

Percy E. Sutton, the former Manhattan Borough President, remembered Mr. O'Dwyer's flights to help Soviet Jews, and bus rides to help elect a black man in Alabama.

"You see," Mr. Sutton said, "Paul O'Dwyer was not just Irish. Paul O'Dwyer was Italian. Paul O'Dwyer was Jewish. Paul O'Dwyer was Greek. He was Polish. Paul O'Dwyer was also African-American. In his involvement in the causes that were not necessarily his, Paul O'Dwyer was us."

Mr. Sutton concluded, "At that place, where he should finally rest, you can bet one thing: There'll be an organizing of protests there. Because that is the nature of Paul O'Dwyer."

A niece, Joan O'Dwyer Savarese, invoked the notion that at death, life plays back like a movie. "Uncle Paul," she said, "what a show you're in for."

That show would have included boarding house life and night law school after immigrating to Manhattan, defense of Irish Republican Army members facing extradition, registration of black voters in Mississippi, marches against the Vietnam War, four losing races for United States Senate, and election as Councilman at Large in Manhattan and City Council President.

His wife, Patricia, recalled a Board of Estimate meeting when a fight broke out between landlords and tenants ("Odd, that," she said to appreciative laughter), and Mr. O'Dwyer descended into the skirmish as peacemaker. She went on to say that her husband "is truly not dead."

"We have evidence of his physical passing," Mrs. O'Dwyer said. "But that spirit and that passion—it will stay alive if we all leave here today committed to making the lives of our fellow human beings better."

At the service's close, the white pall that shrouded the coffin was replaced by the Irish flag. Friends, certain Mr. O'Dwyer would be delighted to be wrapped in the tricolor, gave a standing ovation as the casket passed by.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURIE DONOVAN

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Missouri's finest legislators, State Representative Laurie Donovan. She has served Missouri's 74th District since 1982, and done so with a combination of conviction, compassion, and just plain good humor.

There is no question that Laurie has been a maverick. She has marched to her own drummer, voting only in accordance with her conscience. Laurie has stood second to no one in her support for early childhood education—a topic upon which I share her intense interest. Her efforts on behalf of the mentally ill likewise are the stuff of Missouri legislative legend.

It is clear that State Representative Laurie Donovan's retirement is a loss for every Missouri citizen. I join all Missourians in wishing her well, and thanking her for her many years of dedicated service.●

#### NORTH DAKOTANS DARIN ERSTAD AND RICK HELLING

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I want to call the Senate's attention today to two young men from my state who are making their marks this year where few North Dakotans have before: in

major league baseball. They are Darin Erstad of the Anaheim Angels and Rick Helling of the Texas Rangers. A few weeks ago, ESPN referred to Darin Erstad as "the all-star no one's heard of." That will change after his introduction tonight at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Denver. Although baseball fans did not elect Darin to the all-star team, the American League coaching staff recognized his brilliant play and named him as a reserve. So far this season, the Jamestown, North Dakota, native is batting .313, and his 115 hits ranks second in the American League. He currently leads his Angels' teammates in home runs (18) and runs batted in (59). I am sure that few who watched him play as a youngster in North Dakota, or as a college player with the Nebraska Cornhuskers, are surprised at his success at the major league level. He is clearly a disciplined, hard-working player, and his election to this year's all-star team is well deserved.

Rick Helling's success in Texas this summer has been no less spectacular. As a starting pitcher with the Rangers, the Devils Lake, North Dakota, native finished the first half of the season with an impressive record of 11 wins, 4 losses, and an earned run average of 4.40. Only two pitchers in the American League have posted more wins this season. Unfortunately, Rick was not chosen to the all-star squad. That is a shame, but the rosters for the game are limited and each year deserving players are left out. Rick deserved to be on the team and his omission should not overshadow what has so far been an outstanding year. He is well on a pace to win 20 games, the benchmark all starting major league pitchers strive for. I know he has the talent to do it and I wish him continued success.

Considering how few North Dakotans have ever played in the major leagues, my state is understandably proud that two of them are achieving such terrific success at the same time. But it is even more fitting that Darin Erstad and Rick Helling are having breakthrough seasons this year. Those who follow baseball know that the summer's biggest story has been the attempt by several players, most notably Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey, Jr., and Sammy Sosa, to break the single season record for most home runs. That enduring record of 61 home runs, which has stood for nearly four decades, was set by the New York Yankees' slugger Roger Maris. Roger Maris, I am very proud to say, was raised in Fargo, North Dakota.●

#### 16TH ANNUAL METRO DETROIT YOUTH DAY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a special event that will take place in the City of Detroit. July 8, 1998 will mark the 16th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day on Belle Isle in Detroit. This event is designed to help improve relationships between

young people and community businesses in the Metro Detroit area. More than 16,000 young people are expected to take part in the daylong activities.

This event is significant in that community volunteers, from across Metro Detroit, have come together to make a difference in young people's lives. The many organizers of this event have recognized the need for more youth activities, emphasizing physical education and good sportsmanship in improving the lives of Metro Detroit Youth. It is for this reason that they have sponsored this wonderful program that has grown more successful each year.

Over the course of the last 16 years, this event has garnered tremendous support from the people within the Metro Detroit community from both the private sector and from all levels of government. This year over ninety organizations serve as co-sponsors. At this time I would like to extend my appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Ed Deeb who has again chaired this event and brought it to new levels of success. I wish all the children participating and the sponsors tremendous success.●

#### IRAN MISSILE TECHNOLOGY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to express my serious concern about Iran's continuing efforts to obtain missile technology.

It has been widely reported that Iran has produced chemical weapons and is actively pursuing the development of biological and nuclear weapons. When these deadly technologies are coupled with advanced ballistic missiles, they become true weapons of mass destruction, posing a grave and direct threat to U.S. troops stationed in the Persian Gulf as well as our key ally in the Middle East, the State of Israel.

Iran's quest to develop ballistic missiles has been aided by several Russian corporations, who have sold Iran key technology and provided important technical support. Public reports indicate that Iran is extremely close to deploying advanced ballistic missiles. If we fail to take meaningful action quickly, Iran could deploy chemical-tipped ballistic missiles within one year.

Congress reacted appropriately to this threat by passing the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act in May by a vote of 90-4. The bill would impose sanctions on individual companies—not governments—that assist Iran in developing ballistic missile technology.

To its credit, the government of Russia, after considerable prodding from the U.S. State Department, has taken meaningful steps toward halting the export of sensitive technology. Unfortunately, these measures alone are not sufficient to freeze the Iranian missile program. The Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act is needed.

I regret the Administration's decision to veto this important bill. I understand its view that the Executive Branch alone should attempt to resolve

this issue. However, I believe the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is an issue of such tremendous importance that legislation is warranted.

I hope the Majority Leader will schedule a vote on the veto message soon, and I hope my colleagues will continue to show strong support for the Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RICK METTS: 1998 GREATER DERRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Rick Metts of Derry, New Hampshire, on being named the 1998 "Citizen of the Year" by the Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce. Rick has earned this very special honor as a result of his many years of volunteer work for a variety of different organizations in the City of Derry.

At the Derry Village Rotary Club, Rick has been Sergeant at Arms for the past seven years and has participated in every fundraiser, project and event the club has held. As a member of the club's Social Committee, Rick has helped organize Pot-Luck suppers and Yankee Swaps, and has served as the Master of Ceremonies for Pictionary Games. Rick has also demonstrated his commitment to education, as he and his family have co-sponsored scholarships given to outstanding vocational students.

In addition to his work at the Rotary Club, Rick is also active in a number of other organizations in his community. He is currently serving his second three-year term on the Derry School Board and has held the position of Chair twice. Rick also has shown his true dedication to children through his work with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry. For the past two years, Rick has chaired the Club's largest fundraiser, which features a gourmet dinner as well as both a silent and live auction. He has also coached and refereed many basketball games for the club and recreation teams. Rick has also been a longtime member and supporter of the Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce.

According to one of his close friends, Rick Metts "never has to be asked, he always volunteers." The many ways Rick has found to be involved in his community are a true testament to that statement. Rick embodies that great spirit of volunteerism that helped make this nation great. I want to again congratulate Rick Metts on being named "Citizen of the Year" and it is with great pride that I represent him in the United States Senate.●

#### NEED FOR HMO REFORM

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, our health care system is in a state of crisis—a crisis of confidence. Many Americans no longer believe that their in-

surance companies can provide them with the access to care or quality of service they need.

Today I continue our series of stories describing how some managed care plans seem to have put cost saving before life-saving. The experience of Jacqueline Lee is just one more example of the pressing need for Congress to act now to protect the rights of patients.

Jacqueline Lee lives in Bethesda, Maryland. A lover of the outdoors, she took a trip to hike in the Shenandoah Mountains in the summer of 1996. While walking on one of the trails, she lost her footing, and plummeted off of a 40-foot cliff to the ground below.

Luckily for Jacqueline, she was quickly airlifted from the mountain to a hospital in Virginia. Amazingly, she survived the fall, sustaining fractures in her arms, pelvis, and her skull.

Incredibly, her HMO refused to pay the more than \$10,000 in hospital bills. They said Ms. Lee had failed to gain "pre-authorization" for her emergency room visit. To this insurer, the fact that she was unconscious was no exception. For over a year, she challenged her HMO and faced personal bankruptcy. Ultimately, the Maryland Insurance Administration ordered the insurer to pay the hospital and fined them as well for their initial refusal to cover Ms. Lee's medical expenses.

Yet her struggle wasn't over. Within a year, after follow-up surgery for her injuries, Ms. Lee found herself back in the emergency room, fearing that she was suffering complications from surgery. Not wanting to go through another ordeal, this time she called her HMO beforehand. They told her they would pay only for her screening fees because the visit was not considered "a medical emergency."

Mr. President, we must take up and pass meaningful patient protections this year. We have a bill, S. 1890, that would prevent situations like this from occurring. Under our bill, Jacqueline Lee would have access to emergency care without preauthorization, and when she feels her life is in danger—not when the insurance company tells her it's okay. Under our bill, Jacqueline would have been covered for her injuries—she would not have had the rug pulled out from under her by the HMO.

We have only a few weeks of legislative business left to act. Whatever we do will not alleviate the stress that Jacqueline Lee has endured, but we can ensure that others do not have to spend time fighting insurers that would be better spent fighting for their health. We must guarantee patients the peace of mind that comes with knowing that their health plan will be there to help them recuperate, not deny payment because it improves their bottom line.●

#### MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 2271

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I send to the desk a bill and ask that it be read for the first time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2271) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2431 AND H.R. 3150

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand that there are two bills at the desk that are due for their second reading, and I ask that the first be read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2431) to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes.

Mr. SESSIONS. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time. I ask that the second bill be read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3150) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on the Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 495.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Sallyanne Harper, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.