

Ms. SNOWE. I thank my esteemed colleagues, Senator BINGAMAN and Senator MURKOWSKI, and those Senators who have taken part in this colloquy today as it shows an unprecedented effort to forge a bipartisan agreement to address the various issues relating to climate change and what our domestic approach and strategy should be for short and long term goals for stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations through U.S. actions. In addition, it will help the nation continue its efforts to carry out the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992 and ratified by the U.S. Senate. The major objective of the Conference is for the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic, or manmade, interference with the climate system.

I am pleased that Title X calls for an Office of National Climate Change Policy in the White House and hope this direction is pursued as last year I expressed my concerns to the Administration that the national energy policy being developed in the White House should not be developed independently of our U.S. climate change policy. These policies should be seamlessly coordinated across a number of our federal agencies through a broad range of research activities and actions that begin to reduce our Nation's greenhouse gas emissions in an environmentally and technologically sound and economically feasible manner.

I am particularly pleased that Title XIII calls for an ocean and coastal observing system that will give us real time observations to help those of us on the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Atmosphere, Oceans and Fisheries greater understand, assess and respond to both human-induced and natural processes of climate change and support efforts to restore the health of and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and living resources. Activities will also include research on abrupt climate change urged in December 2001 by the National Academies for NOAA research to identify the likelihood and potential impact of a sudden change in climate in response to global warming. I look forward to working with my colleague and the White House on this issue of great importance not only to me, but to the Nation, to the international community, and to those generations to follow.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for a period not to exceed 5 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN, SELECT, TARA L. LACAVERA, U.S. NAVY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain, select, Tara L. LaCavera, upon her change of command from Naval Station Pascagoula. Throughout her career, Captain, select, LaCavera has served with distinction. It is my privilege to recognize her many accomplishments and to commend her for the superb service she has provided the Navy, the great State of Mississippi, and our Nation.

Captain, Select, LaCavera began her career as a Fleet Support Officer in 1980 after completing a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Georgia and attending the Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. She served with distinction early in her career as Message Center Officer on the staff of Commander, Oceanographic Systems Command Atlantic; Regional Evaluation Center Watch Officer and Surveillance Training Operational Procedures Standardization at Naval Facility Brawdy, Wales, UK; Fleet Telecommunications Officer, Naval Telecommunications Area Master Station, Naples, Italy; and Intelligence Officer at Commander Naval Allied Forces Mediterranean, Naples, Italy. Later assignments included Administrative Department Head and Public Affairs Officer at NAS Whiting Field, FL; Protocol Officer and Special Assistant to the Commander, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and Executive Officer, Naval Station Norfolk, VA. She received a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from Troy State University in 1990 and was selected as a 1994 Federal Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

As Commanding Officer, Naval Station Pascagoula, Captain, select, LaCavera's foresight during the planning and execution of numerous construction projects greatly enhanced the quality of life for the many Sailors of the home ported ships and tenant commands. The results include construction of a new Gulf Coast USO and Learning Resource Center, major expansions of the Fire Department and cardio-fitness center/gymnasium, addition of an on-base service station, and site selection for an off-base military housing project. She was responsible for the intense coordination and certification procedures required for the unprecedented full weapons off-load of the USS COLE, DDG 67, that entailed the safe handling of 86.3 thousand pounds of explosives from the severely damaged destroyer. After the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, Captain, select, LaCavera immediately executed an increased security posture, utilizing recalled reservist, auxiliary security force personnel, and available base assets to provide harbor patrol and protection for home ported ships and other pre-commissioning units located at Ingalls Shipyard. Her strong guidance

and leadership ensured that Naval Station Pascagoula's personnel, facilities, and weapons platforms were well protected.

Throughout her distinguished career, Captain, select, LaCavera has served the United States Navy and the nation with pride and excellence. She has been an integral member of, and contributed greatly to, the best-trained, best-equipped, and best-prepared naval force in the history of the world. Captain, select, LaCavera's superb leadership, integrity, and limitless energy have had a profound impact on Naval Station Pascagoula and will continue to positively impact the United States Navy and our nation. Captain, select, LaCavera relinquishes her command on April 25, 2002 and reports as Chief Staff Officer, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA where she will continue her successful career. On behalf of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I wish Captain, select, LaCavera "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

SCOTTIE STEPHENSON

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, this past week a deep sense of sadness settled in on the Helms family—and countless other families as well. Scottie Stephenson's life was finally ended at age 80 by an unyielding illness.

Scottie had gone on to her reward after 80 years of loving and being loved by everybody around her. For various reasons, I had to cancel my plans to be there when the final tributes were being paid to this remarkable lady who was declared many times to be the First Lady of Capitol Broadcasting Company in Raleigh—which, is where I began my years in broadcasting—and where I ended them when in 1972 I allowed myself to be talked into seeking election to the U.S. Senate.

Mrs. Louise "Scottie" Stephenson never quite accepted the death of her handsome husband, Nelson W. Stephenson, whom she married in 1948 but who died in 1961.

Scottie knew the end was approaching early this year. We discussed it a number of times always with the conclusion that when it happened, she would probably be the No. One Gate Keeper serving Saint Peter. As her condition worsened, I set aside a time each day to be devoted to discussions with Scottie about those years gone by when she and I were officers of Capitol Broadcasting Company. Those, she used to remark, were the "salad days".

Then came that inevitable morning when I called and a tape responded. Scottie had mentioned that she would arrange that.

Jim Goodmon, now president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company, was in high school when he began working nights at Capitol Broadcasting.

Our hometown morning paper, the News and Observer, published in its April 17 editions a comprehensive obituary outlining many of the aspects of

Scottie's remarkable life. I ask unanimous consent that it and an editorial from the same paper be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[The News & Observer, Wed., Apr. 17 2002]

LOUISE 'SCOTTIE' STEPHENSON—'FIRST LADY OF CAPITOL BROADCASTING' WORKED THERE 58 YEARS

(By Sarah Lindenfeld Hall)

Louise "Scottie" Stephenson, known as the first lady of Capitol Broadcasting Co., who helped win the original license for WRAL-TV, died Monday morning after a long illness. She was 80.

Stephenson started working for Capitol 58 years ago and was the communications company's longest-serving employee, with a tenure even longer than that of its founder, A.J. Fletcher. She spent at least three days a week at work until October, when she became ill, but continued to work at home. In February, she attended a board meeting of the A.J. Fletcher Foundation, held at Springmoor retirement community where she lived so she could participate.

"She was a great lady, and she had the respect of everybody that's ever worked for Capitol, and we're going to really miss her personally and we're going to miss her professionally," said James F. Goodman, president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Co. "Scottie was sort of our contact with who we are and what we stand for and was an important continuity beginning with the founding of the TV station. She was there when it started."

Stephenson started her career as a receptionist, secretary and record librarian for what was then WRAL-AM. She answered the phones for the popular radio show "The Trading Post," with Fred Fletcher as host, where listeners could swap and sell goods over the air. She became the company's corporate secretary and member of the board of directors in 1953.

She was the only woman on a five-member team seeking a television station license for WRAL.

She helped prepare 3,000 pages of paperwork and testified before the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., during the 75-day hearing, according to a Capitol press release. The company received its license in December 1956.

Stephenson, a native of Goldsboro, graduated from Broughton High School and took classes at N.C. State University. She married Nelson W. "Steve" Stephenson in May 1948. He died in 1961, and she never remarried.

Stephenson served on the board of the Fletcher Foundation and volunteered with local arts groups. For more than four decades, she coordinated the Golden Agers Club Christmas parties in Raleigh. And for a half-century, Stephenson had lunch once a week with her good friend Pota Vallas, whose family founded National Art Interiors at Hillsborough Street and Glenwood Avenue.

Scottie was active in the Triangle community as well, serving on the board of the A.J. Fletcher Foundation and supporting the arts through volunteer work with the Raleigh Fine Arts Society and the North Carolina Symphony. She coordinated the Golden Age Club of Raleigh's annual Christmas luncheon for over four decades and saw that luncheon grow from 50 to over 1,500 people. Scottie served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary of the Tammy Lynn Center, a resident care facility for severely retarded children, and worked with a variety of other community organizations.

In 1992, she was named Business and Professional Woman of the Year of the Wake

County Academy of Women, sponsored by the YWCA. She was also the first recipient of the Junior Women's Club Outstanding Working Member award.

Scottie most recently resided at Springmoor where she was once again a leader and an inspiration to many. She organized and coordinated outings for her friends to everything from dinner parties to Durham Bulls games.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson W. "Steve" Stephenson, in 1961. Her brother, Sam D. Scott, Jr.; sister, Nancy Scott Reid; and niece, Betty Scott Toomes, also preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. Burial will be at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving family members include niece, Alice Reid Ritter and husband, Doug of Severna Park, MD; nephew, Samuel Scott Reid and wife, Kathy of Raleigh, NC; niece, Nancy Scott Young and husband, Gary of Manhattan, KS; nephew, Sam D. Scott III and wife, Carolyn of Louisville, KY; great-nephew, Christopher James Stephenson and wife, Ann; and many great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by longtime friend, Roberta Glover.

[From the News & Observer]

ALWAYS ON THE GO

Even after she moved to the Springmoor retirement community in Raleigh, Scottie Stephenson had not retired from her vocation, and avocation, of getting things done. At Springmoor, she organized her neighbors in all sorts of activities, getting them out and about.

For 58 years, Stephenson, who died Monday at the age of 80, served Raleigh's Capitol Broadcasting Company—the first employee and the one who worked there longer than anyone, including the founder, the late A.J. Fletcher. She was out and about there, too—from helping the company obtain the first television station license in Raleigh for WRAL-TV, to writing commercials, to filing complicated federal reports. Stephenson, a gracious and merry person, also served in a multitude of community endeavors through volunteer work in the arts and as a board member of the A.J. Fletcher Foundation. For thousands of citizens in the Capital City, she'll be remembered as coordinating the Golden Age Club's annual Christmas luncheon.

Pillars of the community, such people are called, and too often as they become older their accomplishments seem to fade in memory. It should not be so, for those accomplishments, by one person at a time, build a city. And thankfully, it was not so with Scottie Stephenson, who was acclaimed after her death in on-air tributes from her latest generation of admirers at WRAL. She would have appreciated them. And they were well-earned.

RECOGNITION OF REVEREND KENNETH DYKSTRA

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I rise in recognition of the steadfast service and commitment of a principled man of God, Reverend Kenneth Dykstra of Pella, IA. Reverend Dykstra served in the capacity as Senior Pastor of Third Reformed Church in Pella from 1969 to 1979. During this period he was involved and actively participated in two extremely consequential missionary trips, one to India and the other to Mexico—both with the Reformed Churches of America.

Kenneth Dykstra devoted the next 8 years of his admirable career to prison inmates through a Bible study ministry as the Senior Pastor with the Worthington Reformed Church in Worthington, MN.

Reverend Dykstra returned home to the beautiful state of Iowa in 1987 to retire in the Dutch community of historic Pella. Knowing "true" retirement for a pastor is rarely an option, he served in a variety of roles including mentor for a church's new pastor and as a Minister of Calling with focused attention on visitations to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Kenneth Dykstra's significant contribution to not only those his ministry touched, but also the entire State of Iowa, in no way goes unnoticed. I thank and commend him today for all of his dedication, commitment and positive influence on those fortunate enough to know him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

OUR WESTERN AGENDA

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, as I sit here and look around at my surroundings, there is a dominant feature, our Nation's Capitol. The Rotunda is a landmark that is recognized throughout our country.

What is noticeably missing from this landscape is Idaho!

Our Nation's Capitol is vastly different from Idaho. Each day, Congressmen come to work and see the historical landmarks of the Capitol. They do not see Idaho's vast mountains, rural countrysides, expansive farmland, or raging rivers, the landmarks we all feel in part define Idaho.

Every day, I work to promote and advocate for our Western principles and our Western lifestyle. These Western principles are the touchstone for my service in Congress.

And every day, my goal is to work to establish Federal policies that are responsive to the needs and interests of Idaho and the West, as well as to lead in developing natural resource and energy policies that protect Western water and ensure a clean, safe environment, consistent with sound science, community stability, economic growth and the principle of multiple use.

I am a fiscal conservative who believes in the principles of multiple use, conservation, and management at the local level. I believe these fundamental ideas should guide all natural resource decisions. Natural resource management is about balancing the needs of the people with the needs of the land. I have never met someone who wants dirty air, undrinkable water, or devastated forests. We all want a livable environment. Where people differ is over how these goals will be accomplished.

That being said, I have compiled all of my thoughts and feelings on Western issues to create what I call "Our Western Agenda."