

Rabbi Press is loved by the members of Beth Abraham for his friendship and empathy. He is tireless in his service to the families, whatever their needs. He is known for his great wit, fine sense of humor, and his energy, as well as his passion for his causes. He is more than a leader of the congregation—he is a friend to all.

His service reaches far beyond the synagogue. Rabbi Press was Director of the Dayton Black-White Coalition. He served on the Board of Directors of Womanline, Dayton Free Clinic, Dayton Jewish Community Center, Community Hebrew School, Hillel Academy, and Jewish Family Services. He is the founder of the Dayton Synagogue Forum, of which he served as President from 1989–1991. In October 2001, he was one of three local leaders honored by the National Conference for Community and Justice for achievements in nurturing tolerance and understanding, and making Dayton a better place to live.

He is also respected as a Jewish scholar, having published a number of articles and lectured frequently at Dayton area universities.

Recently, Rabbi Press described Dayton as “a warm, embracing, loving community.” It has been made even more so by Rabbi Press’ work.

On May 5, Beth Abraham Synagogue will honor Rabbi Press with a dinner in downtown Dayton. I regret that I will not be able to attend. However, I send my best wishes to Rabbi Press and his wife Phyllis on this milestone.

EXPORT-IMPORT REAUTHORIZATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Chairman, I seek recognition to raise a concern I have with the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Mr. Chairman, I want to make it clear that I support the goals and mission of the Export-Import Bank, which is creating American jobs. The Bank plays an important role in helping to level the playing field for American exporters trying to compete with heavily subsidized foreign competition.

However, I am deeply concerned that Ex-Im is also supporting companies that are giving away our national secrets to foreign governments. I am troubled by the possibility that Ex-Im may be subsidizing the sale of our nation's secrets. I trust that this is a concern that Chairman OXLEY and the Committee have as well. It would please me to hear that this is something that my good friend from Ohio has been giving some thought to, because I believe that before we finish the Ex-Im reauthorization conference we must look at finding a way to make sure that the bank is not rewarding bad behavior that risks our national security.

I want to take a brief minute to raise one example that comes to mind, Loral Communications. This company was recently fined millions of dollars for allowing sensitive satellite communications to fall into the hands of a foreign government. Instead of saying that it is going to take a stand and send a message that our national security is a top priority for

the Export-Import Bank, the bank recently chose to approve a loan guarantee for Loral to sell a satellite to a company owned by the prime minister of a foreign country.

The reason this concerns me is that Ex-Im, through a series of deals has established a track record of not taking into account our national security when considering loans. I want to work with the Chairman to find a way to make sure that the Export-Import Bank in its well-intentioned zeal to support U.S. exporters takes into account our national security concerns.

I had proposed an amendment for H.R. 2871, which would have addressed this problem in what I believe was a reasonable manner, however it was not made in order for today's consideration. I know that Chairman OXLEY shares my concern and I hope that he can agree to work with me to find a way to solve this problem so that we can make sure that the Export-Import Bank is able to do its job, but at the same time our national security is protected.

Again, I am glad to hear of your commitment to solving this problem, and I look forward to working with him to find a fair solution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, I was in my district due to a family emergency and as a result missed two rollcall votes.

Had I been present, the following is how I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 121 (On Motion to Instruct Conferees to H.R. 2215—“To authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes”), “yea.”

Rollcall No. 120 (On Agreeing to the Amendment—H.R. 2871—Sanders of Vermont Amendment), “yea.”

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PROJECT COMMUNITY ALERT WEEK, MAY 6–12

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of a Kansas City metropolitan area initiative called the Project Community Alert Week, May 6–12, 2002.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Wind Hazard Reduction Caucus, I am pleased to see that the old Mark Twain adage is no longer true: rather than “everyone talking about the weather and doing nothing about it,” the Kansas City Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee (MEMC) and Price Chopper grocery store have created a multi-year program called Project Community Alert (PCA) which has the goal of placing 100,000 alarm-equipped programmable emergency weather radios in homes, schools and businesses throughout the eight-county MEMC area. The metro area emergency management coordina-

tors will be taking the PCA message to the public, while Price Chopper is providing the radios at cost and is significantly underwriting the public outreach for the PCA Program.

All 50 states are vulnerable to the hazards of windstorms. Losses in life and property can be substantial. Tornadoes are one of nature's most violent storms. In an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported across the United States, resulting in 80 deaths and over 1,500 injuries. The most violent tornadoes are capable of tremendous destruction with wind speeds of 250 mph or more. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. The May 3, 1999, tornado in the Wichita, Kansas, suburb of Haysville rated F4 and was responsible for 6 deaths, 150 injuries and over 140 million dollars in damage.

Current federal spending, approximately \$5 million, to develop and promote knowledge, practices, and policies that seek to reduce and, where possible, eliminate losses from wind related disasters, is woefully inadequate. A federal investment in wind hazard reduction will pay significant dividends in lives saved, decreased property damage, and reduced federal disaster relief costs.

For this reason, on December 20, 2001, Representative Melissa Hart (R-PA) and I introduced the Hurricane, Tornado, and Related Natural Hazards Research Act to reduce extensive damage caused by hurricanes, tornadoes and other windstorms.

In the meantime it is very important to have proactive community programs like Project Community Alert. The Kansas City Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee (MEMC) and Price Chopper grocery store should be heralded for their proactive concern for their community. The PCA is a great example of the local community utilizing their resources to mitigate loss of life and keep their neighbors safe. They truly are “doing something about the weather.”

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH W. ADKINS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Ralph W. Adkins for his contributions to the State of Colorado. After thirty years of serving on the board of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and diligently serving as the Chair of the District for eleven years, Ralph is moving on with his career. I can think of no better way to thank Ralph for his countless hours of service than to recognize his time on the board.

Ralph was born, raised and educated in Colorado. His interest in water issues began at an early age. As a student at Colorado Southern University, Ralph was on the development team for the design of the partial water flume. This project would be the beginning of Ralph's lifetime of service to Colorado's water issues. Ralph began on the board of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District in 1973. In 1991, he was appointed President of the Board of Directors and has held that position until this year. Ralph has also served as a past Executive Committee Member and current member of

the Colorado Water Congress, and on the Advisory Committee for the Colorado State University Department of Engineering for Engineering Dean's Council. Ralph is also a life member of both the American Water Works and the National Water Resources Association.

In addition to his duties on a number of boards, Ralph serves southern Colorado as a water engineer as a member of the firm Adkins & Associates and has done so since 1983. Ralph took a brief break from Colorado and its water issues to serve his country in World War II. As a member of the U.S. Navy, Ralph proudly served his country as a line officer. Ralph is also known as a loving husband and devoted father of three and grandfather of four. He is also involved in his community as a member of the Masons and the Rotarian club.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph's dedication and commitment to improving the lives that are touched by Colorado water is an example to us all. It is the hard work and leadership that Ralph has provided not only to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District but also the whole state that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. Thank you, Ralph, for all that you have done for Colorado and this nation and good luck in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DAVID M. LAWRENCE, M.D., RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN AND HOSPITALS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David M. Lawrence, M.D. on his retirement after 10 years of outstanding achievements as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

Given Kaiser Permanente's vast influence on American medicine, Dr. Lawrence's successful stewardship of his organization constitutes a contribution not only to Kaiser Permanente's 8.4 million members nationwide, but to all Americans. He is to be commended for the positive impact that Kaiser Permanente has had on the quality and affordability of health care in the United States.

Dr. Lawrence was named CEO in 1991 and Chairman of the Board in 1992. Prior to assuming his current role, Dr. Lawrence served KFHP/KFH as vice chairman and chief operating officer (1990–91); and senior vice president and regional manager in Colorado (1985–88). He also was vice president and area medical director for Northwest Permanente in Portland (1981–85). Dr. Lawrence also served as health officer and director of Human Services in Multnomah County, Oregon; on the faculty of Department of Health Services and Director of MEDEX in the school of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington; as advisor to the Ministry of Health of Chile; and as Peace Corps Physician in the Dominican Republic and Washington D.C.

Dr. Lawrence is a graduate of Amherst College (BA), the University of Kentucky (MD),

and the University of Washington (MPH). He is Board Certified in General Preventive Medicine (Johns Hopkins and University of Washington). He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (Medical Honorary Society) and the Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences). He currently serves on the Boards of Agilent Technologies, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Raffles Medical Group of Singapore, The Rockefeller Foundation, RAND Health Advisory Board, the Bay Area Council, and the Hospital Research and Educational Trust (AHA). He previously served as chair of the International Federation of Health Funds and the University of California's President's Board on Research and Economic Development.

Dr. Lawrence is nationally known for his advocacy for improvements in the American health care delivery system. He served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Quality of Health Care in America that produced the landmark report on patient safety, "To Err is Human," and the blueprint for improving America's health care system, "The Quality Chasm."

Dr. Lawrence has been active in San Francisco Bay Area community affairs, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of the Bay Area and chair of the annual campaign for the United Way in Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Lawrence has been recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington (1980); and the Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky (1995); and has received honorary degrees from Amherst College (Doctor of Science, 1994), and Colgate University (Doctor of Letters, 1995).

Dr. Lawrence's achievements have improved both Kaiser Permanente and American health care. In his 10-year tenure as Chairman and CEO, he:

1. Made the delivery of quality health care the single most important value of Kaiser Permanente and led Kaiser Permanente to be a quality leader in U.S. medicine.

2. Focused both the nation's and the organization's attention on the issue of patient safety and the need for reforms in the nation's health care delivery system.

3. Championed the expanded use of information technology for clinical care in Kaiser Permanente and the nation as a whole.

4. Partnered with AFL-CIO President John Sweeney to conceive and initiate the Labor and Management Partnership, the only such partnership in the health care industry.

5. Kept Kaiser Permanente's diversity efforts at the forefront of the organization's agenda and made it one of the most inclusive workplaces in the nation.

6. Redesigned Kaiser Permanente's Community Benefit Program to enhance its value to the communities it serves.

7. Led Kaiser Permanente through the turnaround years of financial difficulties and returned it to financial stability.

8. Guided the development of the Kaiser Permanente's National Partnership Agreement, out of which grew the Kaiser Permanente Partnership Group, the joint leadership body that sets direction for the organization.

9. Created and developed a strong senior leadership team from both inside and outside the organization.

10. Created a strong organization that functions with a national focus while maintaining responsiveness to the needs of the individual communities it serves.

We are all fortunate to have had Dr. Lawrence at the helm of Kaiser Permanente and the forefront of American health care. I have valued his insights and perspective during his years at Kaiser Permanente. I have every confidence that he will continue to contribute to the health of all Americans and citizens throughout the world in his post-retirement activities.

TRAIN SECURITY BREACH

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw your attention to the unparalleled risk of transporting spent nuclear fuel to Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The DOE has promised that shipments of high level nuclear waste are among the most secure cargo in the US.

However, just yesterday we discovered that two inmates from a North Carolina prison illegally boarded a train carrying spent nuclear fuel last month.

Had these escapees intended to do great harm, the results could have been devastating.

Although estimates anticipate over 400 nuclear waste shipping accidents to occur during the next 38 years of delivery to Yucca Mountain, there is absolutely no way to estimate that a terrorist will not board a train carrying spent fuel—and present our country with another tremendous tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, let us not give terrorists an easy target.

Vote no on transporting nuclear fuel throughout this Great Nation; through our neighborhoods, past our homes, schools, parks and waterways.

Vote no on House Joint Resolution 87.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. TRISTANO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of Pueblo, Colorado. Corporal Robert A. "Bob" Tristano of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over thirty years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Bob announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As Bob looks forward to retirement, I would like to take this time to highlight his service to his community.

Bob began his service with the force in 1968 as a patrolman and within five years was promoted to the rank of corporal. For over twenty years, he remained active in the patrol division, guarding our streets and providing