

REIMPORTATION OF FDA-
APPROVED PHARMACEUTICALS**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal matter I was unable to be present for roll-call votes last week. I particularly regret not being in attendance for the votes on the amendments to the Agriculture Appropriations bills offered by the gentleman from Vermont (Roll Call no. 216) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Roll Call no. 217) dealing with the reimportation of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. I would have enthusiastically supported both amendments had I been able to be here last week and I was quite disappointed to see the gentleman from Vermont's amendment rejected and pleased to see the gentleman from Minnesota's amendment accepted by this body.

I appreciate the opportunity to explain why I supported these amendments. As my colleagues are aware, many Americans are concerned about the high cost of prescription drugs. These high prices particularly affect low-income senior citizens because many seniors have a greater than average need for prescription drugs and lower than average income. One of the reasons prescription drug prices are high is government policies which give a few powerful companies a monopoly position in the prescription drug market, such as those restricting the importation of quality pharmaceuticals. Therefore, all members of Congress who are serious about lowering prescription drug prices should have supported these amendments.

As a representative of an area near the Texas-Mexican border I often hear from angry constituents who cannot purchase inexpensive quality imported pharmaceuticals in their local drug store. Some of these constituents regularly travel to Mexico on their own to purchase pharmaceuticals.

Opponents of the amendments offered by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota waged a hysterical campaign to convince members that this amendment will result in consumers purchasing unsafe products. Acceptance of this argument requires one to assume that consumers will buy cheap pharmaceuticals without taking any efforts to ensure that they are buying a quality product. However, the experience of my constituents who are currently traveling to Mexico to purchase prescription drugs shows that consumers are quite capable of ensuring they purchase safe products without interference from Big "Mother."

Furthermore, if the supporters of the status quo were truly concerned about promoting health, instead of protecting the special privileges of powerful companies, they would be more concerned with reforming the current policies which endanger health by artificially raising the cost of prescription drugs. Oftentimes lower income Americans will take less of a prescription medicine than necessary to save money. Some senior citizens even forgo other necessities, including food, in order to afford their medications. By reducing the prices of pharmaceuticals this amendment will help ensure no child has to take less than the recommended dosage of a prescription medi-

cine and no senior has to choose between medication and food.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I once again wish to express my regret for missing the votes on the amendments by the gentlemen from Vermont and Minnesota and urge my colleagues to show they are serious about lowering the prices of prescription drugs and that they trust the people to do what is in their best interest, by supporting future efforts to establish a true free market in pharmaceuticals.

HONORING RON MADSEN, DIRECTOR,
PROVO CITY ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT**HON. CHRIS CANNON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the work of Ron Madsen, a dedicated public servant who has been Provo City's Economic Redevelopment Director. Ron Madsen has spent the last thirty years working for the City of Provo, and has been an integral part of Provo's downtown revitalization efforts. On July 13 Ron Madsen will retire from the City of Provo, and his absence will be sorely missed.

Mr. Madsen began working with Provo City in August 1971 as a Planning Aide, and was promoted to Redevelopment Agency Manager in July 1973. He also worked as Housing and Redevelopment Manager from 1975 to 1983. Since 1983 he has been Provo's Economic Redevelopment Director.

Throughout his career, Mr. Madsen has worked in a tireless and selfless manner to preserve the character of Provo while at the same time encouraging balanced economic growth. Some of the projects he has worked on include developing Provo City's Historic Downtown into the central point in Utah County for government and legal services, as well as prime office space, and working to bring NuSkin, Inc. international headquarters to downtown Provo. Perhaps the pinnacle of Ron Madsen's career was the development of the East Bay Retail and Business Park. Mr. Madsen succeeded in securing millions of dollars in federal funds that were crucial to completing this premiere business park. The establishment of the East Bay Business Park resulted in key national businesses relocating to Provo, such as Novell, Inc.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Madsen was well known for his integrity and civility in working with his peers. I am also told that like that great American Cowboy Humorist Will Rogers, Mr. Madsen had a wry, genial common sense that was enjoyed by all who worked with him.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ron Madsen for his dedicated service to the City of Provo. I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE
MARCY MORRISON**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Colorado State Representative Marcy Morrison for her tireless efforts in improving health care for all Coloradans. This week, the American Medical Association is presenting Rep. Morrison with a Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, Member of a State Legislature, for her significant achievements in advancing public health.

Throughout her two-decade career, Marcy has fought to help Coloradans gain greater access to health care. Her efforts include passing legislation to provide health insurance parity for mental health, to guarantee 48 hour extended hospital stays for maternity care, and to make it possible for children up to five years old to receive speech therapy and physical therapy each year for development delay. In addition, Marcy has helped form a task to evaluate the management of chronic intractable pain in Colorado and she served on the Legislative Task Force on Health Care.

When I served with Marcy in the State Legislature, I always admired her for her courage and tenacity. Nearly every piece of major health care legislation that passed the General Assembly and went on to become law had Marcy's mark on it. Coloradans owe a great deal of thanks to Rep. Morrison for helping us get the health care services we need and for helping us stay healthier and happier longer.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I honor Rep. Marcy Morrison and congratulate her for being the recipient of this prestigious award. I hope that her efforts thus far are only the tip of the iceberg.

HONORING STANLEY LATHEN, SR.

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Stanley Lathen, Sr., on the occasion of his being honored for his lifelong commitment to labor by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 373R.

President Emeritus Stanley Lathen Sr., was born on April 30, 1908, in the territory of Arizona. His family moved to Lake County soon after his birth and then relocated to Marin County, where he was raised and educated. Stanley served an apprenticeship under the program of the Plasterers and Cement Masons Union in Marin County as a teenager. While working as a mason, he moved to Vallejo in the early 1930's.

Always active in labor affairs, Stanley assisted in the re-organization of the Solano County Building Trade Council. Stanley served as Chairman of the Building Codes Committee for the revision of city building codes and the establishing of building codes in Solano County. He also served as the first Chairman of a

county Apprentice Training Program (prior to the formation of a State training program).

In October 1941, Stanley accepted an executive position with the Retail Store Employees Union No. 373, and was later elected Executive-Manager and Treasurer of Local 373, a position he held for 27 years.

Stanley was instrumental in establishing the Local's first health insurance plan and acted as the plan's administrator for many years before the formation of its Trust Funds. He later served with distinction as Trustee and Chairman of the Local's Health Insurance/Pension and Drug Trust Funds.

President Lathen served a term as President of Solano County's Central Labor Council in 1946 and he also served as Vice President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, as a representative of District 12 (Solano, Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties) for 13 years.

Stanley was also very involved in local civic affairs serving on the Solano County Grand Jury, Chairman of the March of Dimes, member of the first Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, as well as serving on the boards of the YMCA, Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Crusade.

California Governor Earl Warren selected President Lathen to serve as the chairman of the Solano County committee to explore the possibilities of a statewide health plan. Due to strong opposition from the Solano County Medical Society and other such organizations across the state, the state health plan never got off the ground.

On January 1, 1968, at the age of 60, Stanley Lathen ended his distinguished career as Executive Manager (President) of Local 373. When he assumed office in 1941 there were 105 members; today the union has over 1,800 members.

Stanley and his wife of 45 years, Bernice, are enjoying the retired life, sharing good times with their five children and six grandchildren.

On May 16, 1997, San Francisco State University entered President Emeritus Stanley Lathen's history as a Vallejo Labor and Civic Leader permanently into the records at the Labor Archives and Research Center. On January 13, 1998, President Linda Russell, the officers and members of Local 373R, honored President Lathen by naming the Local Union Hall's board room the Stanley Lathen Board Room. Later that year, Local 373R named its annual scholarship golf tournament in his honor, The Stanley Lathen Scholarship Golf Tournament.

We salute President Emeritus Stanley Lathen Sr. for all the good that he has done for working men and women, union members and the citizens of Vallejo, Solano County, the state and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERICH
SEEHAFFER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Erich Seehafer for his 23 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

Hired by the Doorkeeper's Office in April 1978, Erich began as a Congressional liaison for the House Publications Distribution Service. In addition to orienting new members and their staffers to available services, he was responsible for allotment and distribution of various books and publications to all House Members.

In 1991 he was selected to be part of the new mail list processing office. This role was an ideal opportunity for a detailed-oriented person like Erich to serve the House Members by processing and expediting their mass mailing requests. Erich has processed over 6,000 mailing lists totaling over 350 million addresses without error.

Born at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC on July 23, 1951, Erich is the son of Erich Seehafer Sr. and Charlotte Hennessy Seehafer. He has three sisters, a wife of sixteen years, one stepson and two grandsons. He and his wife have resided in Waldorf, Maryland since 1985.

A motorcycle accident in 1970 resulted in a spinal cord injury that left Erich a paraplegic. Erich's determination and cheerful outlook have endeared him to many in the Hill community. His sense of humor has always been a welcome asset to all who have worked with him.

A musician of thirty-five years, Erich has played music in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is looking forward to traveling around playing music again with the extra time he will endure during his retirement. We wish him well and a long happy retirement.

I submit the following for the RECORD.

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
Washington, DC, June 29, 2001.

Hon. STENY HOYER.
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HOYER: Thank you for taking the time to include this in your extension of remarks to recognize Erich Seehafer for his 23 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives. Erich plans to retire on July 30, 2001. Listed below is some background information on Erich that describes his dedicated working experience for the United States House of Representatives as well as his personal background.

Hired by the Doorkeeper's office in April 1978, Erich began as Congressional Liaison for the House Publications Distribution Service. In addition to orienting new Members and their Staffs to available services, he was responsible for allotment and distribution of various books and publications to all House Members. Job Consolidation in 1986 added responsibilities associated with the newly implemented computer based inventory system.

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We all will miss Erich and wish him a long, happy, retirement.

Sincerely,

POSTAL OPERATIONS STAFF,
The Staff of Postal Operations,
Mail List Processing.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF MARGARET L. HUNT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in both celebration and sadness to commemorate the retirement of Margaret L. Hunt, senior citizens advocate extraordinaire, from Toledo, Ohio. A pioneer in the Toledo area senior citizens' movement, Margaret takes with her 45 years of experience in senior services.

Born in Kentucky, Margaret has been a Toledoan since the age of two. She has lived in South Toledo, graduating from Libbey High School and raising a family. She and her husband, Daniel, to whom she was married for more than fifty years, have four children: Rebecca, Nancy, Margaret, and Daniel. Margaret is also grandmother to eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Margaret got her start in Toledo area services while a young mother. Even while she was employed by a local bakery, she helped to establish Teen Town in Highland Park, working with the City of Toledo's Parks & Recreation Department. During that time it became apparent that although Toledo actively developed programs for young people, the same could not be said for older Toledoans. Margaret was charged with the task of developing and implementing such programming. She started by promoting the formation of neighborhood social clubs that met regularly in park shelter houses. Prior to the days of the Older Americans Act and thus with no kind of senior nutrition program available, Margaret took the creative approach of encouraging weekly potluck luncheons. While enjoying each other's camaraderie and a hot meal, the seniors participated in games and crafts and planned outings. Soon this very successful program was expanded into local senior housing complexes. These groups were the precursor of the modern senior centers. In fact, Margaret was instrumental in the establishment of Toledo's first senior center, Senior Centers Inc.

In 1981, when the idea of senior centers was still in its infancy and there were just a few beginning locally, Margaret took on the task of growing a center in native South Toledo. The South Toledo Senior Center was born in August of that year, with Margaret at the helm as Executive Director. In the twenty