

shooting of a State judge in Nevada provides another terrible reminder of the vulnerable position of our State and Federal judges. Unfortunately, this is not the only recent reminder. Last May, the Judiciary Committee heard the courageous testimony of Judge Joan Lefkow of Chicago, the federal judge whose mother and husband were murdered in their home. We must protect judges where they work and where they and their families live.

The amendment now incorporated into the bill which I cosponsored with Senator REID, Chairman SPECTER, and Senator DURBIN, would enact provisions from the Court Security Improvement Act of 2005, CSIA, S. 1968, which Chairman SPECTER and I introduced last November. Our bill and this amendment authorize additional resources to improve security for State and local court systems. We also respond to requests by the Federal judiciary for a greater voice in working with the U.S. Marshals Service to determine their security needs. This amendment provides criminal penalties for the misuse of restricted personal information to seriously harm or threaten to seriously harm Federal judges, their families or other individuals performing official duties. It provides criminal penalties for threatening Federal judges and Federal law enforcement officials by the malicious filing of false liens, and provides increased protections for witnesses. It also includes an extension of life insurance benefits to bankruptcy, magistrate and territorial judges, and provides health insurance for surviving spouses and families of Federal judges, both of which are provisions that I suggested be included.

Finally, this amendment contains provisions which have passed the Senate several times extending and expanding to family members the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact certain information from a Federal judge's mandatory financial disclosure. This redaction authority is intended to be used in circumstances in which the release of the information could endanger the filer or the filer's family. I hope that the House of Representatives finally takes up and passes this extension and expansion of redaction authority.

U.S. MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps is *Semper Fidelis*. Translated, it means, "Always Faithful," but among members of the Marine Corps the motto holds a deeper meaning. *Semper Fidelis* represents our Nation's shared commitment to those who dedicate their lives to protect us. As a Navy veteran, I know we must always honor the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families for the sacrifices they make for our Nation everyday.

Lately, I am afraid Congress has not fulfilled its commitment to our men

and women in the military, and this is especially evident in the lack of support for our military veterans and their families. Our lack of assistance for those exposed to the highly contaminated drinking water at U.S. Marine Corps base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina is one of the best examples of this body's shortcomings.

Camp Lejeune is the site of one of the largest drinking water catastrophes in our Nation's history. Between 1980 and 1985, Camp Lejeune drinking water samples conducted by the Marine Corps found high levels of volatile organic compounds used by the Marines in solvents for industrial degreasing. The contaminated wells were closed in 1985; however, the contamination itself may date back until the late 1950s. To put the contamination in perspective, the current EPA health standard for these chemicals is 5 parts per billion. The tap water samples taken at homes and the elementary school between 1980 and 1985 reached levels as high as 1,400 parts per billion.

While the health effects of exposure to the contaminants at Camp Lejeune are still being studied, the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances, ATSDR, has documented at least 100 babies exposed in utero to the contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune have birth defects and cancers, including spina bifida, leukemia, and cleft palates. This is at least twice the rate found in the general population.

For the last 20 years, the calls for assistance from those affected by this contamination have gone unanswered. The Department of Defense's cooperation has been slow, and the political will in Congress has been lacking. I will offer a modest amendment to answer the call for help.

Senator DOLE's amendment would do two things. First, it would provide veterans' health care benefits to those exposed in utero while at Camp Lejeune. The in utero exposures to Camp Lejeune's contaminated water happened under the Marine Corps watch, and it is our responsibility to assist those who were harmed. Medical assistance is a modest step to help restore faith among our veterans and their family members in the Government's commitment to them.

Second, it requires the Marine Corps to notify those who may have been exposed to the water contamination upon the completion of the ATSDR's study on the human exposures to drinking water. To date, the Marine Corps has issued targeted press releases, but information has not been sent to all who may have been exposed. The ATSDR's modeling of the contaminated water will make it possible to notify exposed segments of the Camp Lejeune population, without creating undue worry among the greater population that resided on base. This amendment will require the Marines to provide notice to those who may have been exposed, to outline the events leading to the exposures, to describe the potential adverse

health effects, and to give the affected people resources they can use to obtain more information.

I thank Senator DOLE for her leadership on this issue. Without her, this tragic situation would not have gotten the attention it deserves.

Nevertheless, concerns have been raised about this amendment. The people exposed to the highly contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune have waited for decades for answers. Congress needs to take steps now and not delay for years debating this issue.

For this reason, I have worked with Senator DOLE on a second, compromise Dole-Jeffords amendment. This amendment would require a comprehensive National Academy of Sciences study to be completed within 18 months to evaluate the strength of the link between TCE and PCE exposure and adverse health impacts for prenatal, childhood, and adult exposures at Camp Lejeune.

It also requires the Navy to notify those potentially affected by the water contamination at Camp Lejeune so they can learn what happened, how it may have affected them, and what steps they may want to consider taking now to minimize the potential health impacts. While I am told by the Defense Department that individual notification by letter to each person affected is impractical, under this compromise amendment, the Navy would carry out a media blitz and place a letter on its Web page providing the information that those affected deserve to have.

Again, I thank Senator DOLE for taking a bipartisan approach to this issue and for pushing to make constructive progress. We have a moral responsibility to support our troops and their families, and any failure to do so, is a failure to fulfill our commitment embodied in the Marine's motto *Semper Fidelis*. I urge my colleagues to approve this compromise amendment.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

FATHER'S DAY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in a few moments we will be closing for the week. Before we leave, I want to take just a few moments to reflect on a very special holiday coming up this weekend, and that is Father's Day.

On Sunday, families all across America will celebrate their dads with dinners and lunches and gifts and, if my

family is typical, some gentle teasing over the course of the day.

It is a day that we show our gratitude and how important our dads are—and have been and continue to be—in our lives.

In my own case, I cherish my memories of my dad. I think of him each and every day. He was my mentor in medicine, mentor in public service, mentor in humanitarian efforts, and my friend. It was his love and his wisdom and his encouragement that gave me the confidence to work outside of the box, to take risks, and to set high goals.

As I was thinking back a few moments ago as to what I would say, I remembered and recall most vividly, after returning back to Nashville, TN, and working at Vanderbilt—after having been away from Nashville for a long period of time with college and medical school and my internship and residency and training and moving back to Nashville—every day I would drive by my parents' home on the way to work at Vanderbilt Hospital.

As I would go by that house—and, ironically, it is the same house I live in today, but as I would go by that house, I would think, each day, about the values that dad—both parents and really the entire family—instilled in each of us.

I also used it as a marker place in coming home every night. As I drove by that white house, I would call. That number would be dialed as I was driving by. And by the time I got home, we would complete our conversation, on a daily basis—each and every day.

Indeed, he was an extraordinary man in many ways, not in his accomplishments or just being a great physician, a humble physician treating people throughout middle Tennessee, but in his acts of generosity and in his kindness, known throughout the community for his good works.

My father died in 1998. Mother and Dad both died within about 36 hours of each other of totally independent causes. In truth, it was referred at the funeral as a great love story. A lot of people arrived for the funeral of my dad—my mother died about 30 hours later—and there were two caskets there. Thinking about how tragic it was, in truth it was a manifestation of what was a great love story, a marriage of over 65 years.

Dad, not too long before he died, wrote a letter to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren that he would never know—that is the way he opened the letter to them—passing on in about a two-page letter the insights he had in very simple ways, humble ways. It is a long letter, and I won't read the whole of it but just a few paragraphs.

Again, this is a letter he left to be passed on to future generations. His advice was:

Be happy in your family life. Your family is the most important thing you can ever have. Love your wife or your husband. Tell your children how great they are. Encourage them in everything they do.

Be happy in your community. Charity is so important. There's so much good to do in the world and so many different ways to do it.

A little bit later in the letter he wrote:

The world is always changing, and that's a good thing. It's how you carry yourself in the world that doesn't change. Morality, integrity, warmth, and kindness are the same things in 1910, when I was born, or in 2010 or later when you will be reading this. And that's a good thing, too.

Dad is the one who had the high ideals. I have done my best to try to live up to those ideals and to that sterling example he set before us. I have worked hard as a dad to instill those same values and commitments in my own sons.

This weekend, as we celebrate our fathers and the good news that America's fathers are more present in their children's lives than ever, we all realize that they have a huge impact. Children involved with loving fathers are more likely to do well in school, to have healthy self-esteem, to show empathy, to avoid destructive behaviors. Kids do better with their dads around.

For a while, America seemed to forget this. But now we know in our kids what we have always known in our hearts: America's dads deserve our respect and our support, dads on the frontline who risk their lives for our freedom, dads on the home front who work hard to support their families.

Fatherhood is the most important responsibility a man will ever take on. It is also the most rewarding.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, banks of day lilies are celebrating their brief moments of glory as they turn their vibrant orange faces to the sun. The days are warm and mellow, not too hot for working in the garden or in the yard. The evenings linger, fading slowly into velvet nights filled with the trill of crickets, the sparkle of lightning bugs and the soft songs of whippoorwills. These are perfect evenings to spend on a country porch, watching the day slide into night. Late spring, almost summer—it is a lovely time of year.

On Sunday, June 18, the Nation will celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day does not arrive with quite the same fanfare as Mother's Day. To be sure, stores have been busy reminding us to shop for Father's Day, and the racks are full of Father's Day cards, but there doesn't seem to be the same level of intensity as that which surrounds Mother's Day. The long distance lines will not be as busy. Florists will not be swamped with orders. But fathers around the country will be treated to brunch or to some other family gathering. They will open presents of golf shirts, ties, or cologne bought by family members frustrated because dad always just buys what he really wants whenever he wants it. He is forgiven for this fault only because his family is fairly sure that dad is unaware of the approach of any holiday, including Father's Day. Of course, fathers will put their dramatic skills to the test in

order to express their gratitude. The comedian Bill Cosby famously once said, "Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is 'soap-on-a-rope.'"

This is not to say that Nation does not appreciate men. Far from it. We observe the birthdays of our Founding Fathers. We celebrate the fathers and other men who brave the terrors of distant battlefields to defend the Nation. We have monuments and parks, schools and mountains named after men who have won battles, made important discoveries, or who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of our Nation. But rarely, if ever, are these memorials dedicated to the important role that men play in their own families. The role that fathers play in the lives of their children, in helping to shape the future of the Nation, certainly merits this one day of recognition. The poet William Wordsworth observed: "Father!—to God himself we cannot give a holier name."

Fathers carry a heavy load of duty, responsibility and worry. Every day, and during many sleepless nights, they worry about big things, like the state of the economy or the impact of trade agreements on their jobs. Will they be able to support their families and make their mortgages on time? Will they keep their job or lose it to an overseas competitor? Is their pension secure? Will they have health care—not for themselves, for men are not very good about going to the doctor regularly, but for their families. Fathers also worry about small details, like oil level in the lawn mower or that suspicious drip under the sink. Is the prime interest rate going up or down, and how will that affect their ability to pay the monthly bills? Everything that can affect their families is a concern for fathers, who take their role as providers for their families very seriously, indeed.

By June 18, children are out of school at last. In days past, that would mean long summer days to while away with swimming and in play, and idle hours spent reading a book in the shade. In today's world, however, summer vacation for children out of school is often a headache for families with two working parents. Summer becomes instead a scheduling nightmare of day camps or sitters, or of latchkey kids who must spend the day indoors behind lock and key because there is no adult available to supervise their play. Instead of two working parents meaning a better life, today two working parents may as easily signal a family working hard just to keep up. Many fathers endure long commutes between work and home so that their families can live in a nicer neighborhood than those same fathers did growing up. Fathers are often portrayed as workaholics who live for their jobs and who see families as a minor annoyance, if they notice them at all. In truth, fathers worry about their jobs because they fear that, if they do not concentrate on their work,

they will lose their jobs and not be able to provide for their families. Today's economy is too uncertain, too volatile, and too global to take for granted.

This Father's Day, so many fathers are in harm's way in Afghanistan or in Iraq facing daily dangers that have already taken too many other fathers from their wives and children. To them and to their families, I offer my prayers of thanks and of safekeeping. May God bring them safely home. The families for whom this Father's Day will be a mix of loving remembrance and painful loss, I can offer only the comforting words of sympathy and the acknowledgment of their sad, sad loss. These fathers in heaven, for there they surely are, still have an important place in the family. Like all fathers, they teach by example. In this case, their example is one of bravery and sacrifice, patriotism and service.

Clarence Budington Kelland once wrote of his father: "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." These fathers in uniform, like good fathers everywhere, teach by the example of their own lives. "The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering-galleries, they are clearly heard at the end and by posterity." Jean Paul Richter made that observation, and that truism captures the essence of a father's importance. Each day they gird themselves for battle, whether that battle be in Iraq or in an office or a factory. They go, and they return. They do not complain, or at least not much, about how much time they must spend away from home. They simply do the best that they can for their families, day after day, year after year. They love their children. They play with them when they can. They monitor schoolwork and behavior. They set standards and measure performance. They mete out discipline. They scrutinize their children's friends. They say "yes" as often as they say "no." Good fathers participate in all aspects of their children's lives.

Our families are our Nation's greatest resource and greatest treasure. I am proud each year to take a few minutes to recognize the critical role of mothers and fathers on the days set aside for each of them. It reminds me to think always of how families are affected by the votes I cast here in the Senate. The votes we cast here affect the lives and well being of mothers and fathers and families. We need to make life easier for families, not harder. We should not send fathers into battle without good cause. We should not add to the burden of debt without good cause. Our spending decisions should add to the prosperity and well-being of the Nation and our families, first and foremost.

I close with a favorite poem of mine, one that I often recite for Father's Day. I learned it as young boy, and the words and the lesson have come to mean more to me with each passing year:

THAT DAD OF MINE

He's slowing down, as some folks say,
With the burden of years from day to day;
His brow bears many a furrowed line;
He's growing old—that dad of mine.
His shoulders droop, and his step is slow;
And his hair is white, as white as snow;
But his kind eyes sparkle with a friendly
light;
His smile is warm, and his heart is right.
He's old? Oh, yes. But only in years,
For his spirit soars as the sunset nears.
And blest I've been, and wealth I've had,
In knowing a man like my old dad.
And proud I am to stand by him,
As he stood by me when the way was dim;
I've found him worthy and just as fine,
A prince of men—that dad of mine.

REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, June 15, 2006.

Hon. BILL FRIST,
Senate Majority Leader,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. LEADER: On June 15, 2006, the Committee on the Judiciary reported favorably the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein to be the Assistant Attorney General for National Security. Pursuant to section 17(b)(1) of S. Res. 400 of the 94th Congress (as amended by Section 506(d) of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-177 (Mar. 9, 2006)), I request that the nomination of Mr. Wainstein be referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence for a period not to exceed 20 calendar days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PAT ROBERTS,
Chairman.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I today salute a hero for all Americans, a leader for his party, and my friend, Senator Robert Joseph Dole.

This week marks 10 years since Senator Dole retired from this Chamber, a day I remember well. Senator Dole left as the longest-serving Republican leader in Senate history. In fact, the beginning of his leadership tenure coincided with my first term in the Senate, starting in January 1985.

Even then, it was clear that Senator Dole was and is not just another Senator, but a national fixture in American politics. Author Michael Barone, writing in his *Almanac of American Politics*, has this to say about our friend from Kansas:

Senator Bob Dole is one of the large political figures of our time, in the middle 1990s towering over everyone else in the political landscape, even the president . . . for Bob Dole is not only one of the most successful politicians of the second half of the 20th Century but also one of the most enduring.

Powerful words about a powerful leader. Many of my colleagues have already recounted Senator Dole's extensive political career, his record of legislative accomplishment, and his leader-

ship of the Republican Party, here in the Senate and as the Republican candidate for both President and Vice-President of the United States. Beginning with his chairmanship of the Republican National Committee in 1971, Senator Dole was a prominent player on the national stage for a quarter-century.

Senator Dole's heroism on the battlefield is well-known and revered by us all as well. In 1945, a young Lieutenant Dole from Russell, KS, found himself on the hills of Italy, fighting the Nazis. Suddenly pain exploded in his back. Paralyzed by his war injury, Bob Dole spent 4 years in hospital wards, relearning how to do simple tasks, like button his shirt. To this day his right arm remains largely paralyzed.

I believe the determination and focus Senator Dole must have had to recover from that injury explains his success in politics, and with the American people. After struggling to regain control of one's body, lining up a vote on a difficult bill might be a little less daunting. I have heard Senator DOLE say before that no honor that has come his way has ever surpassed the pride he felt at wearing his country's uniform.

As a Republican Leader, Bob Dole was about results, not symbolism or showmanship. President George H.W. Bush, for instance, cited him as instrumental in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Out of office, he has continued to serve his country, fundraising for worthy causes and raising awareness of the dangers of prostate cancer.

Senator Dole is also famous for his dry, Midwestern wit, which has lifted many of us here in the Senate in times of despair as well as levity. This is a man who, after losing the Republican Presidential nomination in 1988, assured an audience that he "went home and slept like a baby. Every couple of hours, I'd wake up and cry."

My colleagues and I continue to be graced every day in this chamber by the presence of another prominent Senator DOLE, the Senator from North Carolina. ELIZABETH, I wish to express how happy we all are Bob has found you, and you have found Bob. You remind us of him every day, and we hope that you will tell him how much we all respect and miss him, and how pleased we are to honor his service.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, last Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of Senator Bob Dole's retirement from the Senate. Bob Dole served the people of Kansas and the people of the United States of America as a Member of Congress for more than three and a half decades. He was outspoken on many issues, but, above all, I will always admire his tireless, passionate advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities.

The first speech that Bob Dole ever made on the floor of the Senate—on April 14, 1969—was about the challenges faced by Americans with disabilities. That date was the 24th anniversary of the day he was gravely wounded in