

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I regret that I could not be present today, Thursday, May 10, 2007 to vote on rollcall vote nos. 319, 320, 321, 322 and 323 due to a family medical situation.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall vote No. 319 on the amendment to H.R. 1873, that would require greater economic analyses by agencies on contracting actions that displace small businesses, and close current loopholes that have allowed agencies to avoid performing analyses on new work and construction; "yea" on rollcall vote No. 320 on the amendment to H.R. 1873 that would extend small business contracting goals to overseas contracts; "yea" on rollcall vote No. 321 on the amendment to H.R. 1873 that would raise the government-wide small business procurement goal from 25 percent to 30 percent; "nay" on rollcall vote No. 322 on the motion to recommit H.R. 1873 with instructions; "yea" on rollcall vote No. 323 on final passage of H.R. 1873, the Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act.

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, I was not present to vote due to a family medical situation. I submitted for the record my votes had I been present. The RECORD incorrectly listed an "aye" on rollcall vote No. 315 on the amendment to H.R. 1684 that would remove section 407 of the bill, which requires that identification cards, uniforms, protective gear and badges of Homeland Security personnel be manufactured in the United States. I would like the record to reflect that I submitted a "nay" vote for rollcall No. 315.

IN MEMORY OF THE PASSING OF
STEPHEN BRANSDORFER**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the memory of Stephen Bransdorfer, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on March 15, 2007 at age 77.

Mr. Bransdorfer lived a full and rewarding life as a dedicated public servant, highly esteemed attorney and loving husband. In his il-

lustrious career, he served as president of the State Bar of Michigan, was a deputy U.S. attorney general under President George H.W. Bush, and was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Bransdorfer was a scholarly man as well, graduating with law degrees from the University of Michigan Law School and Georgetown University. He also worked in the U.S. Justice Department following law school, and served as the public spokesman for the Department when the federal government ordered schools to integrate in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. His deep commitment and expertise in law left a lasting impact on our country, and his legacy is one all Americans should turn to as a model for professionalism, dedication and patriotism.

Mr. Bransdorfer was a noted lawyer in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he practiced at the law firm of Miller, Johnson, Snell and Cummiskey. Later he formed his own firm with his sons. Mr. Bransdorfer was a devoted member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he worshipped with his family for many years.

Mr. Bransdorfer was an active civic leader in many areas of public life. He was very well known in my district for his committed public service, and his work with the Kent County Republican Party. He ran as a Republican for state attorney general, and put in many years of dedicated service as a leader in his church, his community, and the Republican Party.

We have lost a model citizen from my community, and I extend my most heartfelt condolences to his loving wife Peggy and his children, their spouses, and their children.