

is not going to accuse anybody if he doesn't have the evidence.

In this case, there is a whole accumulation of evidence that we cannot ignore and just brush away under the guise that this is just a rogue person. There were other people there as well who caused this calamitous set of events, and we have to not just brush it away. We have to look at it, and we have to find a way of straightening out the IRS so it is not a partisan institution—which most Americans believe it is, and almost every conservative believes it is.

Now, we are making some strides here, and I am going to continue to push on to see that we make strides. But I have to say, ask the American people out there what they think. Read the report, and then we will talk about it some more.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I will be very brief. I thank my colleague from Arkansas for his patience. I know he has things he has to have done as well.

#### FEDERAL WILDFIRE BUDGETING SYSTEM

Mr. WYDEN. I was down here on the floor last night talking about the need for actually getting some real progress to fix the mess that the wildfire budgeting system in our country has become.

I noted there have been several proposals offered, including one by myself and Senator CRAPO called the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act, referred to the Budget Committee. There have been hearings held. There have been speeches given about the need to fix the broken system to provide Federal agencies with the help they need to battle the devastating blazes year in and year out. Senator CRAPO and I have introduced a bill to fix this broken system, and we need to get some real results.

In spite of all the talk, there hasn't been any real action. Twenty-four hours later and I am back, pleased to be able to stand here tonight to say several of our colleagues have heeded my call, and tomorrow I will be putting into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a colloquy with all of our signatures—Democrats and Republicans—committed to resolving this issue in the fall. We have been working since last night to set aside a way to work together this summer, with the fires in the West literally fueling the hunger to take meaningful steps this fall, to finally end fire borrowing, and to ensure that Federal agencies have the resources they need to prevent these infernos from igniting in the first place.

Just today, the Forest Service released a report that makes the very clear point that, for the first time in its history, the Forest Service is routinely spending more than half of its budget battling wildfires. They note that the cost of fire suppression could

well increase to almost \$1.8 billion by 2025. This vicious cycle of underfunding prevention work while huge infernos burn up Federal fire suppression accounts is going to get worse, and what we are going to see as it does is the Forest Service becoming the fire service. That is not in America's interest. It is particularly damaging to my part of the country.

I am pleased to be able to say that, in the last 24 hours, we have made some real progress in addressing this challenge. There is a commitment on both sides of the aisle now, here in the Senate, to get this fixed this fall.

(The remarks of Mr. WYDEN pertaining to the submission of S. Res. 246 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. WYDEN. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

#### JACOB TRIEBER FEDERAL BUILDING, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, AND UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I wish to talk about S. 1707, which will name the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, AR, as the Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Courthouse.

The Honorable Jacob Trieber paved the way for diversity on the Federal bench as the first Jewish Federal judge. His work on the bench helped fight injustice and laid the foundation for equality with a lasting civic legacy that continues to impact our country.

Born on October 6, 1853, in Raschkow, Prussia, a young Jacob Trieber and his family escaped the growing anti-Semitism in Prussia and moved to the United States. In a few short years they established their homestead and a family story in Helena, AR. In 1873, he began to study law, and 3 years later he entered the Arkansas Bar. In 1897, he was appointed U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Three years later, on July 26, 1900, President William McKinley appointed Jacob Trieber to the Federal bench, where for 27 years Judge Trieber served on the U.S. Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Judge Trieber was committed to equal justice for all and ruled for equality for African Americans and women.

Judge Trieber had astounding foresight. Many of his rulings were important to civil rights and wildlife conservation. He also was committed to his local Arkansas community and served as elected official on the Helena City Council and as the Phillips County treasurer.

Judge Trieber played an influential role in saving the Old State House and establishing the Arkansas State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

In honor of Judge Jacob Trieber, Senator COTTON, Senator COONS, and I have

introduced this legislation that designates the Federal building in Helena-West Helena, AR, the Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and Court House.

Judge Trieber's name will appropriately mark this building and stand as a symbol of his significant work not only for the people of Arkansas but also for the entire United States.

I thank Senator BOXER and Senator INHOFE for helping us advance this in a timely fashion and also the staff of the EPW and the cloakroom staff who does such an outstanding job here.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S. 1707 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1707) to designate the Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1707) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1707

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. JACOB TRIEBER FEDERAL BUILDING, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, AND UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building located at 617 Walnut Street in Helena, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Jacob Trieber Federal Building, United States Post Office, and United States Court House".

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REMEMBERING ED LANE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to mourn the loss of an honored Kentuckian, renowned businessman,

and public servant, and my personal friend, Ed Lane. After battling cancer for more than 2 years, Ed passed away on August 2. He was 73 years old.

Ed was passionate about supporting his hometown of Lexington and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He was well connected to the State's business community through his work as a commercial real estate broker. Seeing a need for a publication for and about Kentucky business, he founded and was the publisher of the Lane Report, a great business news magazine for Kentucky.

Encouraged by his friends in the community to seek public office, Ed also represented the 12th District of Lexington on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Council since 2005. He was reelected without opposition in 2014. As a council member, he brought his business experience and his wisdom to fight for and represent Lexington businesses and his district.

In addition to his public service as a council member, Ed supported his community through many philanthropic efforts and volunteer service. He served on the boards of many community, arts and civic organizations, including the Breeders' Cup Host Committee, the UK Sanders-Brown Center of Aging Foundation Board, the Lexington Downtown Development Authority Board, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Airport Board, the Kentucky Arts Council, the 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games Advisory Committee, LexArts, the Lexington Ballet, the Lexington Philharmonic, the Better Business Bureau of Lexington, Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, the Mayor's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Committee, the Fayette County Equine Task Force, the Commerce Lexington Agribusiness Committee, and others.

Ed was an artist, photographer, and art collector. He loved cooking, reading, gardening, and talking politics. He also loved fast cars, earning him the nickname "Fast Eddie" in the 1960s. Ed is survived by his daughters Susan Brett Lane and Katherine Meredith Lane.

I was deeply saddened to hear of Ed's passing. He was a good friend, and I always enjoyed reading the Lane Report, especially Ed's engaging One-on-One interviews. Elaine and I send our condolences to his family.

The Lexington Herald-Leader recently published an article detailing Ed's life and achievements. I ask unanimous consent that said article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Lexington Herald-Leader, Aug. 3, 2015]

LEXINGTON COUNCIL MEMBER, BUSINESS MAGAZINE FOUNDER AND PUBLISHER ED LANE DIES AT 73

(By Greg Kocher and Karla Ward)

Lexington Urban County Councilman Edwin "Ed" Green Lane III, founder and publisher of The Lane Report magazine, died Sunday night. He was 73.

Lane, a longtime commercial real-estate broker, had battled cancer for more than two years, according to a statement Monday afternoon from The Lane Report, an online and monthly print magazine of business news.

He made his first run for public office in 2004, when he was elected to represent the 12th District on the council. He took office in 2005 and had been re-elected to two-year terms ever since.

Lane is survived by daughters Susan Brett Lane and Katherine Meredith Lane, who were with him when he died, according to The Lane Report.

"The staff is saddened by the passing of an amazing man, but it is lessened by how we marvel at the legacy Ed Lane leaves," said Mark Green, editorial director of Lane Communications Group.

"His energy, his intelligence, his enthusiasm, his optimism and concern for his family, community and the nation will be missed but will continue to influence us. He was a true leader. The man had enthusiasm for life."

Mayor Jim Gray issued a statement: "Not only was Ed highly successful in his own business, he was an outstanding public servant who brought his business experience and expertise to City Hall to fight for Lexington's business men and women. He also was a strong advocate for his district. Our city will miss his leadership and experience."

Sen. Mitch McConnell said he "was saddened to hear of the passing of my good friend Ed Lane. Ed was a dedicated public servant and a tireless advocate for the people of Kentucky. He was also a successful businessman and publisher. I always enjoyed reading the Lane Report, a great publication for and about Kentucky's business community, especially Ed's engaging 'One-on-One' interviews."

Councilman Bill Farmer Jr. said Lane's knowledge about real estate proved valuable whenever the council considered whether to buy property.

"He could make or break any land deal," Farmer said. "He could sit and go through the numbers at the microphone, off the top of his head, about what the overhead would be, how much something would cost, what the cost would be per square foot. . . . He could look at any deal like that and criticize it or laud it, and immediately you would go, 'Yep, that's it and why.'"

That talent for finances made Lane a strong member of the council, former Mayor Jim Newberry said.

"His financial acumen was way above average," Newberry said. "He was really helpful when it came to budget issues or the pension problems, or whether or not we ought to refinance bonds."

He said Lane also was "a fun person to be around" and they became good friends.

"Ed just had a personality that I would characterize as delightful," Newberry said. He "had a good sense of humor, didn't get too worked up about things, certainly didn't take himself or what he was doing too seriously. . . . He gave a lot to the community and had so much more to give."

Lane was born in Nashville and graduated from the University of Georgia.

After college, he worked for a major advertising agency in New York for a couple of years, according to The Lane Report website. He later moved to Atlanta, where he was sales manager for WRNG radio and was president of the Atlanta Young Republicans.

He also got into the commercial real-estate business, which led to a job as national director of real estate for Lexington-based Jerrico in its Atlanta regional office, The Lane Report said. Lane came to Lexington

regularly as he scouted new locations for the company, and he was involved in many site acquisitions for Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppes nationwide.

In 1981, Lane started the Lexington-based commercial real-estate brokerage Lane Consultants and, later, Lane Communications Group, publisher of The Lane Report.

Running a magazine is "a risk that very few people have been able to be successful in," but Lane "did it terrifically well," said Jim Host, founder of Host Communications and former Kentucky secretary of commerce.

"It ended up kind of being the official business magazine of the state," he said.

Host said Lane was kind, insightful and had a non-threatening demeanor during interviews "but also really got to the core of what he was trying to communicate."

"I admired the dickens out of him," Host said.

Former councilman Doug Martin said he and Lane were from opposite ends of the political spectrum, but they enjoyed breaking bread together in a restaurant or at Lane's home.

"He was a fine chef," said Martin, who sat next to Lane in the council chambers from 2009 to 2013. "He was always very proud of coming up with some great concoction or some great recipe or some great ingredient that he'd found. He would have pots of herbs and fish and seasonings, and it would all just kind of stew together, and it would end up in this fabulous presentation."

Services will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 15 at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m.

#### TRIBUTE TO JIM RUTLEDGE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to recognize and congratulate a distinguished Kentuckian who is closely associated with the Commonwealth's most famous product. Jim Rutledge, the master distiller of Four Roses Bourbon, has announced his retirement from that position effective September 1, 2015.

Jim is in his 49th year working in the bourbon business, and has been the master distiller at Four Roses since 1995. As master distiller, Jim is in charge of perfecting each Four Roses bottle. He oversees every stage of the distillation process and oversees the character, quality and consistency of each barrel.

Jim began his career in the distilled spirits industry with Seagram's Louisville Research & Development operation in 1966. He was transferred to the Four Roses distillery in Lawrenceburg, as the Kentucky area manager, in 1994 and then named master distiller in 1995. In 1998, Jim received Seagram's top award, the Mel Griffin Quality Award for North America, and in 2001, Jim was inducted into the inaugural class of the Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame.

In 2007, Jim received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Malt Advocate Magazine, and in 2008, the leading liquor industry publication, Whisky Magazine, named him the Ambassador of the Year for American Whiskies as part of their annual Icons of Whisky Awards. Jim was also inducted into Whisky Magazine's Hall of Fame in