

emissions, according to the Department of Energy. However, the consulting firm McKinsey and Company has found that improving building energy efficiency is one of the most cost effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Since 1974, California has used mandates, regulations and incentives to hold its per capita energy consumption essentially constant, while energy use per-person for the United States overall has jumped 50 percent.

This legislation provides a solution by stimulating the renovation of existing homes.

This is a jobs bill that provides incentives to reward energy efficient renovations that will create jobs in the construction sector, avoid increasing the supply of housing beyond demand, decrease energy use and reduce pollution, and expand the market for efficient technology and products.

This bill would create the first tax incentive for energy efficiency home renovation based on the energy performance of the home rather than the cost of the equipment.

This concept, which Senator SNOWE and I first proposed in 2007 as part of the Extend Act, is recommended by most energy efficiency experts.

Current policy allow homeowners to claim credits for the purchase of energy efficient insulation, windows, doors, heaters, air conditioners and water heaters. This approach is very expensive, largely due to claims filed for windows.

By restructuring the credit to apply to whole-home energy renovations that reward energy efficiency performance instead of the cost of equipment, this proposal has the potential to increase effectiveness while substantially lowering costs.

The legislation also includes provisions to ensure effectiveness and prevent abuse. The work must be done by a contractor who must sign an affidavit certifying the work was done and submit photographs of the work. The contractor must use certified, computer-based energy efficiency measurement tools. The credit would be limited to renovations of primary residences that do not increase the size of the home, and the credit would be capped at no more than 30 percent of the cost of renovation, to prevent homeowners from making large claims for relatively inexpensive renovations. As a tax credit, all claims would also be subject to IRS audits.

The bill is supported by the California Energy Commission, the Alliance to Save Energy, Efficiency First, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy and the Natural Resource Defense Council.

By offering incentives for energy efficient renovations, this bill helps create jobs in California's ailing construction sector while at the same time decreasing energy use and pollution.

This sort of investment, putting Americans back to work while leaving

behind lasting improvements, is the type of legislation on which Congress should be spending time.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING HARRY PACHON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to honor Harry Pachon, one of our Nation's most dedicated scholars and civil rights leaders, who passed away on November 4, 2011.

Harry Pachon was born to immigrant parents in Miami, FL, in 1945 and spent part of his childhood in Colombia. He returned to the United States, where he completed high school in Montebello, CA, and earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in government from Claremont Graduate University.

Mr. Pachon dedicated his life to public service and fought tirelessly to elevate the role of the Latino community in politics. After serving as the chief of staff for Los Angeles Representative Edward R. Roybal, Harry became a founding board member and executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. Beginning in 1993, Mr. Pachon became the president of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute in California. Under his leadership, the institute conducted groundbreaking research on key issues facing the Latino community, including immigration, education, and political participation, and brought national attention to the needs of Latinos. In 2003, the institute moved to the University of Southern California, where Harry was a beloved and respected professor of public policy.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Harry Pachon and extending our deepest condolences to his wife Barbara; his children, Marc, Melissa, Nicholas, and Andrew; and his four grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.●

REMEMBERING DANIEL G. MCKAY

• Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Daniel G. McKay who passed away on November 10, 2011. It is with deep sorrow that I offer my condolences, to his wife Sharron for the loss of her beloved husband, to his two sons: Dan Jr. and Mark, and to his three grandchildren; Jesse, Dana and Danny.

A native of St. Louis, MO, Dan grew up in north St. Louis and attended Central High School. He began his career after high school as a truck driver and worked for over 30 years as a driver for several local companies.

Dan assumed leadership in the Teamsters and spent much of his life and career working tirelessly to secure the rights of working men and women. Within Teamsters' Local 600, Dan held several leadership positions including

business representative, recording secretary and President. His passion for helping others also led Dan to become President of Teamsters Joint Council 13 in 2002, representing over 25,000 Teamster families in Missouri. Dan also held several positions in the Missouri Kansas Nebraska Conference of Teamsters. He retired from both Local 600 and Joint Council 13 in March, 2010.

It is with great humility and respect that I honor Dan today. His dedicated leadership improved the work experience for many Missourians, and under Dan's leadership the Teamsters organized and educated workers so they would know their workplace rights and could participate fully in our democratic society.

Dan touched the lives of many, and improved the quality of life in the community at large. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has lost a friend and an advocate, and I have lost a dear friend, advisor, and confidant.

Dan was afraid of no one when it came to defending his friends or confronting his adversaries. When I explained to him one time that his political support of me was going to cause him trouble, he said, "Nothing that I can't handle. We are in this together."

Dan will certainly be remembered for his gruff but engaging personality as well as for his many accomplishments. Dan was tough, but under that tough exterior was a huge heart filled with love for his family, for his community and for his brothers and sisters in labor.

Dan's life and commitment to others serve as an inspiration to me and to all Missourians. Our State has truly lost a leader and a hero.

I extend my deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences to Dan's family in their time of bereavement, and I invite the Senate to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of this son of Missouri.●

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED ON MARCH 15, 1995 IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12957 WITH RESPECT TO IRAN, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON NOVEMBER 21, 2011—PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "order") that takes additional steps with respect to the national