

appropriate congressional committees with jurisdiction over ERISA could have a reasonable amount of time to review the amendment before deciding whether to make it permanent. Apart from that important procedural issue, I am not aware of any other considerations that would suggest the need for the ERISA amendment to expire in two years.

I believe that the Congress should move as quickly as possible to enact legislation that eliminates the sunset provision, and permanently enables properly registered state investment advisers to continue their service as investment managers under ERISA. There is no reason to wait until 1998 to do so. In fact, many small investment advisers believe that the ongoing uncertainty about their status as "investment managers" under ERISA is making it difficult for them to acquire new ERISA plan clients, and may even cause them to lose existing clients. Some advisers think the harm they could suffer, even before the expiration of the sunset provision next year, could be irreparable, and it is easy to see why.

It is only through the swift action of your Committee that these unintended and unnecessary consequences for thousands of successful small businesses can be avoided. If you or your staff would like additional information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 942-0100, or Barry P. Barbash, Director of the Division of Investment Management, or Robert E. Plaze, an Associate Director in the Division, at 942-0720.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR LEVITT.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA MITCHELL

HON. FLOYD H. FLAKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, Linda Mitchell was honored as the Lutheran Schools Association Administrator of the Year for Metropolitan New York and New Jersey. Ms. Mitchell is a life-long resident of Queens, NY, and in response to the need for a successful learning environment she founded Holy Trinity Community School in 1976. As principal of the school, she has committed her efforts to provide children with a quality education funded on solid moral teaching. She has also worked hard to increase the school's relationship with the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. This effort has motivated the school to adopt positive themes like "Do the Right Thing" and "Zero Tolerance." These themes steer children away from negativity and encourage them to eliminate physical aggression, while stressing the importance of learning values. She is particularly committed to creating an accepting environment for children who have been unsuccessful in other school settings.

In addition to her role as principal of HTCS, Ms. Mitchell serves on the Hillis Park Gardens Board, the Community Board 12, the 103d Precinct Community Council, and the board of the Greater Jamaica Community Coalition. She has received additional awards for service to her community, where she is recognized for her active involvement in local affairs. Linda Mitchell is a model citizen for all Americans. She is intent on serving her community in every way, and demonstrates how we, as individuals, can improve the status of our commu-

nities. I commend Ms. Mitchell for her service, acknowledge her for her excellences, and join with all of those honoring her as an outstanding individual.

STAMP OUT BREAST CANCER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1585, sponsored by myself and my colleague, SUSAN MOLINARI. I seem to have developed quite a history with the idea of an experiment whereby the American people would contribute to public health causes through the voluntary purchase of a U.S. postage stamp.

In May of 1996, Dr. Ernie Bodai—one of my constituents and the chief of surgery at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Sacramento, CA—came to my office with an innovative proposal. Dr. Bodai's idea involved a bill to establish a special first-class postage stamp priced at 1 cent above normal first-class postage. The stamp would be purchased voluntarily, with the additional penny going toward breast cancer research. As a result of Dr. Bodai's unflagging personal effort, I was pleased to introduce the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Act in the 104th Congress. That piece of legislation gained the support of 86 Members of the House of Representatives.

This year, I reintroduced this bill in the 105th Congress, and H.R. 407 has the support of 125 of my colleagues. Thanks to some energetic and tireless efforts by several compassionate groups within the breast cancer advocacy community and a special thank you to my colleague, SUSAN MOLINARI, we are considering today H.R. 1585, the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act of 1997. H.R. 1585 remains true to the idea of the American public participating in the search for a cure for breast cancer. H.R. 1585 also ensures that money raised by the breast cancer research stamp will not replace current Federal funding levels. It will add to it.

H.R. 1585 provides a workable and realistic framework for a cooperative effort between the Postal Service and the American public to take place. Questions have been raised—how much money could be raised by the sale of a stamp priced above the normal first-class postage rate? And how much would such an endeavor cost the Postal Service to administer? H.R. 1585 sets up a demonstration project to answer these questions. After 2 years, the General Accounting Office will provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of this project. And after 2 years, perhaps there will be additional money from the stamp going toward breast cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.

I want to thank Representative MCHUGH, chairman of the Postal Service Subcommittee, for working out the details of this bill so that we may finally put this project into place. And I want to thank again my colleague, SUSAN MOLINARI, for her effort and commitment to seeing that this bill and this cause moves forward in the House of Representatives. We have made tremendous progress in raising

money, awareness and spirits in the battle against a disease that has devastated the lives of millions of loved ones, but we still have a long way to go. I know that we will get there, through the support of legislators in Congress and the grass roots support in our communities.

By passing H.R. 1585, we will enable the people of the United States to demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism to advance our successes in finding a cure for breast cancer. I urge my colleagues to vote to suspend the rules and pass this important piece of legislation.

VETERANS IN POLITICS HONORING SENATOR JACOBSEN

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, Veterans in Politics, a nationally recognized veteran's organization, is honoring Senator JACOBSEN at a ceremony this evening in Las Vegas. I would like to have the following comments included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD today for their event.

As a fellow veteran with Senator LAWRENCE JACOBSEN, it is my honor and privilege to pay special tribute to a man who has committed his entire life to serving our great State and Nation. "JAKE," as he is known to most, is one of the true legends in Nevada politics. JAKE is someone who would rather be out there with his sleeves rolled up helping Nevadans than sitting in a restaurant with well-paid lobbyists. His commonsense approach to politics is refreshing and sorely needed in Carson City.

JAKE's life and his ensuing marriage to beloved Betty is one of true Americana literature. Born in Gardnerville in 1921, JAKE has lived there all his life. When the call to duty came to serve his country, JAKE enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Little known to many, he is a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. When the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor was recognized in 1991, JAKE was one of the most sought after speakers in the State and graciously rose to the occasion. His sense of patriotism is practically unmatched by any other political figure in Nevada.

Through his membership in the American Legion, JAKE has been committed to preserving and enhancing patriotism and education with such programs as Boys State. Held every year in Carson City, JAKE has shared his vast experiences and knowledge of public service with the young men of Nevada.

Having served with JAKE in the Nevada Legislature, I know first hand of his unwavering dedication to the hard-working families that he represents so well. JAKE is also one of the Nevada Legislature's strongest supporters of veterans issues, including bringing a veterans home to Nevada.

It has been a true pleasure and honor to work with LAWRENCE "JAKE," JACOBSEN and join him in promoting many of the noteworthy causes he has championed. He has been both a mentor and friend providing much appreciated advice since my earliest days as a legislator. JAKE has inspired and encouraged all of us in one form or another to maximize our abilities. He has provided us a model to follow

which will not be easy to emulate yet will give us something to which we can strive. For that JAKE, we will always be grateful. Best wishes in all of the pursuits and endeavors which are still awaiting you.

REGARDING INTERFERENCE OF
EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN
MERGER OF BOEING CO. AND
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

SPEECH OF

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express deep concern about the future of American aerospace industry in light of the European Union's inappropriate and unfounded reaction to the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger.

The EU threatens to interfere with this merger on the grounds that it impinges on fair trade. They have stated their intent to do this even after Boeing offered numerous concessions, including modification of exclusive purchasing arrangements with several American carriers.

There are persistent rumors that the EU is demanding other concessions as well, including closing of aircraft plants and requiring Boeing to put McDonnell Douglas' commercial segment on the market. Giving in to such conditions could cost thousands of U.S. jobs—many of them in southern California—adversely affect the efficiency of the industry, and set a disastrous precedent.

Free and fair trade is a cornerstone of our relations with Europe, but the EU's threatened actions contribute little to either and we ought to resist them. Their demands in this case are clearly unreasonable and an infringement upon U.S. sovereignty.

This merger will not result in unfair trade practices as the EU contends. McDonnell Douglas' commercial aviation accounts for only 4 percent of the global market. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission's review of the merger determined that McDonnell Douglas was not a factor in the commercial aviation market.

The likelihood that this merger will somehow limit competition is nonexistent. And, Boeing's offer to substantially modify its arrangements with American carriers seems to more than make up for any advantage it might theoretically gain from its acquisition of McDonnell Douglas.

EU interference in the merger is unwarranted, and, if allowed to continue, is likely to redound with far reaching and adverse effects for all concerned. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I urge the President to deal with the EU promptly and resolutely and defend the rights of American business to consummate mergers that have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate U.S. Government agencies.

TRIBUTE TO HAM FISH

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, there are few indispensable people. Ham Fish was one of them. He gave something to this House, his country that was unique and powerful. We miss Ham.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER
CONGRESSMAN HAM FISH

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the first anniversary of the death of New York's Congressman Hamilton Fish. For many years, Ham Fish represented the people of New York's Hudson Valley with dedication and integrity. It is now my honor and privilege to represent that congressional district here in the House.

Ham was one of the giants of this great legislative body. His was a voice of reason through tumultuous times in our Nation and at all times on the people's House; he served us with integrity and honor. In his long and distinguished service on the House Judiciary Committee, Ham Fish's name was synonymous with justice and fair play for all Americans. While carefully looking after the needs of the people of the Hudson Valley, who repeatedly returned him to Congress, Ham Fish gained national recognition for his principled positions and his determination to protect the integrity of our Republican institutions.

Mr. Speaker, Ham Fish embodied all that is good and great about this House. Today, on the anniversary of his death, I ask that we honor his memory by living up to the high principles and unquestioned integrity which are the legacy of his service to us and to the American people.

A TRIBUTE TO FLOYD D. HISER,
SR.

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fearless and selfless efforts of a dedicated helicopter pilot from the city of Blyth, CA. Floyd D. Hiser, 51, recently lost his life when his Bell 206L-1 engine stalled while fighting an out-of-control blaze in the San Bernardino National Forest on July 6, 1997.

The fire charred over 2,797 acres of trees and brush, and was threatening the terrain above the city of Highland, CA. On the scene, there were 903 firefighters and officials accompanied by tankers and helicopters battling to put out the blaze. Floyd Hiser, a pilot with over 10,000 hours of flight time, was flying for Rogers Helicopters of Clovis, when he was called to battle the fires in the rugged terrain of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Hiser held commercial, instrument, and instructor ratings for fixed-winged and rotary-winged aircraft and was an FAA-certified flight examiner for prospective helicopter pilots. His commitment to the protection and safety of his community did not stop with flying. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, and was also a Vietnam veteran. He also served in the Blyth Police Department as a sergeant and detective from 1969 to 1979.

Hiser is survived by wife, Sharon; his daughter, Kimberly; his mother, Ruby Faye; his stepmother, Ruth Wadlow; his brother, Loyld; and four grandchildren. After a moving ceremony, his flag-draped coffin was carried out of the church by a color guard, the last two members of which carried red fire axes to remember his efforts.

"Floyd could put the drops on the leaves that he wanted hit," said one of his many friends. Floyd died doing what he loved most, and what he believed in: piloting a helicopter and protecting people from a wildland fire.

Mr. Speaker, Floyd Hiser provided an example of leadership and the ultimate level of sacrifice for the benefit of his friends, family, and the communities he protected. His efforts will long be respected and admired. I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and hundreds of people who knew and loved Floyd, and to recognize him for his lifetime commitment to the protection and goodwill of the communities he served.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO
KESSLER?

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of this most noble of democratic institutions and the Members who occupy it.

Mr. Ronald Kessler has written a book entitled "Inside Congress," the premise of which is that we, the elected representatives who hold seats in this Congress are nothing but scoundrels, criminals, and charlatans.

Mr. Speaker, not only do I rise in total disagreement with Mr. Kessler's cynicism, but I strongly maintain that the people who serve here are, for the most part, good, decent, honest, hard-working, patriotic Americans.

In support of my position, I submit into the RECORD an article I wrote which appeared in the newspaper "The Chronicle" of Colfax, LA.

It is my hope that the American people will see through Mr. Kessler's sensationalism and realize that the overwhelming majority of the Representatives, Senators, and staff are truly worthy of their trust.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO KESSLER?

(By U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston)

In Ron Kessler's tell-all book, "Inside Congress," only true charlatans, pervers and power-mad political hucksters are worthy of note. Sadly, that pretty much encompasses every member of the House and Senate for in Mr. Kessler's view, we're all rotten.

Fortunately, Mr. Kessler himself spared me from buying his book. After seeing him on "Good Morning America" last week, I learned everything I need to know about it. The people who inhabit Mr. Kessler's Congress come straight out of a B movie. In fact, Kessler said that the television talk shows