

will be penalized, not rewarded, in whatever U.S. climate-change mitigation policy emerges after the current planning period. No one should expect the grandfathering of the newborn.

I was one of many who were delighted by the news this past weekend that eight new coal plants with conventional technology proposed for rapid construction in Texas will not be built. I can't prove it, of course, but it seems likely to me that the op ed in the Dallas News last month from Senators Bingaman and Boxer, warning investors and the TXU leadership that, in effect, there would be no grandfathering of the newborn, was instrumental in derailing the construction of these eight backward-looking plants.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for your attention.

RETIREMENT OF JIM SOURWINE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, this is a statement I wish I did not have to make. Jim Sourwine, who has almost 40 years of Federal service, including more than 30 on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will retire this month. He not only served the committee but the entire Senate as a professional staff member. And when I say "professional," I really mean it with Jim. Always courteous, always helpful, he is an appropriator's appropriator. He worked for Republicans and he worked for Democrats, with equal diligence. He treated every Senator with respect, and we respected him as well.

Mr. SPECTER. I don't know if the Senator from Iowa knows this, but Jim Sourwine has served almost 100 different members of the Appropriations Committee during his time in the Senate. Imagine each of the desks in this Chamber filled with U.S. Senators, and you will have a sense of the number of committee members Jim served.

Mr. HARKIN. And we all benefited from that service. He understands the appropriations process better than anyone. New staff could always look to Jim for institutional knowledge, and count on him to be a patient teacher of many on both substantive issues and the appropriations process.

The Senate depended on this expertise. Jim is a master craftsman, the person we relied on to compile all the spending figures and technical language and mould it into an appropriations bill. Whether it was drafting an amendment to the budget resolution; finding a creative offset to meet an important priority; or organizing and staffing a hearing on an important labor issue, such as those that we held on the overtime regulation, Jim Sourwine was the staffer we wanted and needed by our side.

Mr. SPECTER. Jim came to the Senate in 1972 when he was first detailed to the committee from the Department of Labor. He found his place quickly and began responding to what were known as "Harleygrams"—daily instructions from Harley Dirks, who was Senator Magnuson's clerk of the Labor, HEW and Related Agencies Subcommittee, as it was called then.

After Senator Magnuson, Jim served under Senator Schmitt in the 97th Congress, and then Senator Weicker and Senator Chiles. Since the 101st Congress, the Senator from Iowa and I have exchanged the gavel on several occasions. I never miss a chance to mention that I always prefer to have the gavel in my hand. On this occasion, I should also say that I prefer to have Jim Sourwine's services on staff as well.

Mr. HARKIN. Jim is the undisputed master at identifying creative solutions to funding problems. However, we can never forget that the work he did to support this institution ultimately benefited the American people, through increased educational and job training opportunities, greater protections for the Nation's workers or more affordable and improved health care.

For example, when Jim came to the committee, title I education grants were funded at \$1.6 billion; this year's level is \$12.8 billion. Think of the millions of disadvantaged students who have benefited over the years from this funding. In 1972, Congress created the basic educational opportunity grant to provide grant aid that would help low-income students earn a postsecondary education. The grant program, now known as Pell grants, provides a maximum award of \$4,310 to more than 5 million low- and middle-income students. Millions of students have been able to earn a postsecondary education because of the extra assistance they were provided. Jim should feel proud of the role he has played in each of these programs and so much more.

Mr. SPECTER. I would like to add several other accomplishments of Congress for which Jim should feel a great sense of pride. In 2002, Congress completed a doubling of the NIH budget over a 5-year period. Jim's thorough knowledge of the bill and the budget was instrumental in securing the doubling. If there was a way to write bill language that would save money or change a date to free up some cash, Jim knew how to do it.

When Jim started working at the Department of Labor in 1967, the Job Corps program was in its infancy, just 3 years old. Today, it is a \$1.6 billion enterprise widely touted for its performance standards and student outcomes, helping more than 60,000 youths each year. After the Quecreek coal mine accident, I held a hearing in Pennsylvania to look into the mine safety issues related to that situation. We have held two mine safety hearings since the Sago and Alma disasters in early 2006. Jim organized and staffed those hearings. What's more, he helped craft legislation that I introduced last year which contributed to the development of the MINER Act. This act passed last year and is now the law of the land. It is the most significant piece of mine safety legislation passed in more than 30 years and its effective implantation will save lives. Jim should feel very good about the work

he did to support that legislation, as well as other worker protection programs.

I believe the Senator from Iowa and I could go on for some time on all that Jim Sourwine has meant to the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Senate and the American people. For me, I want him to remember always what the long hours have done for so many. Jim, best wishes to you on your retirement. You will be missed.

Mr. HARKIN. Jim, I understand that the round-the-clock hours and weekend work have made it difficult to catch up on some projects around the house and get on the golf course. While you might prefer one over the other, I hope you know that your long and distinguished service to the Senate has more than earned for you the right to do just that or nothing at all. I will miss you and your sage counsel. The Senate will miss you. I wish you all the best on your retirement and thank you for your service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

INDIANA WOMEN'S STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I wish today to pay tribute to the Oregon-Davis Women's High School basketball team for their extraordinary State championship victory. The Bobcats historic 54-46 defeat of Wood Memorial for the Class A State Championship was the first statewide championship for the Bobcats and a proud moment for our State.

In reading of their victory, I was reminded of what people say about teamwork: that at the end of the day we are only as strong as the shoulders we lean on. The talent of the Bobcats was apparent throughout their stellar season, but it was their extraordinary teamwork that brought the championship trophy to the O-D gymnasium for the first time in school history. The young women of the Oregon-Davis basketball team are a testament to what student athletes should be, and they should be commended for winning with class, courage, and character.

Two years ago the team lost a dear friend in a tragic automobile accident. Jessica McMullen was the daughter of Tim McMullen, a coach in Florida and a close friend of Terry Minix, the Bobcats' head coach. Jessica, a hard-nosed basketball player, used to help her dad at camps at O-D and was only 16 years old when she died. The day after their championship win, the team was honored in the Oregon-Davis gym, and each team member wore a T-shirt commemorating Jessica's contribution to the Bobcats. At the ceremony, Aubrey Minix, a lead player on the team, spoke about the championship saying, "It means even more to us because we did want to do it for Jess; it brought us even closer together."

While the young women on the O-D team put in countless hours practicing

and developing their skills, the parents and coaching staff dedicated just as much time supporting the team. As a father of two young boys who love to play sports, I know how rewarding it can be to watch my sons' games. I also know how dedicated parents must be to drive their kids to practice every day, make it to the games, and cheer the whole game through. It is this kind of dedication that builds a support network worthy of a State championship.

Once the playoffs started, the Bobcats' true character shined even brighter as they never lost faith in themselves and prevailed as a team. Their conduct this season should be an example for all other student athletes to follow. I congratulate the Oregon-Davis Bobcats on their State championship and commend them for the example they set for all student athletes who I hope are inspired by their example.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, as an alumnus of the George Washington University, GW, I wish to take a few minutes to pay tribute to president Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who is retiring in July after 19 years of dedicated service to GW.

President Trachtenberg became the 15th president of GW on August 1, 1988. A native of Brooklyn, NY, President Trachtenberg came to GW from the University of Hartford, CT, where he had been president for 11 years. Before assuming the presidency of Hartford, he served for 8 years at Boston University as vice president for academic services and academic dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Previously, he was a special assistant for 2 years to the U.S. Education Commissioner, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He was also an attorney with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and a legislative aide to former Indiana Congressman John Brademas.

President Trachtenberg has shown a strong commitment to public, civic, and personal service. He worked tirelessly to honor and enhance the relationship between the University and the District of Columbia, supporting and mentoring students, and leading and advocating for reinvention, change and civic engagement.

In 1989, President Trachtenberg created the 21st Century DC Scholars Program—now the Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Scholars—which has granted almost 100 full scholarships to students from the DC Public Schools to attend GW. Under his leadership, GW's Multicultural Student Services Center has become a strong center for cultural awareness and celebrations, student development, and diversity training. His dedication to civic service is reflected throughout the University, its faculty, and its students.

GW has experienced great changes and improvements under President Trachtenberg's leadership. During his

tenure, the university has seen the number of undergraduate applications triple. Financial aid to students, research funding, and campus infrastructure investment have also significantly increased.

President Trachtenberg has received numerous accolades from across the Nation and abroad for his service, vision, intellect, wit and compassion. His passion and demonstrated commitment to GW and its students, the city of Washington, DC, and the pursuit of lifelong learning are to be commended. I congratulate him on his record of service and outstanding leadership.●

HONORING SENATOR ANITA BOWSER

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life of a distinguished public servant, community leader, and friend, Senator Anita Bowser, who passed away at the age of 86 on March 4. Senator Bowser's dedication to the State of Indiana kept her involved in public service throughout her life, and I know that she will be greatly missed.

Senator Bowser was a good and decent woman who dedicated her life to serving others. From her work as a constitutional scholar to her role as a State representative, her career was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana.

In 1980, Senator Bowser retired from teaching political science at Purdue University, North Central, and started her career in the Indiana House of Representatives. In 1992 she was elected to the state senate representing LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties. Throughout her career as an elected official, Senator Bowser addressed issues such as prescription drug assistance, the protection of Indiana's telephone privacy list, support for agricultural development, assistance for victims of sexual assault, and tax amnesty for small businesses.

As Governor of Indiana, I had the privilege of seeing firsthand the difference Senator Bowser's efforts have made in our State. The contributions she made through her leadership and philanthropy touched countless lives, and her dedication and strong will made her a role model for a generation of Hoosiers.

Senator Bowser's many accomplishments include being the first woman to act as house speaker, deputy speaker pro-tempore, in the history of the State. In addition, she received numerous honors based on her public service, including the Louis Ingelhart Award for Freedom of Expression, the Amnesty International Abolitionist of the Year Award, and the Robert Dale Owen Legislator Award from the Indiana Civil Liberties Union. She was also a founding member and the first woman to be hired to teach at Purdue University, North Central, in Westville. A veteran lawmaker, Senator Bowser was

widely respected as the conscience of the Indiana State Senate.

Before she died, Senator Bowser was the ranking Democrat on the Senate Pensions and Labor Committee and was a member of the Judiciary Committee, the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Matters Committee, the Ethics Committee, and Education and Career Development Committee. It is a rare person who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Senator Bowser as a friend, a community leader, and a committed advocate for our State.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Senator Anita Bowser in the official RECORD of the United States Senate for her service to the State of Indiana.●

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE TIPPETS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, on March 2, 2007, the Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center bade farewell to its director of 14 years, Wayne Tippets. After a dedicated career with the VA spanning 37 years, Wayne retired with plans to travel and spend time with his family. I also understand that his retirement will likely include golfing.

Wayne served with the VA across the Nation, in places such as Iowa, Tennessee and California, before coming back to Idaho in 1993. He recognizes the importance of honesty, a strong work ethic, and the critical importance of competent, compassionate staff, and volunteers to the hospital's success. Wayne has handled the almost doubling of hospital patients over the past 14 years with a sense of pragmatism and drive to continue a history of responsible service to Idaho's veterans. Under his leadership, the Boise VAMC rebuilt and modernized the medical/surgical ward; constructed a behavioral health center, outpatient care building, and specialty care clinic; opened a larger and modernized emergency room; opened a new building in Twin Falls; opened a new administration building; opened a community-based outpatient clinic in Caldwell; and established a patient care access point in Salmon, ID, offering social worker and telepsychiatry services.

Wayne was instrumental in these and other improvements and expansion of VA patient services throughout his tenure in Idaho. I wish him well in retirement and thank him for his long years of service to our Nation's veterans.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 429. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse".