ranking Iraqi officials to ordinary

citizens, visiting Members of Congress, fellow journalists covering the

war, and private contractors involved in rebuilding Iraq's

infrastructure.

His subsequent articles and columns in The Hill provided many

compelling accounts of personal realities there, as well as very

valuable insights.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that those articles be printed

in the Record.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in

the Record, as follows: