

Like many of my colleagues, I voted for the original emergency timber salvage provisions because I believe that salvage logging, when used properly, can be an important tool in forest management. Unfortunately, I am disappointed with the implementation of the law and have come to realize it was too broadly written.

I am concerned that waiving the environmental laws that would ordinarily apply to timber sales increases the strain timber, in general, have on the environment.

I am also concerned that there may not be the economic benefits to salvage sales that we had hoped. While I understand it is the environmental regulations and analyses that are blamed for much of the added costs to timber sales, and that by waiving these requirements the sales will be more economical, I am concerned that taxpayers will still lose money on the sales.

For these reasons, I would have voted for the Furse amendment to the Interior appropriations bill.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE CHIEF JOE
SULLIVAN OF FERNDALE, MI

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, Police Chief Joe Sullivan of Ferndale, MI will retire on June 30, 1996 after almost 27 years with the Ferndale Police Department.

Joe Sullivan has been an exceptional law enforcement officer. From his early days as a patrolman, as the youngest captain in the history of the Ferndale Police Department and finally to his service as chief of police, he has had a distinguished and rewarding career.

His approach toward law enforcement is rooted in his family, his commitment to community and respect for his colleagues. Joe Sullivan's career in law enforcement has spanned three decades—an era of major change in the nature of law enforcement. The problems experienced in our communities have intensified and have become more complex. They have required new techniques. Joe Sullivan has been successful because he has been a leader in combining sophisticated new methods with some old-fashion, community-based methods.

It has been my pleasure to know Joe Sullivan and to work closely with him on a variety of efforts. 1994, Joe Sullivan spent time helping to provide me the hands of knowledge I needed to make the anti-crime bill more effective for local communities. We worked together, with other chiefs of police in the 12th District and with Attorney General Janet Reno to strengthen the community policing provisions of the bill by allowing communities to work together in multijurisdictional tasks forces. It was an idea sparked by Joe Sullivan and his colleagues and because of them it is law. I was honored to have Joe Sullivan join me for the White House ceremony where President Clinton signed the legislation into law.

Joe Sullivan is a person who combines a direct, no-nonsense approach with a sensitivity to others. He will tell you what's on his mind, while listening to the views of others. And he

speaks passionately about what local law enforcement needs to be successful.

Joe Sullivan has won 17 commendations during his career on the Ferndale Police Force. One such distinction emanated from his work as commander of a SWAT intervention that terminated a dangerous hostage situation in 1984.

Joe Sullivan was born and raised in Ferndale. He is a husband of 30 years, a father of two and a grandfather of four. His strong family values are rooted in his Irish heritage.

Joe Sullivan has given his adult career to the safety and security of the citizens of Ferndale. I join them in paying tribute to Joe Sullivan and wishing him health and happiness in his much deserved retirement. Many thanks, Joe, for all of your efforts on our behalf.

CITIZENS CELEBRATE FIRST
WARD COMMUNITY CENTER,
FWCC OLD TIMERS CLUB

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, how well a community does is directly related to the willingness of its people to commit themselves to making their community better. The first ward of Saginaw, MI, has benefited from the commitment of its citizens who, later this week, will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the First Ward Community Center, and the 50th anniversary of the First Ward Old Timers Club.

More than 60 years ago, a community center was begun at 1013 North 6th Street to improve the neighborhood. Everyone in the community was invited to join in programs that were offered to help individuals, and through that make the first ward as good as it could be. Sixty years ago the center became part of the Welfare League, which predated United Way of Saginaw. In 1944, hands were joined across the community to make a human chain to move two old barracks to the center's current location at 1410 North 12th Street.

Over these many years of making the first ward better and better, the center has offered programs in adult counseling, recreation, preschooling, athletic activities, classroom and library facilities, and many, many memorable moments for the thousands of people who used the First Ward Community Center even just once.

The center has been broadly supported by the community, but not more strongly than by the Old Timers Club, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This wonderful group worked to provide support for the center to help the youth of the community. They have done so since their first picnic for youth in 1946, through the annualization of this event, and through the operation of a bingo for the center. The countless and invaluable hours of volunteer service to the center were vital in the growth of the First Ward Community Center and its positive impact on the neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, when people ask for examples of where local commitment, constant probing for new solutions to problems, and devotion to higher ideals exist, tell them to look no further than the First Ward Community Center and the First Ward Community Center Old Timers

Club of Saginaw, MI. For 60 years the First Ward Community Center has had a positive impact on Saginaw neighborhoods which continues today under the capable leadership of Charles Braddock, executive director, and the board of dedicated community volunteers. I urge all of our colleagues to join me in wishing both of these excellent organizations the very best on their anniversaries, and many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO GIRL SCOUT GOLD
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to salute two outstanding young women who have been honored with the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Gold Award by the Indian Waters Girl Scout Council in Eau Claire, WI. They are Carrie Shufelt and Carrie Meyer.

They are being honored for earning the highest achievement award in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill five requirements: earn four interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award project, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for these young women, and I believe they should receive the public recognition due them for this significant service to their community and their country.

WHY CONGRESS NEEDS THE
MENTAL HEALTH BENEFIT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I know it is not fashionable to seek perks for Members of Congress, but we desperately, desperately need one—and the country would be better for it if we obtained this benefit for ourselves.

We need the mental health parity amendment, because a majority of the Members are clearly suffering from severe mental disconnect, and as an institution, we are in need of treatment.

I refer, of course, to the insanity of spending long hours trying to pass the Kennedy-Kassebaum amendment to improve health insurance coverage, while we are also about to pass Medicaid budget cuts which will effectively remove health insurance coverage from millions of Americans.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Kennedy-Kassebaum bill might help about 550,000 people a year when they switch jobs or leave a job which offers health insurance and want to buy a policy of their own. It is a nice little bill and justifiably helps many worthy people. The Medicaid budget bill, on the other hand, will probably reduce Medicaid resources by a quarter of a trillion dollars over the next 6 years, and remove the guarantee of adequate health insurance from millions of children, parents, and grandparents. Thirty-seven million low-income blind, disabled, aged, and low-income children and their families are currently covered by Medicaid. Far more people will be hurt by the Medicaid cuts than will ever be helped by the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill.

If an individual pursued two such diametrically opposed actions, we'd say he was unbalanced and should seek professional help. The Senate in Kennedy-Kassebaum adopted an amendment to provide basically equal coverage of mental and physical health. I understand that that provision is being dropped. It is unfortunate. Members of Congress could use help.

NORTEL CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a prestigious award received by a good corporate citizen in my district, Nashville, TN. The Committee on Economic Development recently honored Northern Telecom [NORTEL], a telecommunications equipment manufacturer with its domestic headquarters in my district, with the CED's first annual Corporate Citizenship Award.

I want to congratulate Donald Schuenke, chairman of NORTEL's board of directors and the over 1,000 employees NORTEL has in my district. The award salutes active involvement in the policy dialogue and a carefully considered commitment to social and community responsibility. The award recognizes the principle and values NORTEL has held throughout the 100 years it has been in business. They invest in research and development, in customer satisfaction, in the training and education of their work force, in the quality of their management and in their overall business performance. But they also have a strong and ongoing commitment to our Nation's communities.

For example, more than 50 community organizations are supported by contributions from employees of NORTEL's Nashville office. Employees there have a longstanding relationship with the students at Pennington Elementary School where they have served as tutors, judged science fairs and spelling bees, produced the school's semiannual creative writing magazine, and organized and run the school's annual field day. Moreover, NORTEL underwrites the cost of school books for disadvantaged students, provides computer training for teachers, and furnishes equipment for classroom use.

NORTEL employees work with Fisk University's Division of Business as adjunct faculty advisors and provide resources to students

preparing to enter the work force. Employees also serve as consultants to area schools in advancing technology in the classroom and the company provides computers and training.

Artistic endeavors are supported through events such as the NORTEL young musicians competition, a partnership with a school system's music education program and the Nashville Symphony to recognize outstanding young musicians. NORTEL volunteers have also turned out to build homes in their community in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, to donate blood, and to contribute food to the second harvest food bank.

My thanks to Donald Schuenke and to NORTEL CEO Jean Monty for their fine leadership and to all NORTEL employees for these and all the other many contributions they make to the State of Tennessee. Congratulations on winning this prestigious award, and I urge the corporate citizens of our country to follow your fine example.

RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT INSURANCE FRAUD ONLINE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin which has formed a unique partnership with State and Federal law enforcement agencies to help combat fraud in the insurance industry. The organizations are listing helpful information about health care fraud on Blue Cross & Blue Shield's World Wide Web site on the Internet. The site, HealthNet Connection, contains Wisconsin's first online library of free information about the State's health care system.

The company has now announced that it will join with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the State attorney general to use their Internet site to make even more information available to the public. This access can assist in ensuring that health care dollars are spent wisely by raising awareness, educating consumers, and giving them tools to help prevent insurance fraud.

Each of the participants will make available their own organization's efforts as well as a system for reporting suspected fraud. The U.S. attorney's office section will describe Federal laws and penalties, issue consumer alerts, and help for reporting suspicious incidents. The attorney general's office will outline State laws and penalties as well as how to relate potential violations. In addition, Blue Cross & Blue Shield already dispenses information to help health care providers, employers, government decisionmakers, researchers, and consumers make informed decisions about medical care.

This high-technology assistance for Wisconsin's health care consumers is an extraordinary service from the State's largest health insurer. Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin is to be commended for utilizing the information superhighway to form such a creative and useful partnership with law enforcement insurance fraud fighters.

TRIBUTE TO BETSEY SHOOBRIDGE

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 1996 the world suffered a loss and heaven enjoyed a gain. Our dear friend, Betsey Shoobridge graduated from this life.

As can be seen by the following, she was a public spirited citizen and faithful worshiper of God.

While she lived, she was like an angel. Now she is one.

[From the Indianapolis Star, June 19, 1996]

WRITER BETSEY M. SHOOBRIDGE ALSO HAD
LED UNITED WAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Services for Betsey M. Ress Shoobridge, 75, Greenfield, a writer and poet, will be at 1 p.m. June 20 in Harry W. Moore Lawrence Chapel, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. June 19. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She died June 17.

Mrs. Shoobridge worked 25 years for Walker Research, retiring in 1991.

She also had been a writer for Vital Christianity magazine, the Lawrence Journal, and had poems published in the Indianapolis Star and The Indianapolis News. She had received letters of recognition for her writing from author Somerset Maugham and comedian Red Skelton.

A longtime member of the United Way, she was past president of Indianapolis Women's United Way, a volunteer for Community Hospital, and a Democratic precinct committee-woman.

Mrs. Shoobridge, who worshiped at Bells Chapel Church of God and First Church of God, Greenfield, had been president of Women of the Church of God, a church youth leader and Sunday school teacher.

She was the widow of William J. Shoobridge.

Survivors: children William G., Janice Shoobridge, Eleanor Russell, Betsey Anne Lipps; eight grandchildren.

JAPAN PASSENGER AVIATION AGREEMENTS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, there is a vast economic potential that remains untapped today. This resource could mean millions of dollars for many cities and States. It could aid consumers, help tourism, and create jobs.

I'm talking about the untapped potential of passenger aviation between Japan and the United States. Currently flights between the two countries are restricted by agreements that severely limit the number of flights, the cities served, and the carriers that can fly between the routes.

One additional flight per day from Newark to Japan would bring almost 100,000 additional passengers to the area, with an economic impact of almost \$700 million a year. There's an easy way to unlock this potential. The Clinton administration has the key. All it has to do is begin negotiation of a comprehensive new agreement to expand United States-Japan aviation service when officials of the two countries meet in Washington later this month.