

his work on the subject wasn't enough, his real legacy might be introducing others to the underground waterscape that exists beneath our feet and inspiring future generations to continue to explore the natural world in which we live.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE PAT SHAW

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the job of a county judge in an Oregon county is a tough one. In addition to serving as the chief elected officer and manager of the county, the county judge serves as judge of the probate court and the juvenile court.

There is no other elected official in Oregon that demands so much of one person.

Pat Shaw, of Gilliam County, has served in this role for 6 years and during this time she has been a superb example of what a county judge ought to be.

Pat has administered the county, managing the budget with aplomb. She has gone toe to toe with State and Federal agencies and made tough decisions in juvenile and probate court. No one can claim that her plate has not been overflowing and yet she has always taken time to go the extra mile for her community.

Pat has served Gilliam County for 30 years, including 16 years as county assessor. Her colleagues thought so much of her that she was chair of the Oregon Assessors Association for 7 years. She also served a stint as secretary to the Gilliam County Fair Board. Anyone who serves on a fair board knows how tough a job that can be.

Pat has also been part of a three-county group, the county judges of Gilliam, Wheeler, and Sherman Counties, which have tackled problems on a regional basis. Together, these counties have been among the best in the State. Gilliam County houses a regional communications system that is the envy of the rest of Oregon. It provides 9-1-1 services and communications to law enforcement throughout eastern and central Oregon. The system, called Frontier TelNet, also provides education and broadband services for their residents.

The three counties, along with their education service district, created the communications system because no one else wanted to provide services to these very rural counties. When no one else would help, they stepped up and figured out how to get it up and running. And while Pat wasn't county judge when the system was started, she has been key to keeping it running at such a high level.

She has also been in the forefront of bringing wind energy to Gilliam County, and working to improve her county's economy, education and public safety.

Pat is not retiring because she is tired of serving Gilliam County. Oregon requires judges to retire at age 70. As a county commissioner, she could

serve as long as the voters wished her to serve, but because she has judicial duties, Oregon law requires her to step down.

In this case, that is a shame. In Pat Shaw, we have the very definition of what a public servant should be. Gilliam County and I will miss her as a county judge, but I am sure Pat will find some other way to continue in public service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:07 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4606. An act to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3193. An act to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H. R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

H. R. 6223. An act to amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization, and for other Purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3193. An act to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2013" (Rept. No. 12-09252).

By Mr. CASEY, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Joint Economic Committee Congress of the United States on the 2012 Economic Report of the President" (Rept. No. 112-09253).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 3689. A bill to establish a grant program to encourage the use of assistance dogs by certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 622. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 623. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID,

Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 624. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Daniel Ken Inouye, Senator from the State of Hawaii; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. Con. Res. 63. A concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of S. 2367; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL):

S. Con. Res. 64. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 through 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2347

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

S. 3458

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3458, a bill to require face to face purchases of ammunition, to require licensing of ammunition dealers, and to require reporting regarding bulk purchases of ammunition.

S. 3655

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3655, a bill to provide enhanced disaster unemployment assistance to States affected by Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Sandy of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 3678

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3678, a bill to help ensure the fiscal solvency of the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 574

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 574, a resolution calling on the United Nations to take concerted actions against leaders in Iran for their statements calling for the de-

struction of another United Nations Member State, Israel.

S. RES. 613

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 613, a resolution urging the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and urging the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support to the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas.

S. RES. 618

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 618, a resolution observing the 100th birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks and commemorating her legacy.

AMENDMENT NO. 3344

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3344 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 3689. A bill to establish a grant program to encourage the use of assistance dogs by certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today, I am introducing the Senior Airman Michael Malarsie Act to increase the number of assistance dogs available to disabled servicemembers and veterans.

I met Senior Airman Malarsie earlier this year, and his story and perseverance have inspired this legislation. In 2008, during a deployment to Afghanistan, Senior Airman Malarsie was seriously injured and blinded by an improvised explosive device. Blinded in both eyes, Senior Airman Malarsie was placed on a waiting list for several months before he was paired with his guide dog, Xxon. Only through generous donations totaling \$45,000, Senior Airman Malarsie was able to receive a guide dog. Unfortunately, too often our wounded warriors must wait several months before receiving assistance dogs. According to Assistance Dogs International, last year there was a backlog of 188 veterans waiting for placement. I strongly believe we must do more so that they do not wait months for a trained assistance dog.

The bill will create a joint grant program between the Department of De-

fense and Department of Veterans Affairs to assist qualified assistance dog agencies provide trained dogs to covered servicemembers and veterans. The competitive grant program would be used for dogs that assist with specific disabilities such as hearing loss, mobility loss, visual impairment, and post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. A portion of each grant would be used for evaluation to ensure that grant funds are being used properly and that each member or veteran is provided with best trained dog possible. This bill authorizes \$15 million for the competitive grant program.

The number of veterans who require the assistance of assistance dogs is expected to increase as military members returning from combat are diagnosed with disabilities. The non-profit organizations that train and provide the service dogs free of charge to veterans cannot keep up with the surge of returning wounded warriors. Each service dog can cost up to \$45,000 to train, and assistance dog organizations must rely on grants and the generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations for funding. Through a competitive grant program, this bill will increase the number of assistance dogs available for veterans and active-duty members and decrease the waiting time for disabled warriors waiting for assistance. We must do more than watch as our servicemen return home from war and are forced to wait several months for an assistance dog simply due to a lack of funds.

A number of organizations are supportive of this bill, including the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, The Retired Enlisted Association, and Military Exits.

I look forward to continued progress in assisting our wounded warriors and ask all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 622—NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. REID of Nevada (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 622

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

SENATE RESOLUTION 623—NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. REID of Nevada (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to: