

Nevertheless, I think that we are all subject to this kind of harassment from time to time, but I did want the RECORD to note the circumstances surrounding this particular event.

As a consequence, Mr. President, of allegations concerning private holdings that I have had in various resource companies that I have held for a number of years—some for as many as 40 years have been held in my family—and criticism associated with that, when I first came to this body I declared all my personal holdings.

There was criticism from some that I should sell those holdings because I did have small amounts in organizations such as Chevron Corp., James River, Louisiana Pacific, RTZ, Champion International.

Then I moved the shares into a blind trust, Mr. President, and moved my assets into a blind trust. Then I was criticized for hiding my assets.

Again, after a short period of time, having placed my assets in a blind trust, I released them and have publicly disclosed all of them ever since.

As a consequence, Mr. President, I have absolutely nothing to hide about my personal investments. I try to invest in my home State of Alaska, developing resources and creating jobs. I think that is probably the best evidence of my commitment to my State of Alaska.

All my interests are disclosed publicly, and the fact that a producer from "A Current Affair" thinks they bear some kind of additional public disclosure, why, they are certainly welcome to that conclusion.

The bottom line, evidently, Mr. President, is that "A Current Affair" intends to do some kind of exposé on logging in my State. I have had my press secretary cooperating with them, giving them the names of knowledgeable people in Alaska and Sitka, Ketchikan that they can contact with regard to the specifics of any question regarding logging in our State on public lands.

Mr. President, for the RECORD I supply a statement from my broker to be printed in the RECORD dated July 20, 1995, verifying the following securities were sold on July 17, 1995, covering Champion International, Chevron Corp., James River, Louisiana Pacific, and RTZ. The value of those stocks at the time they were sold was \$57,272.89.

I also ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD that these stock holdings were sold 4 days prior to the introduction of legislation covering the Southeast Alaska Jobs and Community Protection Act which proposes to expand the timber harvest in the Tongass National Forest. These were done prior to any substantive action occurring on the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil exploration development or before my committee, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, subsequently took up the debate on the mining reform legislation.

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

LEGG MASON WOOD WALKER, INC.,
Alexandria, VA, July 20, 1995.

Re Account number, name of Frank H. Murkowski and Nancy G. Murkowski.

Senator FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
Washington DC.

DEAR SENATOR MURKOWSKI: This is to verify that the following securities were sold on July 17, 1995 from the above account.

Security	Shares	Amount
Champion Intl Corp	100	\$5,638.30
Chevron Corp	324	15,307.79
James River Corp	395	10,532.13
Louisiana Pacific	750	20,068.87
RTZ Corp PLC ADR	100	5,725.80
Total		57,272.89

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE D. BERBERIAN,
Vice President, Investments Retirement
Plan Consultant.

MURKOWSKI VERIFIES HE SOLD ALL NATURAL
RESOURCE STOCKHOLDINGS BEFORE INTRO-
DUCING TONGASS BILL

WASHINGTON.—In response to a request from one of the tabloid TV programs, A Current Affair, Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski today released proof that as he announced more than a month ago, that he had sold all of his stock in natural resource firms before introducing forestry-related legislation concerning the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska.

Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, July 17 sold all of his stock holdings in five companies that deal with natural resource issues: one energy company, three timber-related companies, (only one having operations in Alaska) and one mining company. The sale came four days before Murkowski introduced the Southeast Alaska Jobs and Community Protection Act and before any substantive action occurred on either opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil exploration/development or before his committee substantively took up debate of mining reform legislation.

"I've never been asked before in a cordial fashion whether I sold my stock in all these companies. Since I have now been asked, the answer is yes I did months ago to prevent ridiculous media speculation from interfering with substantive debate over a number of vital national resource policy issues," said Murkowski.

"Normally I would follow proper Senate procedures and not unveil my stock transactions, until my annual May financial disclosure statement. But given the level of unresearched and incorrect media reports this summer, it probably is better to release this information now," said Murkowski, who added that these sales in no way lessen his commitment to invest in Alaska-related firms whenever possible.

"My goal still is to invest in companies that provide jobs and make investments in Alaska. That is what I can do as an individual to help Alaska's economy and the creation of jobs which always has been my guiding investment principle," said Murkowski.

Murkowski has responded repeatedly through his press office to a producer from the program A Current Affair giving them the appropriate contacts in Alaska so they can gain factual comments on the Tongass. The Senator announced in Sitka Aug. 12 and Ketchikan Aug. 13 that he had disposed of some stock. Today, Murkowski released to the public the same information he gave to the program to confirm that the sales took

place before he introduced the Tongass legislation.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. To make a long story short, Mr. President, I no longer hold any resource development-type stocks in my personal portfolio and feel that I have acted appropriately with regard to full disclosure on my personal assets. I believe that there is no conflict of any kind other than the effort to proceed with responsible development in my State of Alaska relative to jobs, the economy, and the economic contribution Alaska can make as a resource-rich State to our overall economy in this Nation.

I am proud of my personal efforts to abide by the Senate rules and the rules of disclosure. Again, I somewhat resent being ambushed on my way to work last Tuesday.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be rescinded. I will speak as in morning business for 4 or 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REIMBURSING MEMBERS' COSTS AT CHARITABLE EVENTS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, sometimes this body resembles, at least to me, perhaps "The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight." Let me share an example from Alaska relating to Senate passage of new restrictions on the acceptance of gifts by Senators, which was recently adopted by this body.

In crafting this new rule, we were certainly shooting at the Senate's past practices, where some Members inappropriately did accept gifts from lobbyists. Unfortunately, the target that we actually hit with our shots were the charities that had committed absolutely no wrongdoings, unless trying to raise money from time to time for the needy is now, somehow, inappropriate in this body.

First, let me make it clear that I fully support the new rule limiting gifts to Senators from any one source to \$100 and making all gifts over \$10—whether they be lunch or a fruit basket—count against the limit. Through that limit, the Senate has gone a long way to end the public perception that lawmakers give special favors to those who take us to lunch or take us to dinner or whatever.

But the new rule contains a glaring inconsistency and a level of hypocrisy that leaves a sour taste in my mouth. The chief problem is that under the measure we now have adopted, private parties would not be able to reimburse Members for the costs of transportation and lodging to a charitable event. But Senators still would be permitted to be privately reimbursed if

they travel to a fundraising event, in Hollywood or San Francisco or Florida, for another Senator, and they could receive reimbursement for lodging—a clear inconsistency. We cannot do it for charity; but we can do it for politics.

Some suggest that politics is our business and that is why we should be allowed to continue to do it. But charity is also a worthy cause. Every Senator has, at one time or another, made a campaign appearance for his party or another member of his party. But the Senate now has created a system where politicians can travel all over this country attending political fundraisers and be reimbursed for travel and lodging but cannot be reimbursed for participating in charity events. This means the Senator can accept travel, lodging and dinner in some plush spot, elbow to elbow, on occasion, perhaps, with lobbyists, if he or she is raising money for a political group but cannot be reimbursed for participation in a charity event.

The source of funds for both charity and political events is often the same, donations of lobbyists and political action committees. The irony is that inside the beltway, charities still will be able to encourage the participation of business executives with the presence of Senators as a lure, but the charities in the distant States such as mine, in Alaska, will be shut out of the means to raise funds for worthy causes such as breast cancer detection screening.

Last year my wife, Nancy, and I were the honorary chairs of a charity fishing tournament held outside Ketchikan, AK. The tournament raised \$150,000 for the Breast Cancer Detection Center of Fairbanks. Money for the center was used to pay for a new mammography machine. The center, founded in 1976 by my wife and a group of Fairbanks women, provides free or reduced-cost breast cancer examination for about 2,200 women a year on average. Over the years, women from 81 Alaska villages have benefited from these tests.

This year, we proceeded with a second event at a place called Waterfall, near Ketchikan. We raised approximately \$210,000 and were able to give the Breast Cancer Detection Center of Alaska \$200,000 to allow them to order a mobile mammogram unit, which will be traversing the highways of Alaska next spring. It will be able to be utilized on the ferry systems and by barge systems and will be brought into the remote villages. This is a van, equipped with a mammography machine. It will also be able to be transported by the Air National Guard into some of the 220 rural villages in my State.

This unit is going to be vital to preserve the health of Alaska's women, including many Native women. I might add, the State's breast cancer mortality is the second highest in the Nation. One in eight Alaska women will develop breast cancer, with about 50 a year dying from that disease. Breast cancer screening can reduce this rate by some 30 percent.

My clear preference would have been to allow Senators to continue to come to this charity event, events approved previously by the Senate Ethics Committee to guarantee that they were legitimate charities. It seems to me, when Congress attacks charity events while leaving big loopholes for political travel, it simply puts us all in the bull's eye, furthering the public's growing skepticism toward public officials.

The gift rule and related lobbying reform legislation that the Senate has approved overall are certainly good steps to restore public confidence in the Senate and Congress. But why shoot down legitimate charities? Mr. President, that is just what we have done.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

I thank my colleague for allowing me this extra time.

TRIBUTE TO FAYE BROWN

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to commend and congratulate Faye Brown, who will be retiring from the bankruptcy administrator's office in Birmingham at the end of this month. She has been a fixture at the bankruptcy court and administrator's office for many years.

Faye graduated from Dale County High School in Ozark, AL; in 1950 and attended Howard College, now Samford University, graduating in 1954. From 1966 to 1971, she served as the personal secretary to Judge Robert S. Vance. In 1972, she was appointed deputy clerk for the bankruptcy court.

From 1979 to 1985, Faye was the secretary to Judge Stephen B. Coleman, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama. In 1985, after Judge Coleman's retirement, she became the asset closing clerk for the bankruptcy clerk's office, serving there for the next 7 years. In 1992, she obtained her current position and the one from which she is retiring this month, that of bankruptcy analyst.

Faye Brown has done an outstanding job over the many years of her career. In many ways, she is the institutional memory of her office, and knows the in's and out's of the bankruptcy court as well as anyone, and her expertise and dedication will be sorely missed. I congratulate her for a job well done and wish her all the best for a long, healthy, and happy retirement. It is surely well-earned.

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, on Friday, I joined with the Members of this body, and with all the citizens of our Nation, in commemorating the American service members who are missing in action and whose fates yet remain unknown.

Our Nation honored those who are missing, both for their service and for their sacrifice.

We acknowledged the shared loss inflicted upon all of us when young men

and women are sent to war and do not return to us. We expressed our understanding of the terrible frustration, and, yes, even the anger, energized in us by the fact that the fates of those American service members remain unknown.

We restated our sacred obligation to take every reasonable step to obtain the fullest possible accounting for those still missing.

We endorsed anew our national commitment to recover and identify the remains of the honored dead.

Yes, it is so important to honor our missing service members. And it is necessary to ever remember our obligations, both to them and to their families.

Yet it is also important to acknowledge that there are practical and realistic limits to what can ever be learned. There are mysteries that will remain forever unsolved in this world.

We do our Nation's service members no justice if we fail to take every single reasonable step to recover them when they are lost from our midst. But we do them no honor—yes, we even dishonor them—if we are to allow their loss to become an albatross forever about the necks of our caring countrymen.

Mr. President, Friday our Nation paused to commemorate our missing in action, including members of my own family in World War II. Today, and every day, we must remember their service and their sacrifice. And today, and every day, our Nation can continue to honor them by ensuring that America remains wholly committed, at home and abroad, to the freedoms they fought to preserve forever.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the impression will not go away: The \$4.9 trillion Federal debt stands today as a sort of grotesque parallel to television's energizer bunny that appears and appears and appears in precisely the same way that the Federal debt keeps going up and up and up.

Politicians like to talk a good game—and "talk" is the operative word—about reducing the Federal deficit and bringing the Federal debt under control. But watch how they vote. Control, Mr. President. As of Friday, September 15, at the close of business, the total Federal debt stood at exactly \$4,962,989,568,088.23 or \$18,839.59 per man, woman, child on a per capita basis. *Res ipsa loquitur*.

Some control, isn't it?

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, is the lead time reserved?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH ANN KOMAREK

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a valued member of my staff whose length of service to me