

bill even would have made it more difficult to enforce auditing regulations. In its most glaring failure, Mr. OXLEY's legislation left the wolf in charge of the henhouse by ensuring that no independent agency had the power to effectively police the internal auditing industry to prevent conflicts of interest and protect investors.

The Senate version of this legislation, however, responded much more effectively than the House leadership to corporate crime. A proposal introduced by Senator PAUL SARBANES for auditing the auditing industry goes much farther than either the sham House bill or the June 20 proposal for revamping the SEC. The Sarbanes bill would create an independent board to oversee accounting practices. It would prohibit accounting firms from destroying documents. Most importantly, the Sarbanes bill would prevent conflicts of interest by preventing auditors from selling other services to the companies they are supposed to be regulating. I wish this House were able to vote up or down on Senator SARBANES' bill.

Fortunately, the House-Senate conference report adopts several key elements of the Senate proposal. The conference agreement, in addition to including the provisions mentioned above, also bars auditors from performing most other services to the same companies they audit, requires corporate officers to reimburse their companies for any bonuses or profits made from stock sales if their misconduct resulted in the firm issuing a revised financial statement. It also generally bars corporations from providing loans to any of its executive officers, just to name a few of the provisions included in the agreement.

While it is not a perfect bill, it is far stronger than the original House bill. The American people want to feel confidence in the market system that has brought so much prosperity. It is our responsibility to fix the system so we can move forward to a time when workers and investors are secure, and corporate crime is a thing of the past. Voting yes on this conference agreement is a step in that direction. I urge my colleague to support this agreement.

TRIBUTE TO GOV. JOHN C. WEST

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the State of South Carolina's 109th Governor, John Carl West, who I am honored to count among my dear friends and of whom I am proud to be a protégé. Born on August 27, 1922, former Governor West will celebrate his 80th Birthday during the upcoming August recess.

John C. West began his public service as a Member of the South Carolina Highway Commission from 1948—1952. In 1955, he was elected to the South Carolina State Senate from Kershaw County where he served for 11 years. His campaign was based entirely on the need for improved health care for the citizens of South Carolina.

In his first statewide election in 1967, Governor West was elected Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina. He held this position until 1971, when he was elected South Carolina's 109th Governor.

Constitutionally limited to one term, Governor West nevertheless made his mark on our State in ways that still benefit us today. Among his many legacies are the integration of the Governor's Executive staff, and creation of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, the State's fair employment, fair housing, and affirmative action agency. Both were firsts for a southern state. He also created the South Carolina Housing Finance Authority, which developed pioneering programs in affordable housing.

After his distinguished service as Governor, he reentered the practice of law, but that was short lived. In 1977 President Jimmy Carter appointed him United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. His distinguished service as an Ambassador stretched from 1977—1981.

Mr. Speaker, on August 24, 2002, Governor West's wife Lois and their children have invited other family members and friends to join them in celebration of the Governor's 80th Birthday. My family and I look forward to joining them on that occasion, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing him good luck, Godspeed, and a very Happy 80th Birthday.

HONORING SKIPPER LEE FRAZIER

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Skipper Lee Frazier as he celebrates his 75th birthday and 45 years in gospel radio. In recognition of Mr. Frazier, Windsor Village United Methodist Church will be hosting a "Roast and Toast," on July 29, 2002.

An accomplished businessman, radio personality, and dedicated community advocate, Skipper Lee Frazier has touched the lives of many Houstonians.

Born in Magnolia Springs, Texas, Skipper Lee Frazier has dedicated his life to building a successful career in radio, while embarking on a number of business ventures. Mr. Frazier began his radio career at KYOK, where he served as a part time disc Jockey while hosting record hops and talent shows. After his tenure at KYOK, Mr. Frazier's love for music and radio led him to KCOH, where he first brought Houston the "Mountain of Soul," becoming the trademark personality that effect the lives of many. His career in radio helped propel him into the record industry, where he distinguished himself as a manager and promotor of local talent. He promoted and managed the careers of such artists as The Masters of Soul, Mark Putney, Conrad Johnson, Beau Williams, and Sugar Bear. During that time, Mr. Frazier also managed two groups that brought him and the city of Houston national acclaim, Archie Bell and the Drellis and the TSU Tornadoes. Their big hit was the popular dance tune "Tighten Up," which was written by Mr. Frazier.

Throughout his involvement in the music industry, Skipper Lee earned the opportunity to promote shows for such legendary artists as James Brown, B.B. King, Wes Montgomery, and the O'Jays. With Mr. Frazier's efforts, the Kool Jazz Festival, presented in cities throughout the country, proved a resounding success.

During his earlier years, Mr. Frazier employed a tremendous sense of determination

and drive to succeed, often working more than one job in his quest for success. His remarkable efforts and strong will have paid off, in the Eternal Rest Funeral Home he owns and manages with his son. While the funeral business is incredibly difficult, Mr. Frazier's business brings great comfort and ease to families in their time of need. The fact that many families have returned to Mr. Frazier's business when the need arose testifies to the strong sense of confidence his community has in him and his business.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join Windsor Village Methodist Church, Skipper Lee Frazier's family and friends, and all those he has inspired in honoring him on the occasion of her 75th birthday and commending him on his 45 years in radio. May the coming years bring good health, happiness, and prosperity.

BEST WISHES TO REP. TONY HALL

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor my colleague, Representative Tony Hall, as he embarks on a new path in a long journey. Ambassador Hall has worked diligently for years to curtail the hunger that plagues the people of our country and the world. Hunger is an evil that strikes at the very core of our needs as human beings. Its causes must be addressed and suffering eradicated.

My wife, Dr. Rachel Nugent, has worked with the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. We both believe that Ambassador Hall will be an outstanding ambassador on behalf of the United States. His perspective and experience will complement the UN food and agriculture organization and help them to carry on the difficult work of alleviating hunger and promoting justice.

I wish Ambassador Hall much continued success in his new position and know that he will bring relief and comfort to those in need. It has been an honor to serve with him in this body. His example and selflessness will remain with me throughout my tenure and beyond.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Ms. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report, in support of H.R. 3763, and most importantly in support of all those investors, employees, and retirees who have fallen victim to the criminal acts of corporate wrongdoers. This report not only agrees with, but also adds to the preventions and penalties that would be put in place by the Senate passed legislation. We in the Congress must take the lead on this issue and protect the everyday citizens who have been duped by corporations and their managers, through manipulation of the equity markets, into believing

that their welfare and their life savings are in good hands.

Corporate Responsibility Standards need to be mapped out so that a universal code of conduct is in place to penalize those who have committed these crimes, and prevent others from following in their footsteps.

The quick and accurate disclosure of financial information is needed to close the loopholes that have allowed these manipulations to occur.

The re-authorization of the monies needed to reinforce the job already being done by the SEC is critical to insure that its enforcement and investigation capabilities are top of the line.

This bill sets the tone for all of these initiatives to be accomplished and to put an end to the manipulation of finances, and the greed driven practices of those who can only be described as common criminals.

TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN PATRIOT

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay special tribute to one of the finest public servants in the history of Pennsylvania politics.

I was deeply saddened to learn that the Dean of the Pennsylvania Senate and my State's longest serving member, Senator Clarence Bell, passed away today at the age of 88.

Senator Bell, a tireless advocate for his constituency and working families across Pennsylvania will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Senator Bell served a total of 48 years in the Pennsylvania legislature. First serving in the Pennsylvania House Representatives in 1954, Clarence Bell was elected to serve as a Senator in 1961. Serving under 11 Governors, Senator Bell served as a member of the Appropriations, Rules, Transportation, State Government Committee, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and most recently Chairman of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the chairman of the Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee.

Senator Bell led the effort to construct the Commodore Barry Bridge spanning the Delaware river and connecting Pennsylvania and New Jersey. However, the Senator took the most pride in his unyielding desire to remain in touch with each of his constituents—he always referred to them as his “neighbors”. The Senator personally signed each piece of mail answering his “neighbors” questions or addressing their concerns, congratulating them on their graduations or additions to their families. Throughout his career he also personally wrote a weekly newsletter. A man of incredible energy and determination, Senator Bell chaired a committee hearing as recent as this past Tuesday.

Before his career as a politician in Harrisburg, Clarence Bell served for five-and-a-half years in active duty in World War II and was also a Major General in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Senator Bell served a total of 38 years in the military.

Born in Upland, Pennsylvania in 1914, Senator Bell attended and graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, Senator Bell's constituency in the 9th Senatorial District encompassed portions of Delaware and Chester Counties. Throughout his career Clarence Bell was a visible and accessible legislator that was responsive and approachable to those he served.

A member of numerous professional and service organizations, Senator Bell was regularly recognized by these organizations and countless others that valued his input and leadership during his life as a public citizen.

A dedicated husband, father of two children, grandfather and great-grandparent three times over, I call upon my colleagues to recognize the unselfish commitment to public service that Clarence Bell possessed. I would also like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Bell family, especially his wife Mary James, his friends, staff and the residents of the 9th Senatorial District. We have lost a true champion in Harrisburg, however, Pennsylvania is a better place thanks to the extraordinary life and wisdom of Clarence Bell.

COMMENDING JOHN REYNOLDS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NA- TIONAL PARK SERVICE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep appreciation for the work of Mr. John Reynolds, regional director for the western region of the National Park Service, Region IX.

With John's retirement on August 3, the national parks will lose a dedicated, innovative leader.

John Reynolds has devoted his entire career to our national parks, joining the park service while still a student in 1961 and rising through the ranks to become director of the Pacific West Region in 1997. In this position, he held responsibility for 56 national parks in Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and the islands of the outer Pacific. These parks include many of our country's greatest natural and cultural treasures—majestic redwood groves, active volcanoes, historic ships and forts, sweeping seashores, and mountains and valleys of stunning beauty.

John's contributions to the national parks, and especially the western region, have been myriad. He has actively promoted new and innovative ideas, and has fostered unique and creative problem-solving in the parks under his jurisdiction. He has done so much to bring the national parks to the people, especially in urban areas.

He has served as a calming and effective presence in dealing with controversies over park stewardship. He has always worked to achieve balance among the many purposes and uses of national parks, while first and foremost remaining dedicated to preserving the parks for future generations.

I wish to give John heartfelt thanks, on behalf of my constituents in San Francisco, for his oversight of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, his support for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park and the

historic ships, and his crucial role in establishing the Presidio as a new national park.

In its spectacular location at the Golden Gate, the Presidio is one of America's great natural and historic sites. As general manager of the Presidio from November 1996 to May 1997, John stepped up to the plate at the beginning of its transition from Army base to national park. Subsequently, as regional director, he provided steady support and guidance for the Presidio as it continued to develop in its unique role as the only national park required to become fully self-supporting.

John was born in Yosemite National Park, so perhaps it was inevitable that he should dedicate his life to protecting and promoting national parks. We will miss him greatly, and we wish him and his family all the best for the future.

LORI BERENSON'S UNJUST IMPRISONMENT

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged and appalled by the continuing incarceration of Lori Berenson on charges of collaborating with terrorists in Peru. Lori Berenson is not a terrorist, nor has she ever collaborated with terrorists. She is an intelligent and caring young woman who is committed to justice.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights recently vindicated Lori Berenson. The Inter-American Commission came to the following conclusion:

“The Peruvian State is responsible for the violation of the right to judicial guarantees, of personal integrity, and of the right concerning the principle of legality to the detriment of Berenson, having judged her in the military court, submitting her to inhumane and degrading conditions of detention, starting a new trial conforming to Legal Decree 25475 (antiterrorist law), and permitting the evidence collected during the first [military] process with a value of proof in said [second] trial.”

Lori Berenson has been unjustly imprisoned in Peru for nearly seven years under the harshest possible conditions. She has never had a trial that respected her rights or met international standards of fairness and due process. Not only has Lori never wavered in her insistence that she is innocent of the charges against her, she was charged under the antiterrorist laws that the Inter-American Commission has deemed unacceptable.

The Peruvian government is challenging the decision of the Inter-American Commission by filing a lawsuit against the Inter-American Commission at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Peru's lawsuit is mean-spirited and frivolous and will only result in the unnecessary further incarceration of Lori Berenson. In similar cases, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has confirmed the rulings of the Inter-American Commission that Peru's antiterrorist laws violate the American Convention on Human Rights. These court decisions have resulted in the release of the defendants whose rights were violated.

Lori Berenson's health has been damaged by her wrongful imprisonment. The Inter American Commission on Human Rights concluded