

In addition to his career accomplishments, Gene's character enriched the lives of his co-workers. His leadership at the Department inspired his colleagues to emulate his performance and good judgment. I commend Gene for his dedication, and I personally appreciate the support that he has given to me, my staff, and his fellow South Dakotans. Although Gene is retiring from the Department, I am confident that his legacy of leadership and dedication will thrive in the hearts of his colleagues and all South Dakotans who have benefited from his judicious work.

Gene McCue is a selfless man. In addition to his service to the Federal Government, Gene is the chairman of the board of directors for the Sky Ranch For Boys, a safe house for troubled and impoverished boys. As Gene embarks on this new chapter in his life, I congratulate him on a job well done, and wish him all the best.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE WILMONT SWEENEY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Wilmont Sweeney who is retiring as presiding judge of the Juvenile Division of the Alameda County Superior Court on June 1, 1996. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Judge Sweeney for his years of dedication and commitment to the welfare of the children of Alameda County, in California's 13th Congressional District.

Judge Sweeney is a long-time resident of the San Francisco Bay Area. He received his undergraduate degree in 1950 from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. After being admitted to the California Bar in 1955, he began his legal career in private practice with the firm Wilson, Metoyer, Sweeney & Broussard.

In 1974, Judge Sweeney was appointed to the Berkeley-Albany Municipal Court Bench by Governor Reagan and was elected in 1978. In 1979, Judge Sweeney was elected to the Superior Court Bench of Alameda County by Governor Brown, Jr. He was reelected to the Superior Court in 1986 and 1992. Judge Sweeney became presiding judge of the Juvenile Division of the Alameda County Superior Court in 1981.

As presiding judge, Judge Sweeney has been an inspiration to others in the field of juvenile law. He was a founding member of the Juvenile Court Judges of California. In 1992, he was the first recipient of this organization's Juvenile Judge of the Year Award. During Judge Sweeney's tenure, the Alameda County Juvenile Court developed a reputation second to none for its compassion and commitment to justice for children, their families, and the community.

Judge Sweeney has always been an active member of the community. From 1961 to 1974, he served as a member of the Berkeley City Council and from 1967 to 1974, he was the vice mayor of the city of Berkeley. He has also served on a number of committees including the Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Juvenile Court Law, the Juvenile Court

Judges of California Executive Committee, the Child Abuse Policy Board of Alameda County, and the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Judge Wilmont Sweeney for his years of dedication to the children of Alameda County and to wish him well in all of his future endeavors. He will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN CABE GIBSON'S CLASS AT R.B. STALL HIGH SCHOOL, STATE WINNERS OF THE "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION" COMPETITION

HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, high school students from across the Nation have recently visited Washington to compete in the "We the People," program. I am proud to say that South Carolina's winner is R.B. Stall High School from the First district. They were kind enough to drop by my office, and I had the opportunity to personally meet and congratulate the students, teachers, and coaches. At a time when only about one in six citizens between the ages of 18 and 24 even register to vote, it was heartening to meet so many young people who are shining examples of a new generation of leadership for our Nation.

The teacher of this winning class is Karen Cabe Gibson, who is no newcomer to success. She has produced winning classes for South Carolina all but twice since the competition began. As a result of her countless hours of dedication and with the support of fellow teachers Marshall Ward, Grace Perreault, and principal James Hampton, she once again brought out the best of a class of eager and knowledgeable minds. I trust these students will now go on in life to practice all they have learned.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to individually recognize the students from Mrs. Gibson's class: Sheri Aiken, Nahal Badiian, Richard Carawan, Allan Casanova, Dwayne Cid, Timothy Dasinger, Becky Doscher, Treva Floyd, Michael Gale, Nicole Gethers, Jeff Harvey, Kalyne Kay, Kim Kay, Michael Kay, Trent Legare, Andrew May, Carlos Medina, Jonette Mullineaux, John Pizarro, Desmond Rollins, John Sageser, Cherie Tetterton, Danielle Towns, Timothy Whaley, and Sean Womersley.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the South Carolina Bar, the Charleston County School District and the many volunteers who served as judges and timekeepers during the competition and practice. The program could not have been successful without their backing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN FRISA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. FRISA. Mr. Speaker, due to severe weather that backed up air traffic at LaGuardia

Airport, I was unavoidably detained on the runway, and thus unable to vote on repeal of the 4.3-cent increase in transportation motor fuels excise tax.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on House Resolution 436 (rollcall No. 180), "nay" on the motion to recommit H.R. 3415 (rollcall No. 181), "yea" on final passage of H.R. 3415 (rollcall No. 182). On House Concurrent Resolution 167 (rollcall No. 183), recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Thursday, May 16, 1996, and was unable to cast my vote on rollcall vote No. 179, which was the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 178, the fiscal year 1997 budget resolution. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on this rollcall. I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the RECORD immediately following rollcall vote No. 179.

OUTFOX PHONE FRAUD

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, recently we passed groundbreaking legislation that will unshackle companies and inject competition into the telecommunications industry. This competition will bring about more consumer choice, better services, and lower prices. However, in 1996, this dynamic telecommunications industry is expected to suffer from fraud surpassing \$3.7 billion.

I would like to commend the Alliance to Outfox Phone Fraud, a group of companies who have come together to educate consumers and businesses about telecommunications fraud. Big businesses are victims of phone fraud too. A recent survey of 90 businesses who were victims of toll fraud found losses ranged from a few thousand dollars to \$4 million.

Those who commit fraud don't just steal from a big telecommunications company, they also steal from you and me. We, as consumers, are forced to pay higher prices in order to make up the loss these telecommunications companies incur, when they are defrauded. If we all follow the alliances' commonsense tips, we will do our part to help outfox fraud and bring down consumer prices.

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON JENKINS, JR.

HON. CHARLES T. CANADY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to call attention to the House: Florida and the

supermarket industry have suffered a mighty loss. A great philanthropist, entrepreneur, family man and friend, George Washington Jenkins, Jr., passed away peacefully in his sleep in Lakeland, FL, April 8.

Mr. Jenkins moved to Tampa, FL, in the summer of 1925 hoping to make his fortune in the real estate boom, but instead started working in a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. It wasn't long after, in 1930, that he founded his own business—and a cornerstone to the Florida economy—Publix Super Markets.

Jenkins was revered by his peers as a genius in food retailing and under his leadership Publix grew to more than 514 supermarkets throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

But Publix is not the sole way Jenkins is remembered. It was his kindness, generosity and love for his fellow human being which won him favor in the hearts of so many. From his substantial, personal contributions to the United Way to his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America to philanthropic efforts too numerous to name, Jenkins' generosity touched the lives of thousands of people.

And he continued his service to the community through memberships in local organizations. Jenkins had been a Rotary member since 1929; he was active in chambers of commerce, the YMCA and his own local church. He was also a 33-degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a Jester.

Few people are born with the genuine, giving spirit that Jenkins embodied. His motto for his Publix team was, "Publix will be a little better place to work—or not quite as good—because of you."

Today, let us know that this world is a little better place to live in because George Jenkins was in it. We will miss him greatly.

HONORING THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEERS OF CAMERON COUNTY, PA

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retired senior volunteers of Cameron County in the Fifth District of Pennsylvania. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the 74,000 hours of service that these individuals have given to our communities.

As we celebrate Older American Month, it is fitting that we reflect on the contributions of seniors at both a local and national level. I have long believed that involvement by senior citizens in the work force adds a unique and distinctive value to each job that is performed, person that is helped, or solution that is offered.

I applaud the hard work and determination that each of these volunteers has dedicated to serving the residents of Cameron County, their efforts are an inspiration to us all. In addition, each of these individuals has paved the road for all of us who will eventually retire and in doing so continue to enhance the foundation of our communities.

Each project that they have so diligently attended to—from campgrounds to playgrounds, providing meals, making repairs, and assisting

others in need—demonstrates the depth of caring that all of the volunteers should be proud of.

It takes more than words to adequately express the difference that senior volunteers have made in the lives of so many and it is with great honor and heartfelt gratitude that I thank them for their years of kind and generous service.

SENIOR SECURITY IS THREATENED BY ANTI-DUPLICATION NOTIFICATION PROVISION IN HEALTH INSURANCE BILL

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, there once was a senior from Tupelo. Who had so many duplicative health insurance policies, she didn't know what to do!

Before 1980, this was all too often the case. Senior citizens were being sold costly health insurance policies that they were told would supplement their Medicare coverage. Instead, those policies provided them with nothing but a hole in their pocket because most of what was covered by the supplemental policy was already covered by Medicare. Thus, seniors were paying for worthless health care policies that did nothing but break the bank.

Over the past 16 years, I have helped pass laws that prohibit the sale of duplicative health insurance policies to unknowing seniors. I have also helped pass laws that require insurance companies to give prospective senior purchasers a slip of paper that lets them know that the health insurance policy they are buying duplicates some Medicare benefits.

But once again, the House Republicans have kow-towed to greedy big insurers and included a provision in their health insurance legislation which effectively tosses that slip of paper in the trash—and along with it consumer protection for our senior citizens. The Republicans want to abolish the law that requires insurance companies to notify Medicare beneficiaries before selling them insurance that duplicates any of their Medicare benefits. It seems that Republicans are happy to let big insurers duplicate benefits—and dupe our senior citizens in the process.

BACKGROUND

Sixteen years ago, the Federal Government responded to increasing evidence that senior citizens were being sold duplicative, virtually worthless health insurance policies. In 1980, Congress enacted the Baucus amendments to the Social Security Act, which established standards for MediGap, Medicare supplemental insurance, and prohibited the sale of health insurance policies which substantially duplicated Medicare benefits.

In 1990, Congress further refined the law by prohibiting the sale of health insurance that duplicates Medicare benefits. In 1994, amendments to the Social Security Act allowed the sale of duplicative policies as long as the policy paid out regardless of other coverage and as long as the buyer was made aware of the duplicative services included in the supplemental policy. This law empowered seniors, allowing them to make good health care purchasing decisions and in the process saved them money.

MOVING BACKWARDS—THE REPUBLICAN SCHEME TO PROTECT INSURANCE COMPANIES AT THE EXPENSE OF CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SENIORS

As part of the health insurance legislation, which passed the House on March 28th, Republicans slipped a provision into the bill which would no longer require insurance sales staff to let seniors know if the policy they were selling them duplicated their Medicare benefits. That is ridiculous. By eliminating this requirement, we are effectively turning back the clock to the days where seniors got ripped-off by unscrupulous salesmen right and left. Why would we want to do this to our fathers and mothers, our grandmothers and grandfathers? Apparently, the Republicans don't care if our families are taken advantage of by the insurance companies.

DUMP THE ADD-ON LANGUAGE, NOT THE CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Senate health care legislation, known as the Kassebaum-Kennedy legislation does not eliminate the consumer notification requirement. It represents good health policy by providing health insurance security for thousands more Americans without putting our seniors at risk. The House version which eliminates the notification requirement, eliminates security for our seniors by making them targets for abuse by insurance companies.

We must strike the language that eliminates consumer notice requirements. Current law protects our seniors by ensuring that potential subscribers understand that they may not need the coverage provided under the policy they are being asked to purchase. If we do not strike this language, senior citizens will look like dollar signs rather than educated consumers to insurance sales staff.

I support the Kassebaum-Kennedy version of the health care legislation currently before Congress. We cannot allow the Republicans to eliminate the consumer notification protection and put our parents and grandparents at risk. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. But in this case, seniors pay through the nose and get nothing but taken to the cleaners.

MEMORIAL DAY—A DAY OF COMMITMENT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day will soon be upon us. Through ceremonies and private contemplation, we will honor our war dead—one million, one hundred eighty thousand and ten Americans who have died since the war that gave birth to our Nation more than two centuries ago.

This custom has been a practice of all civilizations, from ancient Greece and Rome to modern day observances. I find Memorial Day to be particularly meaningful because it is a day when we set aside our everyday preoccupations to focus on the significant sacrifices made to keep our Nation strong and free.

At Memorial Day services in Arlington National Cemetery in 1982, President Reagan summed up the thoughts of his country when he said: "The willingness of some to give their lives so that others might live never fails to