

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MOTHER
TERESA OF CALCUTTA

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mother Teresa, who began her decades of service to humanity with the simple goal of helping the less fortunate and grew to be a symbol for human rights all over the world.

At the age of eighteen, Mother Teresa became a Roman Catholic sister, the beginning of her life as an educator, a leader, and a servant of God. Perhaps her greatest accomplishment was the establishment of the religious order, Missionaries of Charity. With over 5,000 sisters, the goal of Missionaries of Charity is to help the poor in all aspects of life, providing food, clothing, and shelter to millions of the world's most destitute. Additionally, Mother Teresa initiated countless relief projects, international peace-keeping missions, and medical assistance projects for the needy. Later in life, even as her own health deteriorated, she pressed on with new projects, including the creation of hospice programs for those living with AIDS.

A well-deserving recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the impact of this remarkable woman will last forever. I could not be more pleased to join in remembering Mother Teresa of Calcutta as a shining example of selfless dedication to human kindness. She was an inspiring example for us all.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL—BUT IS IT SECURE? AN EXAMINATION OF INTERNET VULNERABILITIES AFFECTING BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS, AND HOMES

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Chairman DAVIS and Ranking Member WAXMAN for calling this important hearing on Internet vulnerabilities and security threats. One such vulnerability is computer viruses and I know first hand how tedious and cumbersome computer infections can be. In the past year, I have had several computer viruses and they are costly and time consuming to fix.

Through my Washington Update, I regularly email my constituents about what's happening in DC. When I wrote to my constituents about today's hearing and requested that they share with me some of their experiences with computer viruses, the response was immediate and resounding. I was immediately inundated with e-mails about the economic, social, and personal toll computer viruses have on the lives of my constituents.

Let me share a sample of these stories with you today to highlight the impact viruses can have on our daily lives.

Mark Patton, Vice President of American Remedial Technology, a small company in my community, wrote in and said:

Our business was victimized by a number of computer viruses on one occasion. We had hired an IT consultant to provide maintenance of our network, but unfortunately they were not keeping up with our virus protection. As a result we had to replace our server, upgrade our system, and subsequently fire our IT consultant. This episode cost our small business over \$10,000 without considering the lost time we incurred. Viruses are a threat to all businesses. . . . The lesson is buyers beware when hiring an IT consultant, but more importantly as businesses become more dependant on the Internet, Internet security becomes a very important issue.

Mission Hills Mortgage Bankers/Gateway Business Bank wrote in and said:

During the height of the virus-infected e-mail, Mission Hills Mortgage Bankers/Gateway Business Bank webmail site was swamped with thousands of virus-laden e-mails a day in August and September. Fortunately, our firewall and virus software caught and cleaned up the e-mail, but the sanitized e-mail was passed through to the individuals to whom it was addressed. Personally, I was deleting 30 to 50 e-mails a day, both annoying and time consuming.

What I didn't know was how vulnerable a home computer with DSL or cable access is without a firewall even with virus-checker software. I wasn't aware that viruses can come thru to your computer in ways other than on an e-mail until I got one. That was a month ago. I purchased and installed a firewall right away. But I am still experiencing a problem with my computer. Apparently, the damage to files can remain after the virus is cleaned up.

This problem has not only affected businesses. Rio Hondo College wrote in and said:

We were hit hard by the "worm" at Rio Hondo College during the first week of our semester this Fall. Our mainframe computer and every desktop computer on campus were unusable for a week. We could not register students, certify athletic eligibility of athletes, process financial aid requests, conduct many classes, or function in any capacity for a whole week. Eight weeks later we are still trying to get computers and printers and e-mail functioning for every one.

Diane Schumacher wrote in and said:

I had a virus in September of this year. It was the SO/BIG Virus. I got it when I purchased an item over the Internet that came with an attachment. I have been laid-off. The last thing I needed was to be out of contact with not only EDD, the Employment Development Department, but also with my job search and support groups. Not to mention the expense of repair.

If the stories could not get any worse, this particular antidote affected me the most, Mark Calt wrote in and said:

I'd like to take pictures of my daughter who currently is 2 years old. I used my digital camera to take a picture of her from the moment she was born and every single month until she reached her first birthday. I stored all those pictures in my hard drive so when I am ready, I'll sort them all out and have them developed and make a nice album that I can show to my daughter when she grows up and maybe play a slide show during her debut (18th Birthday Party). But my computer was hit by the virus just before I got them developed . . . my one year worth of project, my dream, and my gift to my daughter are all gone together with the pictures. I would pay—no matter what the price—if I could retrieve all those pictures . . . they were priceless . . . you cannot bring back the hands of time!

The stories I've shared with you today underscore the prevalence of computer infections. Furthermore, computer viruses are a "real problem" not just for businesses, but home users are also affected by this costly burden. An unemployed constituent, a community college, a bank and a father, all have been victimized by computer viruses. Computer viruses affect all of us.

There is much work ahead of us to eradicate threat, so I thank each of the witnesses for being here today to discuss this important topic and I look forward to your testimony. Again, I would like to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for having this hearing.

INTRODUCING THE MARINE MAMMAL PRESERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (MMPRA) OF 2003

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, when the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) was enacted in 1972, it was with a vision of protection and precaution. It was created to right the ecological wrongs caused by generations of slaughter driven by our collective greed for the products that marine mammals supplied. The founding goal of the MMPA was to provide a broad moratorium on the taking of marine mammals in order to maintain and rebuild healthy populations of whales and dolphins, seals and sea lions, and other marine mammals.

To a noteworthy extent, protection and precaution have paid off. We should celebrate that some marine mammal species have recovered to estimated pre-harvest levels. But we should not be lulled into a false sense of complacency. Many populations, such as North Atlantic right whales and bowhead whales in the Arctic, remain endangered. We also cannot ignore that the full breadth and intensity of human activity in the ocean, including shipping, oil and gas exploration, and military activity, has a profound effect on marine mammals, even if we do not seek to kill them outright.

It is for these reasons that I introduce this bill today that would reauthorize the Marine Mammal Protection Act in a way that preserves its precautionary intent. Summarizing key provisions, the bill would:

Provide a refined definition for the term "harassment" that is consistent with the recommendations of the National Research Council and accounts for the cumulative, as opposed to merely incidental, effects of behavioral changes in marine mammals.

Enhance protections for marine mammals in captivity, including the establishment of a new advisory committee to encourage the promulgation of regulations by the Secretary of Agriculture for captive care and maintenance, an updated and publicly accessible captive marine mammal inventory, and elimination of all marine mammal traveling exhibits.

Provide increased funding opportunities for the development of fishing gear that would decrease harmful interactions with marine mammals.

Authorize research and grant programs to study methods of non-lethal deterrence and

control of nuisance seals and sea lions, whose robust populations have been of growing concern in coastal California.

Reauthorize and improve the John H. Prescott funding assistance program to allow an improved nationwide response to stranding and entanglement events.

Clarify the provisions regarding the import and export of Native marine mammal handicrafts.

Modernize the system of penalties and fines for violations of the Act for the first time in 30 years.

Expand the list of fisheries included in the take reduction team process to include both commercial and non-commercial fisheries using comparable gear.

Contrary to the efforts of others in this Congress to weaken the MMPA through strategic piecemeal amendments, I have always urged that the MMPA deserves nothing less than a comprehensive reauthorization.

The Resources Committee Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to the immeasurable credit of Chairman WAYNE GILCHREST and his predecessor, the former Chairman JAMES SAXTON, invested significant time and resources over the past 4 years in conducting a series of oversight hearings regarding implementation of the Act and needs for reauthorization. This substantive analysis has not been squandered and has, in fact, been incorporated into this legislation.

This bill also reflects the best of the ideas forwarded by the Administration in their proposal regarding priorities and recommendations for reauthorization of the Act. Moreover, this bill incorporates the best ideas offered by a wide range of stakeholders ranging from the sportfishing and public display industries to the animal welfare and environmental communities.

Maintaining protection for marine mammals need not be a contentious or partisan issue. I urge support of this comprehensive and precautionary-minded reauthorization of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

ALLEN-BRADLEY BRAND MARKS
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2003 Rockwell Automation, a world-leading provider of industrial automation power, control and information solutions, began a year-long celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Allen-Bradley Brand. This outstanding company has a rich history and has made major contributions to the automation industry. Allen-Bradley has also played a significant role as a major employer and contributor to the economic and cultural growth of the city of Milwaukee.

The extraordinary transformation story of Allen-Bradley starts with the humble beginnings of two young Bradley brothers starting their business in an office over a delicatessen located on Milwaukee's near south side. Today, Rockwell Automation International Inc. has become a \$4 billion industry leader with more than 22,000 employees in 450 locations around the world—serving customers in more

than 80 countries. This story typifies the American dream and a dream realized beyond expectation.

In 1893 Lynde Bradley at the age of fifteen invented a compression rheostat that had the capability of regulating electrical current. His friend Dr. Stanton Allen offered to invest a thousand dollars to develop a prototype crane controller, which would use the newly invented rheostat control, and a business was born. Subsequently Lynde Bradley and Dr. Allen formed Compression Rheostat in 1903. In 1910 the company was renamed Allen-Bradley. After a series of dissolutions, mergers, and acquisitions Rockwell International purchased the company in 1985 for \$1.651 billion, the largest acquisition in the history of the state of Wisconsin.

Since the start of this company there has been a pioneering spirit that valued innovation, creativity and a constant striving for excellence in products. This spirit has driven the company for 100 years.

The Allen-Bradley Brand is a symbol of great corporate strength, pre-eminence in the industrial controls field and an outstanding example of on-going and continuous support of the Milwaukee community. Thank you and congratulations on this 100th anniversary and continued success in the future.

INTRODUCING THE SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA WILD HERITAGE
WILDERNESS BILL

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Southern California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act. If enacted, this bill will protect approximately 1.6 million acres of land in California.

The State of California has lost over 675,000 acres of California's wild lands since 1978. One can only predict that this harmful trend will continue as California's population is expected to explode. California is expected to gain 17.7 million more people by 2025—nearly the entire population of New York State. As the population rises, more development will take place. More development often means less open space and the destruction of precious lands. This bill will prevent that destruction.

Thousands of diverse organizations, businesses, and others see the importance of this legislation and have given it their support. Additionally, hundreds of local elected officials have voiced support for the protection of their local areas.

I am pleased to be a part of this effort and look forward to working with Senator BOXER and Congressman THOMPSON to spearhead this effort and protect our natural resources.

RECOGNIZING RONN OWENS FOR
RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION OF BROADCASTERS'
MARCONI AWARD

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ronn Owens, who received the National Association of Broadcasters' prestigious Marconi Award for major market personality of the year on October 2, 2003.

Ronn Owens began his broadcast career in 1968, hosting radio programs in Atlanta, Miami, Cleveland, and Philadelphia before moving to the Bay Area and KGO in 1975.

Over his thirty-five year radio career, Ronn Owens has established himself as the host of the most compelling and thought-provoking morning talk show in Northern California. A half-million fans tune into The Ronn Owens Show every morning to hear his opinions on a range of issues, from popular culture and gossip to current events and politics. He refers to his show as "the ultimate town meeting."

Ronn's guest list reads like a roster of Who's Who among world leaders, top celebrities, personalities, and newsmakers of the day. He has brought his devoted Bay Area audience numerous political figures, such as Al and Tipper Gore, JOHN MCCAIN, Bill Bradley, and Ralph Nader and celebrity personalities, such as tennis player Andre Agassi, theatrical legend Carol Channing, and attorney Johnnie Cochran. Ronn is the newsmen's news man. He has interviewed ABC News anchor Peter Jennings, veteran Washington Correspondent for ABC News Sam Donaldson, NBC's Washington Bureau Chief and Meet the Press host Tim Russert, Hardball host Chris Matthews, and CNN's Wolf Blitzer, to name a few.

Ronn Owens' sense of humor, directness, and intellect has made him a legend in the morning radio talk show industry. Ronn is quoted as saying that he is "just like everybody else—I look at the world around me and comment on it." His fans will forever love Ronn as the man who tickled their funny bones, increased their awareness of national and local issues, and opened their hearts and minds.

Before being elected to Congress, I was a Ronn Owens listener. Over the past seven years, I have gotten to know Ronn as a guest on his show, and I have come to respect him a great deal. I have always found him to be insightful, funny and—even when we are at opposite ends of an issue—fair.

Congratulations, Ronn, on thirty-five years and the Marconi Award. Here's to thirty-five more.

HONORING THE MONTEREY PARK
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COM-
MISSION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

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Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Monterey Park Community Relations Commission for celebrating cultural diversity in the fourteenth annual Harmony Festival.