

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I want to thank Senator REID, and, of course, thank Senator COLLINS. We have again worked very closely together. I thank the staff on both sides who worked very hard, and I thank all of our colleagues.

I know it took a lot of effort, because people have strong opinions about the crisis in the Postal Service of the United States, but we have ended with a process here that will allow a discussion and votes on a wide range of amendments on both sides. I would say based on the knowledge we have of this list that not all of these amendments listed will actually require rollcall votes.

We will be working over the weekend trying to see if we can find common ground, accept some of these amendments or modify them. But bottom line, this consent agreement, though we are not there yet, gives me great hope that the Senate is going to prove that we are capable of taking on a crisis situation which the post office is in, losing \$13 billion plus over the last 2 years. If we do not do anything, it is only going to get worse and a lot of people are going to lose their jobs and a lot of people who depend on the mail are not going to get it in the same way.

This is a bill that will provide an orderly reform that will keep the post office not only alive but change it so it can survive throughout the 21st century.

Senator COLLINS and I will be here at noon on Monday to debate any of the amendments people want to come to debate. I believe I am speaking for both of us in saying—I know I am—that after the votes Monday afternoon unrelated to this matter, we are prepared to remain here into the evening to continue debating amendments before the actual votes occur on Tuesday afternoon.

Again, I thank everyone involved, particularly Senator COLLINS.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I want to echo the thanks to everyone who was involved in formulating this very extensive unanimous consent agreement. We have been working extremely hard the last couple of days to make sure we were being fair to all Members on a bill on which there are diverse opinions, on an issue that is so important and that is how do we save an essential American institution, the U.S. Postal Service.

I too want to thank our two leaders, Senator REID and Senator MCCONNELL, and my dear friend and chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Senator LIEBERMAN, as well as our staffs and our floor staff who have put in so many hours.

I want to reiterate that Senator LIEBERMAN and I will be available to negotiate—our staffs will as well—and to debate these issues. We will be available over the weekend and tomorrow,

and then on Monday to begin the debate on the amendments. But, again, I want to thank everyone involved. I think this is how the Senate should operate. It took a lot of work to get here, but no one gave up. Everyone kept working away.

I believe we have come up with a very fair agreement to allow us to proceed on a bill of great significance. I want to thank everyone involved.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to 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.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHIP HUTCHESON

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I stand before you today in honor of someone who has made a substantial contribution to the people of Caldwell County, KY, for his work in the field of journalism: Mr. Chip Hutcheson, publisher of Caldwell County's local periodical, the Princeton Times Leader. Mr. Hutcheson was recently inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in Lexington, KY, along with five other esteemed broadcasting and journalism colleagues from all over the Commonwealth.

The relationship between Chip Hutcheson and the paper that would become the Princeton Times Leader began when Chip was just 10 months old. His parents, the late John and Betsy Hutcheson, purchased the then-Princeton Leader and moved to Princeton, KY, just after the birth of their son, Chip. John and Betsy shared a love for their chosen profession of journalism, a love of the trade that Chip, too, would inherit at a young age.

Looking back, Chip recalls the paper being a big part of his adolescent life. He remembers writing sports news all throughout his teenage years. Chip left Princeton after high school to attend the University of Kentucky, just like his father before him. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from the college and served 4 months of active duty in Vietnam.

Upon his return from the service, he immediately re-entered the field he had been passionately involved with for so long. He understood that journalism was his calling, and he wanted to make a career out of bringing the news to the people of Caldwell County, just as his beloved mother and father had. Chip remembered a piece of advice his father gave him about the media industry: "He said, This is a good business, but remember this—you will never be caught up; there will always be one more advertiser you can see, one more story you can write."

After watching his parents run a newspaper throughout his childhood, Chip was no doubt aware of the difficulties of producing a new edition day in and day out, but he was okay with it. He had a deep desire to be in the thick of reporting. He wanted to follow leads, piece together stories, record monumental events, and most importantly, inform the citizens of Princeton of the goings on of the world around them.

Chip became publisher of the Princeton Leader in 1976, assumed the role of publisher of the Times Leader in 1992, and has been doing an outstanding job ever since. Chip Hutcheson is a testament to the success one can achieve when one enters a field of work one has a true passion for.

It is with the most sincere gratitude that I congratulate Mr. Chip Hutcheson on his induction to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame and thank him for the heartfelt devotion he has shown the people of Princeton, Caldwell County, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky throughout the years. And I would like to ask my colleagues in the United States Senate to join me in commemorating Mr. Chip Hutcheson for his many accomplishments in the field of journalism.

There was recently an article published in the Princeton Times Leader which made note of Chip Hutcheson's induction into the 2012 Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that said article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to appear in the RECORD as follows:

[From the Princeton Times Leader, Apr. 14, 2012]

TL PUBLISHER JOINS HALL OF FAME RANKS (By Jared Nelson)

Times Leader Publisher Chip Hutcheson and two others with western Kentucky connections were among a class of six individuals inducted into the 2012 class of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame this week.

The induction ceremony followed a luncheon hosted by the University of Kentucky Journalism Alumni Association and the UK School of Journalism and Telecommunications in Lexington Wednesday.

Other inductees included: D.J. Everett III, president of Ham Broadcasting Company, which operates the WKDZ and WHVO radio stations; Dr. Bob McGaughey, retired chairman of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at Murray State University; Albert B. "Ben" Chandler, Jr., longtime publisher of the Woodford Sun; Bill Luster, retired photo-journalist with the Louisville Courier-Journal and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner; and Michael M. York, a former Lexington Herald-Leader and Washington Post reporter, also a Pulitzer Prize winner.

Duane Bonifer, president of the alumni association, noted April as national Jazz Appreciation Month and drew parallels between the work of great jazz musicians and great journalists, their balance of innovation and improvisation.

"We're going to celebrate the artistry of Chandler, Everett, Hutcheson, Luster, McGaughey, and York," he said. "That's not a bad sextet to be jamming with on a Wednesday afternoon in Lexington."

Hutcheson has served as publisher of the Times Leader since its 1992 creation, when the community's two newspapers, the Caldwell County Times and the Princeton Leader, were purchased by the Kentucky New Era and merged.

Hutcheson had published the Leader, taking over from his parents, in 1976.

In his induction speech Wednesday, he recalled a life spent in the business.

"If anyone has ink in their veins, that would be me," he said.

His parents, the late John and Betsy Hutcheson, bought the Leader when their son was 10 months old and moved to Princeton, a town where the only person they knew was the paper's prior owner.

"But that paper was a labor of love for my parents, and in turn for me," he said.

The paper, he said, was a major part of his life throughout childhood and into his teenage years, when he began writing sports news.

He enrolled at UK, following his father's footsteps.

Faced with the prospect of being drafted into the U.S. Army after graduating, he returned to Princeton.

He was hired as a sports editor for the Kentucky New Era, taking his father's advice to gain experience outside the family business.

The day before he was to be drafted, he was able to enlist in the Army Reserve. "That meant four months of active duty rather than two years, so my time away from the New Era was brief," he said.

He served as sports editor there from 1970 to 1976, when his father retired from the Leader and handed the reins to his son.

"My father only offered one piece of advice, and I have never forgotten it," he told the Lexington crowd.

"He said 'This is a good business, but remember this—you will never be caught up; there will always be one more advertiser you can see, one more story you can write.'

"It was that philosophy that has guided me ever since."

Hutcheson credited the support of his family in the years since: his mother, who worked 60-plus hours each week at the paper into her 70s, retiring only when the papers merged; his wife, Karen, a nurse by profession who became a utility employee; and children Cindy and John Mark, who spent much time in the newspaper office during their formative years.

"The Leader truly was a 'family' business," he said. "I regret that my parents are not here today for this honor my dad died 10 years ago and my mother just last year—because they were the ones who instilled in me this love of community journalism."

He also gave thanks to the employees of the Times Leader for their support, and to the community at large for being a "strong newspaper town."

The publisher quoted Lou Gehrig's famous farewell speech to a 1939 Yankee Stadium—"Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of this earth"—in closing.

"I'm not the luckiest man," Hutcheson said. "I'm the most blessed man. I'm blessed to work with the people I work with. I'm blessed to be in the community I live in, and I'm blessed to have a family who thinks much more highly of me than I deserve."

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, religious institutions play an important role in communities across the Nation. They are places where families bond; they are places where culture and traditions

are handed down from generation to generation; and they are places where many turn for guidance. This Saturday, April 21, marks a significant milestone for one such place of worship in Jackson, MI. On Friday evening, Temple Beth Israel will celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of its founding on April 21, 1862. This momentous occasion will be commemorated through a service that highlights the congregation's rich history and important place within the greater Jackson community.

Since 1862, this close-knit synagogue has been a mainstay in Jackson and has helped to preserve and instill religious values and culture from one generation to the next. Nowhere is this better portrayed than in a short vignette on Temple Beth Israel's web site, which brings to life what may seem to be routine—scores of proud families pouring out of a service laughing, smiling and bonding with one another; providing a place for members of the Jewish community to come together in fellowship to learn, to seek spiritual guidance and to celebrate important religious and life events is at the core of Temple Beth Israel's mission.

Temple Beth Israel, situated on West Michigan Avenue, is the first and only synagogue in the city of Jackson and is at the center of Jewish life there. Four stained glass windows representing the ideals the congregation holds dear—Torah, peace, justice and good deeds—adorn the synagogue's sanctuary. Through the years, there have been abundant examples of these ideals put into action.

Temple Beth Israel is a landmark, literally. Preceding the Temple's founding was the Hebrew Benevolent Society. One of the lasting achievements of the Benevolent Society was the purchase, along with others in the community, of land for burial in 1859. Today, it stands as one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in continuous use in Michigan and has been recognized nationally as an important landmark through its listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Notable, also, is that Temple Beth Israel served as the student pulpit for Rabbi Sally Priesand, the first female rabbi in the United States.

I extend my very best to the Temple Beth Israel community as they commemorate this wonderful milestone. Through strong spiritual leadership and an active congregation, they have etched an impressive legacy for all to see. Jackson, MI is a better place because of their work, and as they look toward the future, I am certain it is equally bright. A hearty mazel tov to Temple Beth Israel.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today, Thursday, April 19, is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Observances and remembrance activities are taking place

across the Nation in civic centers, schools, churches and synagogues, on military bases and in workplaces.

As always, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum—created as a permanent living memorial to its victims—is taking a leading role in this annual observance.

We must never forget the horrors of the Holocaust, we must never let the world forget, and we must never forget or neglect the Holocaust's lessons.

Never forgetting means keeping alive the memory of those who suffered and died in the Holocaust.

Never forgetting also means declaiming against crimes against humanity that erupt in our midst, and on our watch.

As searing as the Holocaust's lessons are, the world is too easily tempted to avert its eyes from heinous crimes committed by governments and others against our fellow human beings. The community of nations will always bear the shame of doing so little during the massacres on the killing fields of Cambodia, and in the villages of Rwanda.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum itself has taken the lead in shining a light on atrocities in our time in Darfur, and I commend its Committee on Conscience for lending its unmatched moral authority to the crusade to bring an end to the violence there.

In that spirit, our voices are also needed to expose the crimes against humanity that are occurring behind the walls of the prison camps of North Korea. More and more information now is coming to light about the systematic, state-sponsored brutality that is being waged upon some 200,000 people, according to the State Department, in those camps. The fact of these prison camps is not new. But horrifying new glimpses are now coming to light from those who have successfully broken free and crossed the frontier to even-tual freedom. Publicly available satellite photos are helping to expose a system whose very existence the North Korean government continues to deny.

A new report on these prison camps, authored by David Hawk, has been released by the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, a U.S.-based, private organization. It documents the imprisonment of entire families, including children and grandparents for the "political crimes" of other family members.

At the report's Washington release this month, a young man born to prisoners—and thereby condemned to spend his entire life in one of these camps—spoke about visiting the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, every time he comes to Washington. Shin Dong-hyuk's harrowing escape is detailed in a new book by Blaine Harden, a former Washington Post reporter.

We have vital national security interests at stake in our dealings with the North Korean regime, which has acquired nuclear weapons. I am one