

a significant difference in our efforts to engage China on all of the issues of importance to the United States.

I do not suggest that Congress cede all interest in China to the administration. Rather, Congress and the administration have to work together to deploy all of our policy and legal tools to influence Chinese behavior. It is time for the Congress to trade in the annual summer verdict on China for a more activist, longer term approach to China and the important Asia Pacific region.

The administration's intellectual property rights dispute with China is one example of United States interests working cooperatively on a specific China problem. Congress backed the administration throughout this process, and as a result we had a widely supported, justifiable response to Chinese piracy. The Chinese knew the seriousness with which the United States viewed this issue, and there is no doubt in the United States resolve. United States negotiators were invited by the Chinese back to the negotiating table, and as a result an agreement was reached. China has taken or agreed to a number of important steps to address our concerns.

These Chinese actions include the confirmed closing of 15 factories that were pirating our technologies, a sustained police crackdown in regions where piracy is rampant, and closer cooperation with United States and Hong Kong custom officials to stop these pirated exports.

I want to take this opportunity to commend Charlene Barshefsky, our acting U.S. Trade Representative, and her negotiating team. Ambassador Barshefsky, I am convinced, will be a spectacular Trade Representative, and I am anxious for the Senate to begin her confirmation process.

I believe the IPR example serves as a useful model to move our China relationship forward. Our relationship with China is our most complex and our most difficult. Our successes are hard to measure and our frustrations with them are difficult and easily recognized.

Before concluding, let me restate my purpose in speaking this morning. The United States and China are at a crucial moment in time. Our interests today and into the next century are linked. They cannot be separated or ignored. As policymakers, what we do in this Chamber will go a long way towards determining whether those shared interests coincide to the mutual benefit of the American and the Chinese people or whether those interests collide and create an adversarial relationship clouded by suspicions.

I believe we have to engage the Chinese side—on all of the issues of importance to the American people—and in the coming days I look forward to engaging my colleagues in greater discussion about the importance of United States-China relations.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. LEAHY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The Senator from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY, is recognized for the next 15 minutes.

Mr. LEAHY. I thank the Chair.

MY MOTHER, ALBA LEAHY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, 12 years ago, I stood on the Senate floor to give the most difficult speech I have ever given. I gave a eulogy to my father and a remembrance of his life. Today is also such a difficult time as I remember my mother, Alba LEAHY, and her life which ended last month.

It was an ending not really expected because while she was aging, she was of a family where so many lived well into their 90's, but it appeared that she was more ready to leave than we were ready to have her go.

So as I stand on the floor of the Senate today, I remember a trip with my mother just a matter of weeks before she died. It was one of those beautiful clear days in Vermont when our State moves from winter to spring, and even though there was snow on the ground, the sky was a bright blue and the warm Sun caused the snow to drip from the trees and the brook to run in and out through the ice beside our home.

My mother and I had driven to our farmhouse in Middlesex, VT. It was the same farmhouse that she and my father bought back when I was only 17 years old. We talked of the hundreds of friends my parents had for meals and conversation and companionship at that farm. We talked about how my wife, Marcelle, and I had our first date at that farm and our honeymoon there and how eventually the farm became Marcelle's and mine.

I still remember sitting in that living room, the mountains in the distance, and the Sun coming through the windows behind where my mother was sitting, Sun that glowed on her white hair. Then we talked, as we had occasionally during the past year, of death and dying, and I promised to give this eulogy as I had for my father when that time came, and she quickly said, "Don't make it sad. I have had a very good life except that I miss your father."

So as I prepared for today, the memories came back of the mother I knew who read to me, who stayed awake all night to care for me when I nearly died of pneumonia as a child, who baked me cookies to bring back to college, who stood with my father at my wedding, the christening of our children, through election nights, and as I took the oath of office in the Senate.

I thought of the number of times she would go to functions with me in Vermont, especially after my father died. Both of them enjoyed going to such events with me.

So at the funeral in Vermont last month, friends and family joined us at St. Augustine's Church in Montpelier, the church where my parents had been married 60 years ago. We spoke of the

many generations that were connected that day, from her Italian immigrant parents, my grandparents, who came to this great country with nothing but the faith in our Nation and their own skills, to the children and the grandchildren and the great grandchildren surviving her today.

Throughout it all, we talked of the total love of Alba and Howard Leahy and how she had mourned him since he died even as she continued the love they both had for their children and their children's children.

Her physician, Dr. David Butsch, told us of the influence she had had on him and his wife and their children and how she was one of those special people one often meets only once in a lifetime.

Her granddaughter, Theresa Leahy, told how she always turned to her grandmother for advice and encouragement—and it was always there for her even to the last day of her life. As Theresa stood on the altar and faced that congregation, it was so obvious the special bond they had.

Her grandson, Kevin Leahy, said, "My grandmother defined her life by the people who shared it with her. It was family; it was relationships; it was her friends and the friends she made into family that defined her, and it was through the stories she would tell of the people that meant so much to her that Grandma showed how much she loved so many people."

Marcelle and I had talked with her just a few hours before she died as we were actually making plans for our next time together, plans for just a few days later.

My brother John and his wife Jane, had seen her just a few days before. And my sister Mary, who gave so much of herself in caring for our mother after Dad died, was with her at the end, as she had been every time Mother had needed her.

When we left the funeral, and returned to the farm in Middlesex where my mother and I had talked of the day I would give this eulogy, it was to celebrate her life.

Her grandchildren, Theresa, Kevin, Alicia, and Mark, together with Kevin's wife, Christianna, Alicia's husband, Rob were there and we were joined by Mark's wife, Kristine, by phone. Mother's older sister, Enes and sister Anne, husband, Matt, and brother Louis and wife Myrth joined John, Jane, Mary, and Marcelle and me as we remembered with joy her life. She would have been so pleased as she saw all the people who came through the house representing friendships going back more than 50 years straight through to the present.

Stories were told of the years my parents owned and ran the Waterbury Record newspaper, how they founded and ran the Leahy Press until selling it upon retirement, of their early courtship, life at 136 State Street and Three Dover Road, Mom's volunteer stint as a State House guide after Dad died, her caring for us all with love and "good

butter and eggs" and a smile that lit the room.

And as we laughed and cried, remembered boisterously and loved silently, Kevin's words as he finished his eulogy in the church, came to me:

We are not sad today. No matter how much we may hurt, no matter how much we miss you, we are happy about and grateful for everything you showed us and for bringing so many of us together with your stories, your laughter, and your love.

Today, I remember with joy with the life of my mother.

I ask unanimous consent that two articles from the Times-Argus, in Vermont, be printed in the RECORD, and yield the floor.

There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ALBA Z. LEAHY

MONTPELIER.—Alba Zambon Leahy, 86, died May 5, 1996, in Central Vermont Hospital in Berlin.

Born in South Ryegate on Aug. 21, 1909, she was the daughter of Peter and Vincenza Zambon, and attended schools in Vermont and New Hampshire.

On June 1, 1936, she was married to Howard Francis Leahy in St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. They owned and operated the Waterbury Record, a weekly newspaper, and Leahy Press in Montpelier. Their interest in Leahy Press was sold when they retired in the 1970s. During retirement, Mrs. Leahy was a volunteer guide at the Vermont State House, an active parishioner of St. Augustine Church and a member of Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs of Vermont in Montpelier.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Leahy of Marshfield; two sons, John Leahy of Clayton, N.Y., and Sen. Patrick Leahy of Middlesex; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Louis Zambon of Ohio; two sisters, Enes Zambon of Shelburne and Anna Donovan of West Yarmouth, Mass.

Mr. Leahy died in Feb. 7, 1984. Two brothers, Severino Zambon and John Zambon, are also deceased.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in Green Mount Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Guare & Sons Funeral Home, 30 School St., Montpelier.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Sisters of Mercy Retirement Fund, 100 Mansfield Ave., Burlington, VT 05401.

ALBA LEAHY RITES

MONTPELIER.—A con-celebrated funeral Mass for Alba Zambon Leahy who died May 5, 1996 in Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, was offered Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Augustine Church. Con-celebrants were the Most Rev. Moses Anderson S.S.E., the Rev. Bernard E. Guadreau, pastor of the church; the Rev. Rick Danielson, parochial vicar of the church; the Rev. Charles Davignon, the Rev. Marcel Rainville, S.S.E.; and Deacons Regis Cummings and Dan Pudvah. The Rev. Jay C. Haskin was the principle celebrant.

Organist Dr. William Tortolano, provided accompaniment for soloist Martha Tortolano, who sang "All Creatures of Our God and King," "Ave Maria," "Agnes Dei," "Panis Angelicus," "I Love You Truly" and "Hymn of Joy."

Scriptures were read by Sister Rose Rowan. Offertory gifts were brought to the altar by Theresa Leahy and Alicia Leahy

Wheeler. Reflections were offered by Dr. David Butsch, Theresa Leahy and Kevin Leahy.

Bearers were Kevin Leahy, Mark Leahy, Robert Zambon, Carl Zambon, Rob Wheeler, J. Wallace Malley Jr., and Tim Heney. Ushers were Fred Bertrand, Tom Ford and Paul H. Guare.

Burial was in Green Mount Cemetery in Montpelier where committal prayers were offered by Father Gaudreau, Father Haskin and Father Davignon.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

A PLEDGE AGAINST VIOLENCE

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I come here to the floor today to speak on a resolution that later will be submitted by Senator BRADLEY from New Jersey. It is a resolution that I intend to submit with him. Senator BRADLEY was unable to be here this morning at this time. I am faced with a personal health situation with my daughter back in Minnesota, so I do not have any prepared remarks, but I think the resolution is important, and I just want to take a minute or two to speak about it.

This is going to be a resolution that deals with asking students throughout our country to declare that they will never bring weapons to school, that they will not use a weapon to settle disputes, and that they will use their influence among their friends to say, "There's no place for guns and violence."

As I said, I am not prepared to speak about the resolution at great length this morning, but I do think it is important—very important. I think the cynical view about such a resolution is, "Sure, to ask students across the country to take such a pledge, how many of them are going to do it and is it really going to make any difference at all? Those students who bring guns to schools, for a whole myriad of reasons, will be the last ones to sign a pledge or who, if they sign a pledge, the last ones to ever live by it."

I actually think maybe it is the cynicism that we ought to overcome. There is a wealth of talent. I am in a school in Minnesota every 2½ to 3 weeks during the school year. There is a wealth of talent and good will and positive attitudes in students across our country. We do not hear enough about them.

There are other students who bring guns to school because they feel they have no other choice but to protect themselves. Someone has to light a candle. Somebody has to light a candle. I think this resolution we are going to submit and this pledge effort across the country is important, because I think

the students are going to be the ones to light the candle.

I think that this resolution and this pledge effort is important because it calls upon the students to be their own best selves, and I think the students are ready to do so.

It is really shocking to me that when I am in schools and I ask students, "What are the most important issues to you, what are the concerns of your lives; you do not have to be an expert, just tell me," almost always, whether it is in the inner-city schools or whether it is in rural Minnesota or whether it is suburban schools, they say violence.

I do not remember the exact statistics, but I think about every 2 hours a young person is killed by someone using a gun in our country. I think every 4 hours a young person, that is 18 years of age and under, takes his or her life. These are pretty devastating statistics for any of us in the Senate to accept, for any of us who are parents or grandparents to accept, for any other citizens in our country to accept.

I do not know that there is any guarantee of success for this resolution that Senator BRADLEY and I will submit, which will be part of a pledge effort around the country. But I think many students are willing to step forward and to light a candle. I think there are going to be students around the country who will do this as an exemplary action.

You know what, Mr. President, sometimes it just takes a few people to step forward and, through their actions, they provoke the hopes and aspirations of other people. I think students will step forward and will sign this pledge in a lot of different schools across our country, in rural and suburban and inner-city schools. I think by doing so, it will not be cynical, it will be positive, it will be full of hope, and I think a lot of discussion will take place around this effort.

I think those students who do this first will be setting an example, setting a model. I think just by signing the pledge and talking to others about signing the pledge, about not bringing guns to school, not using guns to settle disputes, taking a nonviolent approach, trying to deal with guns and violence among young people, it can be one really significant thing for our country.

I am pleased to speak about this, although today I do not have prepared text. When Senator BRADLEY submits his resolution, I will be very proud to submit it with him.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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