

fans and 3 Cleveland Indian fans) which made for interesting family dinner conversations and game day exchanges. Some of their biggest disagreements came when the Yankees and the Indians played each other.

Mr. Infante will always be remembered, as his high school yearbook proclaimed, "Never Failed a Friend and Never Feared a Foe."

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALMON SOLUTIONS AND PLANNING ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, few issues are more controversial or contentious than the issue of dam removal on the Snake River system. Some have argued because they don't like certain possibilities that they don't want to know about them. This whistling past the graveyard is both unrealistic and unwise. Things we don't like sometimes are options, and we should know the facts.

That is why I am pleased to co-sponsor the Salmon Solutions and Planning Act with my colleagues JIM McDERMOTT and TOM PETRI. This is an important piece of legislation that will provide policymakers in the Pacific Northwest and around the country with additional information necessary to aide in the recovery of Columbia Basin salmon.

The legislation requires the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, and Department of Energy to study the environmental, infrastructure, and economic issues associated with removing the four Lower Snake River dams. The bill also includes language authorizing the Secretary of the Army to remove the dams. This language is intended to clarify that lower Snake River dam removal is within the Corps' authority. It is important to note this bill contains no "trigger language" that would mandate dam removal.

Salmon are a significant ecological, economic and cultural resource for the Northwest and indeed the entire country. These fish once supported the world's most productive salmon watershed. Unfortunately, wild salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake Rivers have been in decline for decades, with thirteen stocks now listed under the Endangered Species Act. Not only has this decline had negative impacts on the watersheds of the Pacific Northwest, it wreaks havoc on salmon-dependent communities and local economies.

Since coming to Congress, I have supported funding for habitat restoration, reforming hatchery practices, and re-examining our harvest practices, all measures that can contribute to salmon recovery. However, with salmon populations continuing to decline, it's clear that what we have been doing for the past 20 years has not been working. I have called for an approach that evaluates all science-based recovery options, including dam removal. This legislation represents an important piece of that analysis.

Some have equated knowing the facts with actually triggering the process to remove the dams. My support for this legislation is not support for dam removal. My position over the years on this has been consistently to support evaluating all options for salmon recovery. The

studies authorized by the bill will help us determine the consequences of dam removal not only for Northwest salmon, and but also for transportation, energy, and irrigation in the region.

Like other Pacific Northwest residents, I have a deep interest in coming to a resolution on salmon recovery. The stress and uncertainty created by illegal biological opinions and the involvement of the judicial system not only harms fish, but also the farmers, fishermen, Tribes, ports, union members, and others whose livelihood depends on the Columbia River system.

This legislation is an important step in having the facts about our options for restoring self-sustaining, fishable populations of Northwest salmon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday and today, I missed 26 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 661, on Agreeing to the Murtha Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 662, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 663, on Agreeing to the Tierney Amendment to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 664, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #1 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 665, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #258 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 666, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #389 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 667, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #432 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 668, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #439 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 669, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #449 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 670, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendment #553 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 671, on Agreeing to the Flake Amendments En Bloc to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 672, on Agreeing to the Campbell Amendment #1 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 673, on Agreeing to the Campbell Amendment #8 to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 674, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3326, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 675, on Passage of H.R. 3326, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 676, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Con. Res. 172, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 677, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 691, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 678, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2728, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 679, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 2749, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 680, on Passage of H.R. 2749, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 681, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1752, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 682, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 683, on Agreeing to the Frank Amendment to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

Rollcall No. 684, on Agreeing to the Garrett Amendment to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 685, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 3435, I would have voted "No."

Rollcall No. 686, on Passage of H.R. 3435, I would have voted "Yea."

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE TO MRS. INIS PUCKETT OF TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Inis Puckett on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Inis Beasley Puckett, the oldest of six children, was born to E.J. and Lecie Fly Beasley, on August 12, 1909, on a farm in Primm Springs, Tennessee. She moved to Centerville with her family when she was 16 years old.

The family quickly became active members of the Centerville Church where her father served as Bible school teacher, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, song leader and Elder for 30 years until his death in 1958. Her mother died in 1981.

Inis has been a member of the Centerville Church for 82 years. She has taught many Sunday classes, Vacation Bible Study classes, and served as supervisor of the primary department for 20 years.

Inis graduated from Hickman County High School and George Peabody College. Her teaching career, spanning 43 years, began at Bon Aqua teaching third and fourth grades, then to Little Rock for all eight grades, then to McFarlan for all eight grades. There, she rode the bus to Five Points, walked two miles and built the fire in the wintertime. After school, she walked back to the highway, and after dark, caught the bus home. She was transferred to Haley's Creek with all eight grades for 5 years. She then moved to Centerville Elementary School where she taught first grade for 32 years.

After her retirement, she worked with her dad and husband in Beasley Furniture Store until it closed in 1979.

Inis and Paul Puckett were married on April 12, 1934. Paul died on their 60th wedding anniversary. Inis' sight began to deteriorate in