

Government became truly the “estate” of the average American.

A carpenter in Indiana or Iowa could saddle up the old Chevy pick-up and take his sons elk or deer hunting on a long weekend in Colorado. A steel worker in Pennsylvania could drive “straight through” with his pals to that certain Aspen grove in western Wyoming where big bucks always abounded on opening morning. Thus, until a few years ago, the outdoor legacy of Teddy Roosevelt and the birth-right of outdoor Americans were secure.

Not any more.

Today, bureaucracies in State governments are closing down the outdoor opportunities for average Americans. They are slamming the door on outdoor families the old-fashioned way: with outrageous fees for non-resident hunters, even when the hunting is done exclusively on Federal land.

For example, the out-of-State license fee in Wyoming is \$281 for deer, \$481 for elk; in Colorado it is \$301 for deer, \$501 for elk; in Montana, it is \$643 for both. In New Mexico, if two sons decide to take their dad on a weekend getaway, they each face fees of \$355 for deer and \$ 766 for elk.

What makes these high prices so unfair is that they are applied to out-of-State American outdoorsmen who hunt exclusively on Federal property. The 190 million acres of national forest and 258 million acres of BLM are the birth-right of all Americans. The notion that they are viewed as the domain of State legislatures runs against the principle of public usage of Federal property.

Certainly, individual States have the right to regulate the private land and state-owned property within their boundaries. No one quarrels with that. But placing prohibitive fees on hunting that is conducted on Federal public lands quickly becomes a method of exclusion.

What happens, for example, if New Mexico should raise its out-of-State fees to \$2,000 for bull elk? This increase would have the same effect as a locked gate for thousands of average Americans who want to hunt elk on any of the six national forests in New Mexico, over 11 million acres of federally owned land.

The bill I am introducing today will restore acres for all American hunters to Theodore Roosevelt’s “Great Estate” of national forests and other public land. I acknowledge that some small amount of States’ wildlife resources are expended on federally owned and managed lands. Therefore, it is only right that out-of-State hunters share in this minimal expense.

My bill, therefore, says this: No State may charge more than \$200 for a big game license, specifically, elk, deer, antelope or bear, for hunting that is carried out exclusively on national forest or BLM Federal land.

The \$200 fee strikes a balance between two interests. The first interest is the State’s legitimate need to recoup the few dollars that it expends in the management of Federal land. The second, and most important, is the interest of helping that father with two teenagers who does not have the \$2,300 the State of New Mexico will charge this year for a family of three to hunt on national forest for bull elk.

In most cases, even a \$200 fee will be a windfall for States, far out-pacing any help they give the Federal Government for wildlife management in national forests. Any American, from any State, should be allowed to earn a fall morning hunting elk in the Rockies

with a healthy hike and a good shooting eye, regardless if he has a large bank account. My bill restores that opportunity.

IN HONOR OF CASCADES FALLS

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, Let it be known, that it is my special privilege to congratulate the Cascades Falls on its 75th anniversary. I congratulate everyone who has been involved in the life of the falls for the last 75 years.

Cascades Falls is the result of a man’s dream to do something for the people of Jackson and to build an attraction that would provide visitors with a positive impression of the city. That man was CPT William Sparks.

The falls opened on May 9, 1932, to a crowd of 25,000 people. Guy C. Core described the Cascades Falls premiere: “As gloom of dusk thickened, water splashed down concrete falls into reflecting pools. Powerful lights flashed on, and the colorful, fast-changing spectacle drew gasps of admiration from the assembled crowd.”

Today the Cascades Falls are still described the same way by its visitors; the warm summer nights lit by the lights of the Cascades and the sky glowing with fireworks. The Cascades Falls are a monument of beauty and distinction that has remained a source of enjoyment and fond memories to millions of visitors.

In 1943, the Sparks family gifted the 465-acre Park and Cascades Falls to Jackson County.

The life of the Cascades Falls is dependent on the community and all of those at the County Parks and Recreation who dedicate themselves to the protection of the falls.

In special tribute, therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to honor the Cascades Falls on its 75th anniversary. May others know of my high regard for the Cascades Falls, and may generations to come enjoy this spectacular attraction.

CONGRATULATING R.L. POSEY ON CELEBRATION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize R.L. Posey on his 80th birthday. Although simply making it to his 80th birthday is truly a milestone, this has not been Mr. Posey’s only accomplishment; throughout his life he has taken on one challenge after another and refused to quit until the job was done.

R.L. was brought into the world on August 21, 1927, in Alamogordo, NM. After attending grade school and graduating from Cloudcroft High School, R.L. answered the call to duty, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. Second Lieutenant Posey served with the 384th Ordnance Tank

Maintenance Company from February 22, 1946 to March 25, 1947. R.L. later attended New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

After returning home to New Mexico, he met and later married his wife Patty, in June of 1949. During their 58 years of marriage, R.L. and Patty have brought up a wonderful, loving family of six. His family has since grown up and he now has 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

After starting and raising his family R.L. returned to service and faithfully served in the civil service. He was appointed director of safety at the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM. R.L. retired from his position and now spends ample amounts of time with his family and friends. Aside from work Mr. Posey is an activist in his community, focusing on the environment and land issues.

Adventurer is not quite the word to describe Mr. Posey; servant and community leader is more his style. Whether serving as a husband to his wife, a father to his children, an activist in his community, as director of safety or an officer in the U.S. Army, R.L. has continuously placed the welfare of others before his own. Congratulations R.L. and happy birthday.

COMMENDING DR. JOHN ROBERT CAVANAUGH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION WHILE CHANCELLOR OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALEXANDRIA

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today as Dr. John Robert Cavanaugh merits heartfelt recognition and commendation for his highly significant contributions as an extraordinary educator and citizen, as he prepares for retirement from this vital position.

Dr. Cavanaugh, currently the longest serving chancellor in the LSU system, has served as chancellor of Louisiana State University in Alexandria since 1994 and will retire on August 17, 2007. In the 13 years he has served as chancellor, Louisiana State University at Alexandria has grown from a 2-year community college with 2,500 students offering four associate degree programs to an institution of more than 3,000 students offering six baccalaureate degrees and seven associate degrees.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1967, master’s degree in 1968, and Ph.D. in 1971 in health and physical education from Louisiana State University. He held a graduate fellowship in special education at LSU as well. He served as an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, Coordinator of the Education Selection, professor of Health and Physical Education, acting head of the Division of Liberal Arts, coordinator of Planning and Development, and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs before he was appointed as chancellor.

Dr. Cavanaugh is a remarkable man who represents all that is good in Louisiana.

Those who have worked closely with him throughout his exemplary career will continue

to respect and admire him for the indelible mark he has left on higher education in Louisiana. Under his tenure as chancellor, Louisiana State University at Alexandria has risen to a place of prominence in higher education for central Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his outstanding accomplishments and dedication of Dr. John Robert Cavanaugh while chancellor of Louisiana State University at Alexandria. I acknowledge his invaluable and significant contribution to not only the State of Louisiana, but our Nation as well.

CONGRATULATING OUR NATION'S BUSINESS PUBLICATION EDITORS ON THEIR CODE OF ETHICS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on August 2nd and 3rd, the American Society of Business Publication Editors (ASBPE) will be holding its national editorial conference in New York City for the first time in its almost 40-year history. I wanted to use this occasion to congratulate ASBPE for its outstanding efforts to increase the professionalization of our nation's trade press editors.

The work of trade publication editors is vitally important to not only our democracy but to the commercial success of our country as well. Each and every industry in the United States is served by an array of magazines, newsletters, newspapers, and Web publications whose only mission is to facilitate the free exchange of information among professionals in an industry. As the knowledgeable and highly trained specialists who create the content for and manage those publications, business editors are the key to the continued free flow of news, best practices, and technical research that's so critical to ensuring the continued success of American professionals and industry in a rapidly globalizing world. Trade editors are the indispensable knowledge workers who help shape the environment in which businesses and nonprofit organizations operate. These knowledge workers combine expertise in their subject matter with their skills as writers and editors to tell the stories that professionals in an industry rely on to grow their own expertise. Without our trade press editors, companies and organizations would operate in a black hole, devoid of information and unable to grow. In our post-industrial world, information is the currency of success.

It's especially fitting that ASBPE be acknowledged at this time, because it has recently released its revised Code of Ethics, which is unique in the scope of its effort to come to grips with the rapidly changing digital environment in which editors must work. Professionals throughout the world of business journalism have appropriately acknowledged the thoughtful, balanced approach taken by ASBPE to set guidelines for editors struggling to understand what's appropriate, and what's not, in today's highly digitalized world. Already ASBPE has received kudos from publishers and editors for balancing the needs of advertisers and the inviolable need for journalism

objectivity in our brave new world of digital media, but I'd like to add my own congratulations for its admirable work in this area. ASBPE's Code of Ethics truly represents one of the first comprehensive efforts to give editors the same level of guidance in the digital world that they have had in the print world.

I have been very involved in many issues considered by this Congress that impact the job of journalism professionals like those who belong to ASBPE. As you know, as a member of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, I have tried to ensure the rights of journalists to maintain access to government information, as intended in the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Among other things, I recognized early on the impact of digital communications on journalism by advocating passage of E-FOIA, a law that eases public access to information in an electronic format under the Freedom of Information Act. In the 109th Congress I was an early cosponsor of the OPEN Government Act, which would help independent bloggers and other new-media communicators obtain government information by expanding FOIA provisions to journalists not affiliated with institutions. Time and again I have called for openness over secrecy in the dissemination of information by the executive branch of the federal government, whether it involves testimony from former government officials on homeland security matters, or scientists' recommendations on contraceptive safety. In these efforts, I share many of the goals of the editorial professionals in the trade press.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome ASBPE to my city and congratulate its president, Roy Harris, Jr., of CFO Magazine in Boston, and its incoming president, Steven Roll of the Bureau of National Affairs in Washington, D.C., for the success of their growing organization. I also want to congratulate Warren Hersch, ASBPE's New York City chapter president, for hosting his organization in our great city. A congratulatory note, too, to ASBPE's two most recent past presidents, Paul Heney of Hydraulics & Pneumatics Magazine in Cleveland, and Robert Freedman of Realtor Magazine in Washington, D.C. Finally, a hearty good luck to ASBPE's other national officers, Vice President Portia Stewart of Firstline Magazine, in Kansas City, Kans., and Treasurer Ira Pilchin of the American Bar Association in Chicago, and the incoming vice president, Amy Fischbach of Kansas City, and Jyme Mariani of GMPRO in Fort Worth, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO TOBIAS "TOBY" GIACOMINI

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Tobias "Toby" Giacomini who died July 17, 2007, at the age of 88. Toby was a long-time businessman and leader in the West Marin community whose warmth and generosity were as legendary as his feed store and trucking enterprises.

Born in Petaluma in 1918, Toby moved to Point Reyes Station almost 70 years ago to manage the produce department in the Palace

Market, which was purchased by his brother Waldo. A few years later, he acquired a truck and began a milk pick-up business, serving the far-flung ranches of the area. He soon expanded to include delivery of supplies and hay, later growing his own in Nevada, and opened Toby's Feed Barn to augment the delivery service.

The trucking and feed barn businesses grew into two of the largest in the area, developing in new directions to meet the changing needs of the community. And Toby always claimed his success was due to conducting business with his word and a handshake, not formal contracts.

In 1983, after a heart attack, Toby turned the businesses over to his sons, Joe, Toby, and Chris. However, he supervised both the business and Point Reyes Station's Main Street, from a rocking chair on the porch, where he always had a friendly word or a light-hearted joke to dispense along with a fresh selection from the store's produce stand. The accompanying twinkle in his eye never dimmed.

Locals enjoyed stopping by for a friendly chat because they appreciated his care for his community and its future.

Toby helped organize the West Marin Lions Club and was active in its Western Weekend Parade and Barbecue for many years. His support for the Halleck Creek Riding Club, which provides therapeutic horseback riding for the disabled, was crucial to the group's ability to serve an expanding need. He was a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Young Men's Institute's Petaluma Council, and the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and always supported the schools and other local nonprofits. Seeing working families getting priced out of the community, he advocated for affordable housing, making it possible for a housing project to acquire land he owned to construct rental homes.

Toby is survived by a loving family including his wife Vetalena "Vet"; daughter Carol; sons Joe, Toby, and Chris; a brother Ralph and sister Esther; as well as 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Tobias Giacomini will be missed in West Marin. His memory will live on in his good works and in Toby's Feed Barn, now a gathering place on Main Street which is host to a community garden, a summer farmer's market, an art gallery, and many popular events and classes. He exemplifies what caring people who follow their hearts mean to a community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, July 30, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 2750, rollcall vote No. 758; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 580, rollcall vote No. 759; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 580, rollcall vote No. 760; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 579, rollcall vote No. 761; and I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 579, rollcall vote No. 762.