

problems to resolve, but I am confident that citizens, communities, and the ski industry will find solutions to each challenge.

In addition to providing access to National Forests on a mass scale, the ski industry provides critical economic benefits. From the first American rope tow installed in Woodstock, VT, in 1934, to the high-speed quads on Sugarbush 60 years later, the ski industry has brought economic opportunity to Vermont towns. The 1993-1994 ski season in Vermont generated \$230 million from 4.3 million visitor days according to the Vermont Ski Area Association. These revenues translate into \$17 million in tax revenue for Vermont towns. The ski industry represents a sustainable use of national forests and a good neighbor. They deserve our support.

The Murkowski-Leahy bill refines the fee structure for ski areas on national forests. The Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 and the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 both mandate that the Federal Government collect fair market value for the use of Federal property. In 1965, the Forest Service developed the graduated rate-fee system [GRFS] which is still in use today. GRFS is based on the ski area's investment in fixed assets and sales generated in nine business categories. The ski industry and the Forest Service together agree that the system is complex, outdated, inefficient, and in need of reform.

I wish we could say that the reform we propose is based on a comprehensive assessment of fair market value as current law, but such an assessment simply does not exist. Neither the General Accounting Office nor the Forest Service—or any other organization—has been able to offer assistance in developing a widely accepted assessment of fair market value. The revenue collected today is the closest approximation of fair market value, and therefore we have used the total revenue collected as the best available assessment. This bill solves the problems that we know how to solve, and does not preclude adjustments for issues that may benefit from further study.

The solution proposed in the Murkowski-Leahy bill is a simple progressive rate structure based on gross sales. Since it operates much like an annual tax form, it is easy to prepare, relatively easy to audit, and less prone to litigation. The fees are linked to the economy so ski areas can make regular and fair payments that reflect their ability to pay. The bill also has a provision to adjust the rate structure for inflation and it would be easy to amend if the public wants to adjust the ski-fee revenues up or down based on further information on fair market value.

This bill is a reasonable, balanced, and progressive bill that offers clear reform for the ski area fee system. This is basically the same bill that the Senate passed in 1992 with strong bipartisan support. I hope we can pass the S.

907 this year with equally strong support.●

SALUTING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ZYGO CORPORATION

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of an outstanding corporate citizen in my home state of Connecticut, the Zygo corporation. Since its inception in 1970, Zygo has become one of the foremost manufacturers of measurement instrumentation products in the world. This achievement is the result of hard work, creativity, and a highly skilled workforce.

I am proud that the State of Connecticut is home to so many talented and capable individuals. The high-tech, precision work done at Zygo and so many other companies in Connecticut is a testament to the quality workforce my State has to offer.

I am pleased to congratulate Paul Forman, Carl Zanon, and Sol Laufer, founders of Zygo Corporation, on this important milestone. Their ingenuity, foresight and commitment to a quality product enabled them to follow their dreams and launch this firm in 1970. Today, they deserve commendation on their success.

Zygo's reputation is well known throughout the country and the world. As our economy becomes increasingly high-tech, we need more companies like Zygo to provide leading edge products for a demanding market. The surface measuring instruments and precision surface manufacturing produced by Zygo contribute to a variety of products used world-wide every day.

It is with great pride and admiration that I stand today to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of the Zygo Corporation and to wish this exceptional company continued success.●

COMMEMORATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MOUNT ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY

● Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a group of students whose accomplishments are as varied as they are praiseworthy. On Thursday June 15, 1995, the young women of Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, NJ, will celebrate their championship season in three sports at their annual athletic awards dinner. With championship seasons in basketball, volleyball, and softball, the students of the Mount captured the attention of the Bergen Record as the "sports story of the year." In addition to these championship titles, the school won the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association's C. Clarke Folsom Sportsmanship Award for the 1994 basketball tournament. This award is made annually to the school whose players, coaches, cheerleaders, and fans demonstrate the ideals of good sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The Mount has

made a name for itself not only through outstanding athletic ability; but through the commitment of the school to a strong academic and extracurricular program with an emphasis on community service.

Students at the Mount participate in the Siena program of community service as part of their curriculum by donating their time to service projects, in addition to their regular studies and extracurricular activities. Although their prizewinning athletics certainly merit attention, I offer additional praise to these students for their school's unique commitment to community service. The Siena program teaches that the donation of time and energy in service to others is as meaningful as winning a championship season or scoring well on the SAT's. I can only admire a program which views giving back to the community as a basic part of education. In the words of the Mount's own Sister Fran Sullivan, these promising young women "use their own giftedness to better the world."

Mr. President, once again I offer my congratulations to these talented and generous young women, who are truly athletes, scholars and public servants.●

GENERAL MOTOR'S 1997 FLEXIBLE FUEL VEHICLES

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I want to offer my congratulations to General Motors for making what I believe is a good move for our environment, for our economy, and for their business. All of GM's 1997 four cylinder light-duty pickup trucks will have the capability to run on ethanol as well as gasoline. This represents a significant milestone in the acceptance of ethanol as a widely-used fuel for America. Ethanol helps clean the air and is a renewable domestic energy resource. I ask to have printed in the RECORD the May 11, 1995, news release from GM concerning this development.

GENERAL MOTORS NEWS RELEASE

DES MOINES, IOWA—General Motors today announced the largest single-model alternative fuel vehicle production program of any manufacturer. All of GM's 1997 four-cylinder light-duty pickup trucks will be flexible fueled to permit them to run on gasoline, ethanol, or a combination of the two.

Speaking at a meeting of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition, GM Vice President Dennis R. Minano said GM will use the 1997 Chevrolet S-series and GMC Sonoma pickups as flexible fuel vehicles because they will meet the broad spectrum of needs of many fleet and retail buyers.

"The inclusion of ethanol capability in this program is a win/win for the environment and the customer," Minano said. "As a near-term alternative fuel, ethanol provides many positives. Ethanol is a renewable domestic energy source, provides more range than some other alternative fuels, and is good for the environment."

"We are making this announcement today," said Minano, "in order to provide time for us all to develop an infrastructure and prepare for the volume of ethanol capable trucks Chevrolet and GMC Truck will