

floor today knowing the bill has passed the United States Senate and will continue to protect habitat and wildlife well into the future.●

RECOGNIZING BETTE WAHL

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a woman who has been honored as one of only seven Americans to receive the National Crime Prevention Council's Ameritech Award of excellence in Crime Prevention.

Bette Wahl is an enthusiastic youth advocate and a strong voice in the Eau Claire community for crime prevention. While her words are powerful and persuasive, her actions prove her dedication to the youth of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Mrs. Wahl is the Project Coordinator for the Eau Claire Coalition for Youth. The Coalition is a collaboration of 28 agencies which address the recreational, educational, and social needs of youth and family. Under Mrs. Wahl's guidance, creativity, and energy, the Coalition has grown and become a true asset to the community.

Bette Wahl has created innovative youth crime prevention programs, enlisting the support of senior citizens in her community. In 1994, Seniors Partnering with Youth brought young and old together to work on service projects that benefit the community. This program provides an alternative activity to crime and delinquency, helps youth serve the community, and develops the values of compassion, respect, and responsibility. Bette also created two pilot youth employment programs which serve as gang and delinquency diversion programs. Through one of the programs, Youth Works, young people build self-esteem, pride, and responsibility.

Bette has displayed her extraordinary passion and skill while developing effective crime prevention programs in the Eau Claire community. Eau Claire's chief of police, David Malone, called Bette "phenomenal" saying that "she seems to have a unique talent for bringing out the best in people and getting them to reach a solution." She succeeds where others fail by influencing and inspiring others with her energy and creativity, thereby achieving a positive and permanent change in the crime prevention field.

Bette recognizes that greater communication and integration of services enables a community to achieve tangible benefits in crime prevention. Sixty percent of juveniles in her truancy reduction program experienced an increase in school attendance; she has provided community service opportunities for 369 youth in another program, and she organizes two youth job fairs each year to match youth with area businesses for entry level jobs.

Mrs. Wahl's hard work in crime prevention encourages youth, adults, businesses, government agencies, community organizations, and schools to participate in a community-wide partner-

ship to help Eau Claire's youth realize their full potential. On behalf of all those affected by her work and in honor of her recent award, congratulations, Bette Wahl.●

RECOGNIZING MR. MORRIS AMITAY, DISTINGUISHED PRO-ISRAEL ACTIVIST

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I was happy to read a recent article in the Washington Jewish Week, Guide to Jewish Life in Washington, 1998-1999, about Morrie Amitay and his tireless work toward improving the bonds between the United States and Israel.

I have known Morrie since my earliest days on Capitol Hill and have had the opportunity to witness many of his accomplishments. Morrie's career is indeed impressive. During his years at Harvard Law School, Morrie developed a strong interest in United States foreign policy. This led to a career with the U.S. Foreign Service, where he served the U.S. embassies in both Italy and South Africa. Morrie's talents were quickly noted and he was promoted rapidly. In 1969, Morrie turned his attention to Capitol Hill where he took a position as a legislative assistant in the House of Representatives.

In 1974, while working as an aide for Senator Abraham Ribicoff, Morrie was instrumental in crafting the Jackson-Vanik Amendment—part of the Trade Act of 1974—which provided for an increase of Jewish immigrants from the then-religiously oppressive Soviet Union, into the United States.

Another significant achievement of Morrie's was to become executive director of AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. During Morrie's tenure at AIPAC, the political action committee grew to be one of the most successful interest groups in Washington, D.C. His current work involves educating the American Jewish community on defense issues, and also strengthening the strategic ties between the defense establishments of the United States and Israel. This important work is accomplished through his position as vice chairman at the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs.

Mr. President, I am privileged to be a friend of Morrie Amitay and I am proud to stand before you today and recognize his successful career. I offer congratulations to Morrie and best wishes for the future.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA HYLTON

● Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I rise to commend a former member of my staff, Patricia Hylton, who has recently been named manager of the Refuse To Be A Victim program. Trish was an invaluable member of my office, and I'm certain that she will be successful in making Refuse To Be A Victim a beneficial program for women across the country.

While working in my office, Trish became interested in developing crime

awareness and prevention programs for women. Regrettably, such efforts are needed. The statistics are frightening. Seventy-three percent of women will be victimized at some point in their lives. Seventy-three percent. One million women are stalked each year in the United States. Figures such as these call for decisive action.

I am proud to recognize a program that empowers women with a strategy to ensure their own personal safety. Refuse To Be A Victim is a superior safety tool and thousands of women are safer because of their participation. Refuse To Be A Victim is sponsored by the National Rifle Association. The program is not, however, about firearms. Instead, Refuse To Be A Victim offers women the knowledge necessary to avoid being victimized.

This program is taught throughout the United States in my home state nine men and women instruct hundreds of North Carolinians each year. I'm pleased that Trish has committed herself to such a worthwhile program. And I hope that many more American women will take advantage of this exceptional learning experience.●

CBO COST ANALYSIS—S. 2361

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on September 11, 1998, the Committee on Environmental and Public Works filed Senate Report 105-326, to accompany S. 2361, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 1998. When the report was filed, the letter and analysis of the cost of the legislation prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, as required by Section 403 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act, was not available to the committee. That information was received on September 29, 1998. Therefore, I request that the letter from the Congressional Budget Office and cost analysis be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 29, 1998.

Hon. JOHN H. CHAFEE,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 2361, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 1998.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Kristen Layman (for federal costs) and Lisa Cash Driskill (for the state and local impact).

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE, SEPTEMBER 29, 1998

S. 2361: DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 1998
(As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 29, 1998)

SUMMARY

S. 2361 would amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a predisaster mitigation