

As Governor, he fought for fair housing, civil rights, disadvantaged children, prison reform, and to protect the unique beauty of Lake Tahoe and aid for workers injured on the job.

After his career in public service, he went on to become executive editor of the Las Vegas Sun, where he used his column to draw attention to a wide array of causes and concerns that he continued to care about long after leaving office.

Mike was a deeply, deeply religious man, who attended church on a daily basis. He was known as much for his works of charity as he was for his political victories. If you were a millionaire or if you were homeless, Mike treated you with the same dignity and respect. He was legendary for his efforts on behalf of those who were down on their luck.

He also shared a deep interest in international affairs. He made countless trips to Israel to support the Israeli defense force. He was called upon to visit Central America to promote democracy and worked for fair elections in the nation of Nicaragua. He repeated his role in northern Iraq in 1992, helping observe free elections for the Kurds in that divided nation.

While he will be remembered for his lasting contributions as Governor and coach and newspaper executive, his greatest legacy was his family: his wife of nearly 50 years, Carolyn; his five children, Michael, Mary, Teresa, Brian, and Timothy; and his 15 grandchildren.

There are literally thousands of Nevadans and people around the world whose lives have been touched by this extraordinary man. He was one of my best friends, one of my closest friends. I will miss him as if he were my father, and I share the loss with his family.

While Mike will long be remembered for his lasting contributions as a Governor, teacher, coach and newspaper executive, perhaps his greatest legacy is the O'Callaghan family, which includes Mike's wife of nearly 50 years Carolyn, his five children Michael, Mary, Teresa, Brian and Timothy and his grandchildren.

There are literally the thousands of people in Nevada and around the world whose lives were touched in different ways by the efforts of Mike O'Callaghan.

As communities across southern Nevada mourned the loss of this great figure last week, endless personal stories about Mike and his many deeds filled memorial services, the airwaves and the pages of the newspaper. So many stories and so many lives, all touched by this humble, hard working, hard-nosed man with a heart of gold.

The State of Nevada is a far better place because of Mike O'Callaghan and he will forever be remembered as a man whose life was defined by his service to our Nation, his devotion to his family and friends, his rock solid religious beliefs, his steady leadership as Governor and his love of the underdog.

As one newspaper columnist put it, "Mike O'Callaghan believed heart and soul in the family of man. He has gone away, but we'll hear his voice for a long time to come."

While another wrote: "Although the word 'hero' is tossed about lightly these days, I can

honestly say that Mike O'Callaghan is the only true hero I've ever met, and I count myself fortunate for the honor."

I also count myself among those lucky enough to have known and loved this great man and to have had the honor to call him my friend. Mike, you will be missed, but you will never be forgotten.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

TERRORISTS INFLUENCE SPANISH ELECTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a subject matter, and that subject matter has to do with Spain.

First, I would like to thank the Spanish people and the Spanish leadership that they have had over the past several years for their allegiance to the principles that built this great Nation that we have the privilege to live in, their commitment to free enterprise and their commitment to the allies that we have pulled together in Iraq.

I have watched their economy grow in Spain as free markets took hold, and I have seen that Spain has become a competitor with us and made us both be stronger economically. They stood with us in times of toil, and they stood with us in times of terror. They have stood with us in Iraq, and the warm feeling we got when President Aznar was here to speak before this Chamber was a heartfelt appreciation for a nation that shares with us many of the same ideals and principles.

However, there has been a situation which has changed things dramatically in Spain. We also stand together with the Spanish people in their grief for having lost 201 of their citizens and hundreds of them wounded in the cowardly bombing attack on the trains in Madrid just 2 days before the election. There are not many people on this planet that do not believe that the elections were profoundly changed because of those terrorist attacks.

We know not what went on in the minds of the voters in Spain that would bring them to the conclusion that going down the path of appeasement was preferable to going down the path of fighting terror wherever we find it. But that decision was made by the Spanish people, and we respect their decision. However, the challenge to our President that has been issued by Prime Minister-elect Zapatero that they would withdraw their troops from Spain and realign themselves, and presumably realign themselves with some of the nations in Europe that have opposed our policy in Iraq is a regretful situation.

And we have not seen a leader of a foreign country challenge a seated President in the time of an election as we do on this particular circumstance. In fact, the question I think has been answered, the question of the apparent Democrat nominee for President in this Nation has stated that he has the support of foreign leaders. He will not name those foreign leaders, but I believe one of them has come out and made the endorsement to support the Democrat candidate for President of the United States, thus injecting himself into our domestic politics, thus identifying an individual that might have been referenced by our candidate; thus taking them both down the path to appeasement.

This is a regrettable circumstance. The headline I am looking at is from the Salt Lake Tribune and it says, "Spanish socialist supports Democratic-apparent nominee." Spanish socialist, that should tell us something. Spanish socialist appeaser. The legacy of Neville Chamberlain hangs in the atmosphere across all of Europe today, and the message sent to the terrorists is, you have won.

Al Qaeda understands they have won the election in Spain by blowing up innocent civilians and moving the electorate in Spain toward the socialist candidate, the appeasement candidate.

I do not know what goes on in the minds of voters in a time of grief, but I have to believe and I have to pray that American voters, if confronted with the same thing, will react in an entirely different fashion. For the last 3 weeks, I have been warning the people in my district and across the country that I fear a terrorist attack in this Nation prior to our Presidential election and an effort to change the election results in this country and elect the candidate who has been endorsed by the socialist from Spain.

Well, I believe the character of the American people is different than the response that we have seen by the Spaniards; and I believe that we will stand up, if that tragic time comes to pass, and now they have certainly been encouraged to attack us in this country because of their success in Spain. I believe we will stand up, and I believe we will stand with George W. Bush, our President, the man who understands terror, defines terror, and knows we

have to fight the terrorists wherever they are, the one who said if you are not with us, you are against us; you are either a terrorist, and if you are a terrorist, we are opposed to you. If you harbor terrorists, if you support terrorists, if you fund terrorists, you are a terrorist. Now there is some habitat in Spain that might cause terrorists to settle in there, and that might potentially be a risk for more terror to come out of there. Maybe they will leave the Spanish people alone, but that does not mean the rest of the people are safe.

So we are confronted with appeasement over there. We need to stand together here. We need to stand together with our allies who have come together behind the United States. No other nation out there seems to be willing to crack and go off in that direction.

We have a large job ahead of us, to stand with our military, those who have given their lives and limbs, those who have given years out of their lives to protect us and protect our freedom.

I will continue to defend our President in this country, and let us be ready for any attacks. If we have to do it, let us go to the polls and defend our war on terror.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EMANUEL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. LAMPSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CORRINE BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THREAT FROM MERCURY EMISSIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Maine (Mr. ALLEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today with the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) and later others of my colleagues to tell a story. It is not the most pleasant story, but it is an important story. It is a story of the threat from mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants around the country to the health of the American people, and it is a story of

how the Clean Air Act requires that mercury be regulated as a hazardous pollutant, but this administration has chosen not to do that. In fact, this administration has submitted a proposed mercury rule which in major respects was written by the industries it is supposed to regulate. This story is an indication of what needs to be done to change the direction of the environmental policy of this administration.

Let me begin by talking about the Clean Water Act and the threat that mercury emissions pose to people in this country.

Three decades ago, the Clean Water Act promised that America would have water bodies that were fishable, that were swimmable and drinkable. Clean water, that was the goal.

But today, all across this country there are warnings that particularly women and children should not eat the fish from our lakes and streams and rivers because those fish are contaminated with mercury. Mercury pollution has contaminated 12 million acres of lakes, estuaries, wetlands, 30 percent of the national total. Nearly every State has issued warnings about eating mercury-contaminated fish. Seventeen States have mercury warnings for every single inland body of water, and 11 States have issued warnings for mercury in their coastal areas.

This is an extremely serious health issue for people in this country. In February 2004, a new EPA analysis found that about 630,000 children are born in the United States each year with blood mercury levels higher than 5.8 parts per billion, the level at which the risk of poor brain development is doubled. The study found one in every six women of child-bearing age has enough mercury in her bloodstream to threaten the health of her child.

Where does this mercury come from? Well, it comes mostly from the burning of coal in electric generating plants; and the mercury goes up into the air, it travels great distances through the air, and then comes down and it gets into the food chain in our bodies of water. According to the National Research Council, effects from prenatal exposure include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, deafness, and blindness. Adult exposure can produce sensory and motor impairments such as slurred speech, blurred vision, tremors, and memory loss.

Members may remember the expression "mad as a hatter." Well, that expression grew out of 19th century England because hatters then were literally driven mad because there was a compound containing mercury that they used in processing the felt that went into their hats. Mercury can be extraordinarily dangerous in those kinds of concentrated forms. Mercury also threatens our loons, our ducks, our mammals. Recent evidence shows that exposure threatens reproductive success, liver damage, kidney damage, and neuro-behavioral effects.

Like 41 million Americans, I love to go fishing, but it has changed because

fresh water fish in so many instances cannot be eaten without risk of mercury contamination, and that is why our States have so many warnings about the risks of mercury.

In Maine, my home State, we have about 26,000 people employed in the fishing industry, and we have thousands and thousands of recreational fishermen. Nationwide, recreational fishing generated more than \$35.6 billion in expenditures in the year 2001 and \$116 billion of total economic output. It supported more than 1 million jobs.

Now, in December the Bush administration was faced with a court requirement that it submit a proposed rule to regulate mercury emissions from power plants. Unfortunately, the rule that they proposed reinterprets the Clean Air Act, I believe, illegally in order to help polluters. It dramatically delays by how soon and by how much plants will have to clean up their act. Under the Clinton administration, EPA concluded that mercury is a hazardous air pollutant that had to be regulated under the strict section 112 entitled "Hazardous air pollutants."

Section 112 requires that EPA issue a maximum achievable control standard which would require every plant, here is one of the key differences, it would require every plant to reduce mercury emissions by 2007 to the maximum achievable level. Instead, the Bush administration proposes to regulate mercury, a hazardous air pollutant under section 111, "Standards of performance for new stationery permits," in order to allow the use of tradeable permits.

Senator George Mitchell of Maine and the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), and all of the Members of this body who worked together in 1990 to write the Clean Air Act amendments, I know intended for EPA to regulate hazardous air pollutants under the section of the law entitled "Hazardous air pollutants." It is exactly that simple. But the Bush administration proposal delays reductions. EPA agreed in court to regulate mercury emissions by December 15, 2007. This proposal delays any regulation until 2010 and full implementation to 2030. The cap-and-trade system they propose requires only a 29 percent reduction in 2010 and a 69 percent reduction by 2018.

So what we have is a weakening of the Clean Air Act in a way that I believe is absolutely illegal. But the EPA has not come to this with clean hands. Their own modeling shows that the 69 percent cut will not be achieved until 2030 because the trading system encourages many power plant owners to delay making improvements.

Here is a quote from Jeffrey Holmstead, the assistance environmental protection administrator in charge of air. This is what he says today: "What our models now show is we won't get there as soon as we expected we would." That is what he told the New York Times on Sunday, but the truth is the EPA knew very well