

Corporation assistance in overseeing matters relating to construction of the water supply system.

(b) PROJECT OVERSIGHT ADMINISTRATION.—The amount of funds used by the Secretary for planning and construction of the water supply system may not exceed an amount equal to 3 percent of the amount provided in the total project construction budget for the portion of the project to be constructed in Perkins County, South Dakota.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary—

(1) \$15,000,000 for the planning and construction of the water supply system under section 4; and

(2) such sums as are necessary to defray increases in development costs reflected in appropriate engineering cost indices after March 1, 1995.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Monday, April 12, 1999, at 3 p.m. in open and closed session, to receive testimony on alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, "Buried Alive: Small Business Consumed By Tax Filing Burdens." The hearing will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 1999, in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RALPH BOLING

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ralph Boling for his service to the state of Kentucky and the people of Hancock County. Ralph recently completed a special five-year term as Hancock County's Judge/Executive, during which he led the county through a remarkable period of growth and progress.

Before beginning his political career, Ralph was a farmer and businessman in Hancock County, working as an oil field driller, farmer, Hancock County Road Foreman and as the Hawesville Water Superintendent. His work outside of public service gave him the advantage of having first-hand knowledge of the struggles of working families, and shaped his desire to make a difference in the Hawesville community.

Following in his father's footsteps, Ralph's first endeavor in politics was a run for Hancock County Sheriff. He ran

successfully in 1969, and again in 1977, serving two terms as Sheriff. In the final months of his second term, President Ronald Reagan appointed Ralph as a United States Marshal for the Western district of Kentucky. He excelled as a U.S. Marshal and received a second appointment under President Reagan and a third appointment under President George Bush. During his 12 years of service, Ralph received two of the highly distinguished "Awards for Excellent Performance."

While Ralph was honored to work in the Marshal's service, and loved his work under both President Reagan and President Bush's administrations, after his third term he decided it was time to exclusively serve the people of Hancock County. Ralph ran for Hancock County Judge/Executive and was elected to serve a special five-year term. Ralph always had the best interest of the county at heart, and encouraged the fiscal court to work together as a team despite political differences.

During his term as Judge/Executive, Ralph made great strides for Hancock County. He successfully led the effort to close the county landfill and was instrumental in assuring the construction of a new Emergency Services Building. The county also built a new fire station, and purchased additional fire trucks and police cruisers for increased public safety.

One of Ralph's achievements as Judge/Executive was his successful effort to build and repair many county roads. During Ralph's last two years as Judge, the fiscal court spent \$2 million on Hancock roads, and obtained state funding to pave roads to Commonwealth Aluminum and Willamette and build bridges on Indian Hill and Goernig Road. He also helped establish the Hancock County Career Center. Ralph envisioned a bright future for Hancock County's workers and businesses, and he believed this center would be to the long-term benefit of the county.

Ralph's term as Judge/Executive has ended, but Hancock County will feel the effects of his accomplishments for years to come. His motto was "Together we can make a difference," and he has certainly proven this to be true. Ralph worked together with local law enforcement, state government, the U.S. Marshal's service and the Fiscal Court to make tremendous differences in people's lives. My colleagues and I thank you, Ralph, for your many years of service to Hancock County, the State of Kentucky and the United States.●

TRIBUTE TO RUBY COHEN

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to a unique and wonderful person who graced the State of Connecticut and who recently passed away at the age of 87, Mr. Rubin H. "Ruby" Cohen.

Ruby hailed from Colchester, Connecticut. He accomplished a great

many things during his exceptional life. The son of Jewish immigrants, Ruby made his mark at an early age. At 15 years old, after quitting school, Ruby went to work at a local hot dog stand called Harry's Place in Colchester. Then at the age of 18, with \$300 borrowed from relatives, Ruby Cohen purchased Harry's Place, which eventually became a popular stopping point for travelers making their way between Connecticut and the Rhode Island beaches in the summer.

Soon, Governors, State Legislators, and politicians were stopping in for a bite to eat. It is at Harry's Place that my father, Thomas Dodd, came to meet and befriend Ruby Cohen. My father deeply valued this very special man who was always honest with his opinions and supportive throughout their many years of friendship.

However, politicians did not go to Harry's Place simply to enjoy a hot dog, but to rub elbows with one of Connecticut's most influential lawmakers. Unassuming in his presence, Ruby Cohen was, in fact, considered a powerful political insider. He began his political career in 1942 when he was first elected to the state House of Representatives. His popularity with the voters of Colchester earned him 14 more terms in office during which he became the first Democrat in 85 years to become the House Chairman of the Appropriations committee, a position he held for 12 years.

It was during his tenure as Chairman that Ruby Cohen distinguished himself as a legislator and also aided a cultural renaissance in my hometown of East Haddam. Back in 1959, The Goodspeed Opera House, which sits quietly on the Connecticut River just a short distance from my home, was a dilapidated state-operated garage in dire need of repairs. When Ruby Cohen was approached by one of his colleagues in the House who expressed a desire to renovate the structure, Ruby seized an opportunity to enhance a community. He drafted a bill appropriating \$10,000 for the repair of the building's roof, successfully beginning the creation of the Opera House. Today, the Goodspeed Opera House is a nationally renowned theater with a reputation for excellence in the arts. We have Ruby Cohen to thank for recognizing the value and importance of the arts within a community and for providing this quiet Connecticut town with an artistic outlet.

Ruby will also be remembered for his commitment to preserving Connecticut's open spaces well before it became an issue of national importance. He played an integral role in the establishment of one of Connecticut's better-known refuges, Gay City State Park in Hebron. He spearheaded the restoration of the Comstock Bridge in East Hampton. Also on his list of accomplishments is the preservation of the Gelston House, a historic hotel which stands next to the Goodspeed Opera House.

Mr. President, Ruby Cohen was an honest man from meager beginnings

who went on to establish a reputation in Connecticut as a respected law-maker and friend. His death is a difficult loss for those who relied on his political wisdom and personal support. Even with his passing, we all may be comforted in the thought that his spirit and memory may be found in so many ways throughout a state he held so dear. He is survived by his two sons, David and Max, three daughters, Susan, Margaret, and Mary Ann, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. I offer my heartfelt condolences to each of them.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL SLATER OF LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Paul Slater of Londonderry, New Hampshire for his outstanding volunteerism and for being selected to serve as President of the Londonderry Lions Club for the next year.

Paul Began his volunteer work with the Londonderry Lions Club in September 1995. His unwavering commitment to the organization, its mission, and its activism within the community propelled hi to the club's Board of Directors during the summer of 1996. Today, Paul serves as both the Treasurer and Secretary of the Londonderry Lions Club.

Dedicated to social and humanitarian causes, Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization. With its primary focus on the needs of the blind and visually impaired, the mission of Lions Club International also extends to the needs of each chapter's respective communities. In addition to advancing the club's mission by organizing yearly yard sales and fund-raising dinners, Paul continuously works towards the betterment of his community and state.

Every year since his induction as a member of the Londonderry Lions Club, Paul has helped organize and distribute Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to those who are less fortunate in the Town of Londonderry. His biggest contribution to the organization and the people of New Hampshire, however, has been through his tireless effort towards improving Lions Camp Pride. Camp Pride, located in New Durham, New Hampshire, is a summer camp for children and adults with mild through profound special needs. In cooperation with the Londonderry Police and Fire Departments, Paul has been instrumental in insuring that the proceeds from the annual Police-Fire softball game are contributed to Lions Camp Pride.

Having served as an honorary member of the Lions Camp Pride Board, I recognize the importance and the value of Paul's work and I would like to thank him for his commitment to Lions Camp Pride.

Furthermore, Paul has continuously exhibited his unselfish dedication to the community as the Chairman of the

Londonderry Lions Club High School Scholarship Committee. As a strong believer in education and equal opportunity, Paul has worked hard to insure that students with financial hardship who work hard and strive for academic excellence can still pursue college and technical educations.

Mr. President, Paul Slater has devoted his time and his heart to serving the Londonderry Lions Club, the Town of Londonderry, and the people of New Hampshire. It is people like Paul that make New Hampshire a special place to live, and it is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MOOT COURT VICTORY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Loyola University, New Orleans Law School's Moot Court team for their performance in the American University Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Competition. The competition is designed to showcase the dedication and talent of law school students from across the country, and the Loyola students displayed a great deal of both in their victorious efforts.

Moot Court Competitions are an opportunity for law school students to demonstrate their talents as advocates in an appellate court setting. They tackle a difficult legal problem in a written brief and then are subject to the grueling ordeal of probing and questioning by a panel of appellate court judges. The Burton Wechsler First Amendment Competition asked competitors to argue the complex question of the use of languages other than English while conducting government business. I am proud to say that our team from Loyola University took this challenge and used it as an opportunity to excel.

The team of Steven Griffith, Gaven Dall Kammer, Christopher Alfieri, Elisia Shofstahl, and faculty advisor, Prof. Mitch Crusto, took overall first place honors in the competition. Loyola defeated five highly-regarded opponents on their way to the title. Other honors garnered by the Loyola team included first place "Best Brief" and the "Runner-Up Best Oralist" award, won by Elisia Shofstahl. Loyola's fine performance in this prestigious national competition represents the very best in effort and education.

The team's impressive victory is a testament to the hard work and inherent skill of Loyola's fine law students. Such effort and success is worthy of our admiration and praise. Again, I congratulate the members of Loyola's Moot Court Team on their victory at American University's First Amendment Competition, and wish them the best of luck in their future competitions and careers.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA BARR

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to an out-

standing Vermonter, Patricia Barr, of North Bennington, Vermont. Pat's commitment to improving the health status of Vermonters and all Americans, serves as a model to us all. She is a stunning example of how one person can have a positive effect on many others.

Over the course of her life, she has been an advocate and strategic planner for breast cancer research and ethical issues. Pat has tirelessly championed these causes and for that, we are forever grateful.

Pat has served on the national Breast Cancer Coalition Board, and currently serves as President of the Breast Cancer Network, which she founded in 1993. Her devotion to health, medical and ethical issues has landed her numerous other roles and responsibilities, including positions on the Center for Disease Control's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Advisory Committee, the Human Genome Project's Task Force on Genetic Testing, and the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Breast Cancer Progress Review Group. She has also served on NCI's Cancer Genetics Working Group, and the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer's Biological Resources Working Group Subcommittee on Ethical Issues. In these and in other capacities, Pat has made numerous presentations in Vermont, throughout the Nation, and even outside of the country, regarding ethical and cancer issues.

Through word and action, Pat has touched, and improved, the lives of many individuals. Of all those who have crossed my path over the years, few individuals have such a distinguished and proven track record of commitment to breast cancer and related issues. By helping to educate, promote and advocate for change through newsletters, grant programs, support groups, projects such as the Ladies First Program, and lobbying public officials, Pat's involvement helped blaze the trail for success.

We have been well served by Pat and look forward to her continued leadership. Vermonters, and all Americans, owe her a debt of gratitude for her passionate, steadfast work on these vitally important issues.●

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 767

Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I understand that S. 767, which was introduced earlier by Senator COVERDELL, is at the desk, and I ask that it be read for the first time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 767) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing.