

Governor Garrahy's righthand man throughout his political career was Bill Dugan, his chief of staff. As fate would have it, we are also mourning the loss of Bill, who passed away the day before we lost the Governor. It was often said that Governor Garrahy didn't know how to say no. He was too nice for that. Well, that job often fell to Bill Dugan.

Joe and Bill were lifelong friends, graduated in the same class at La Salle Academy, went into politics together, and made a memorable political team in Rhode Island history. Last Thursday, Joe Garrahy and his dear companion and political associate Bill Dugan were together one last time.

Bill's sons are friends of mine, David and Richard. At Bill's funeral I spoke to Richard, and I remarked on how extraordinary it was that this exceptional Rhode Island friendship and political alliance should end with these two men dying in the same week within virtually hours of each other.

Richard looked back at me and he said: SHELDON, you don't know the half of it. It was during my father's wake at Boyle's Funeral Home that the Governor was brought home from Florida, where he had been vacationing, by the State police to Rhode Island. And that night, the two old companions rested one last time, side by side, on Smith Hill at Boyle's Funeral Home.

On behalf of my wife Sandra and my family, I extend to the Garrahy family our deepest condolences. To Joe's loving wife Margherite, to their children Colleen, John, Maribeth, Sheila, Seana, and their 11 grandchildren and the entire Garrahy family, we have you in our hearts.

Joe Garrahy often spoke about the great joy his children and his 11 grandchildren gave him, especially in the years after his retirement. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all today.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to join with Senator REED and with so many Rhode Islanders who are still remembering, thinking of, praying for, and giving homage to Governor Garrahy. We will never forget his ready smile, his easy friendship, his distinguished service, his ability to remember every name, and his long and very loving marriage.

I join Senator REED in saluting his legendary service to our State.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. REED). The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I know folks are riveted to their televisions. I wanted to give them an update as to where we are on the STOCK Act.

First of all, there have been a lot of good amendments back and forth. We have reviewed them. We worked obviously late into last night and have been working throughout today. We are gearing up for votes that hopefully will be forthcoming, if not today, then hopefully tomorrow.

But I do appreciate the process, and I wanted to publicly thank Leader REID for his willingness to allow us to work through this process because it is sensitive for some people and it is new territory for others. But I will say, being the first time and having the ability to come down and co-manage the floor with Senator COLLINS and work with Senator LIEBERMAN and Senator GILLIBRAND, the process has been open and fair. We are trying now to eliminate some of the amendments that may not be relevant. We have had some folks step back and say, yes, take this off or take that off, and that is good. And we have been trying to combine other amendments to try to solidify where we want to go.

But I did want to let folks know that we are working diligently with the staffs of all the concerned Members, and hopefully we will get some votes very shortly.

Once again, I commend Leader REID and his staff, the chairman and his staff, Senator GILLIBRAND, and Senator COLLINS, for everyone working together trying to make this happen. I appreciate that, and I want to make that reference for folks who are paying attention.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the quorum be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNET). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I apologize to the Presiding Officer and staff and Senators, but we have not been able to reach an agreement yet on how to move forward on this simple bill. Remember, everybody loved the bill? We should have been able to finish it quickly. It has not worked out that way, but we are close. I hope in the morning we can do this and finish the bill tomorrow afternoon. That would be preferable. I hope we can do that.

Everyone has worked in good faith and there are a number of amendments we will vote on, and if that is the case, we can finish this hopefully tomorrow, late in the afternoon or early evening. We are not there yet, but we are very close.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH). The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, while the majority leader is here, I wished to thank him for the work he and his staff have continued to do to enable us to get to a vote on this bill, which most everybody in the Senate supports, to make it clear that Members of Congress and our staffs are covered by anti-insider trading laws. Senator GILLIBRAND, Senator COLLINS, and Senator BROWN have all been working

to bring this to an end and give Members on both sides the opportunity to introduce amendments. Senator REID has been showing great forbearance in not moving to file a cloture motion. In some sense, this is a test of whether we can all apply to ourselves a rule of reasonableness so that there can be a pretty open amendment process, but one that does not stop the Senate from getting something accomplished.

I share the leader's optimism. There is only one obstacle now to having an agreement and, hopefully, we can begin voting tomorrow afternoon and get it done before we finish.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is Senator GILLIBRAND's fault we are in all of this trouble.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. I wish to commend the leader for his forbearance and patience in this very long and extended process. But we are making great efforts to come together to work in a bipartisan way to accomplish something good for the American people and to begin to restore faith and trust in this institution and in our government. So I thank our leader. We are so grateful for his patience. I also thank the chairman for his work in leading this legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, to Senator LIEBERMAN, we did a lot more generalized work than the distinguished junior Senator from New York. She is an absolute expert in this area where we are dealing with corporate law, all the stuff we did with derivatives and all that, and I was certainly joking when I said she was the cause of trouble for this legislation. It was her idea. We appreciate her good work. Senator LIEBERMAN and I have been through a number of battles together and this is one of the minor skirmishes.

I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS CAUSEY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to send my best wishes and gratitude to a good friend of mine and a loyal public servant to the people of

Kentucky for many years, Ms. Phyllis Causey. After nearly 2 decades working for the Representative from Kentucky's 2nd Congressional District—first Congressman Ron Lewis, then Congressman BRETT GUTHRIE—she has chosen to embark on a well-earned retirement.

As a field representative for Congressmen GUTHRIE and Lewis, she has made a huge impact on the lives of countless Kentuckians. Her dedication and hard work has set a standard for all who enter public service. She made many friends across the Commonwealth in her 18 years as a House staffer, and I am proud to be one of them.

Phyllis graduated from Hopkinsville Community College in 1970 and earned her bachelor's degree at Western Kentucky University in 1972. She also worked for Western Kentucky University for 23 years.

Before going to work for Kentucky's Second District, Phyllis was the vice chairwoman of the Warren County Republican Party. It was in that capacity she met Ron Lewis, who was exploring a run for Congress. A lot of people did not give Ron much of a chance at the time—after all, the previous holder of that district's Congressional seat, a Democrat, had held it for almost 40 years.

Well, Ron Lewis surprised a lot of people when he won that race. After winning, one of his first decisions—one of his best decisions—was to hire Phyllis Causey. And one of BRETT's best decisions was to retain her.

In her retirement, Phyllis has said she hopes to be able to spend more time with her husband, Larry, and also care for her mother. As so many people have stepped forward to wish her well upon the news of her retirement, Phyllis has humbly said, "All I can hope is that I have made a difference."

I certainly think it is safe to say she has. I value her friendship and wish her the best in her future endeavors. I know my colleagues in the U.S. Senate join me in honoring Ms. Phyllis Causey upon her retirement and thanking her for her many years spent in public service.

The Bowling Green, Kentucky-area publication *The Daily News* recently published an article highlighting Phyllis Causey's life and career. I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From *The Daily News*, Jan. 14, 2012]

CAUSEY IS HAILED AS PUBLIC SERVANT; GUTHRIE AIDE RETIRING AT THE END OF JANUARY

(By Andrew Robinson)

When U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Bowling Green, was campaigning for Congress in 2008, he was frequently posed a question. But it wasn't about his views on taxes, federal spending or social issues.

"Are you going to keep Phyllis Causey?" people often asked Guthrie.

Guthrie did in fact keep Causey, who served as his field representative for the past three years. But Causey said goodbye Friday,

retiring after 18 years of work with congressmen in Kentucky's 2nd Congressional District.

Causey, who worked for former U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis before joining Guthrie's office, officially retires at the end of January.

In a reception at the Warren County Justice Center, Causey thanked co-workers, friends and families for their support over the years.

"I have mixed emotions," Causey said. "I've been crying a lot, as a matter of fact. It's very nice that people are stopping by."

She said she'll remember the friends she has made.

"And, of course, working for a great guy like (Guthrie) and the previous congressman is a blessing," Causey said.

In December, Guthrie spoke for a few minutes about Causey's service on the floor of the U.S. House, a moment that was entered into the Congressional Record.

"She has been such an inspiration to me," Guthrie said on the floor. "She has always been devoted to the causes she believes in—church, family and friends. Phyllis is an incredible wife, daughter, sister and mother. I know her family, especially her husband Larry, will be happy to have her around more often."

The moment caught Causey by surprise.

"I did not know that was happening until the day before," Causey said. "I'm overwhelmed and honored that he would want to do that."

Of course, Guthrie and Lewis had nothing but good things to say about Causey.

"I used to tell her, and she thought I was kidding, but I used to say, 'Phyllis, don't run against me, you'll beat me hands down,'" Lewis said. "In the counties that Phyllis serves, the people love her. She's never met a stranger. Everywhere you go, they know Phyllis Causey."

Lewis met Causey in 1993. She was working as the vice chairwoman of the Warren County Republican Party and Lewis was trying to gauge his support in Warren County when he ran for Congress.

Lewis was invited by Causey to several events in Warren County.

"She became one of my first supporters in Warren County," Lewis said. "She told me all the key people to talk to."

Such stories are endless, Lewis said.

"A lot of people who are very political have trouble turning that into public service," Guthrie said. "And what's amazing about her, as hard-core of a Republican she is, she served everybody."

Causey plans to spend more time with her husband, as well as be a full-time caregiver for her mother. Mark Lord, who is serving as Guthrie's district director, will step up to serve Warren and Barren counties as field representative.

"She just has a great personality, loves people, loves her job—and talk about a true public servant," Lewis said. "Phyllis is a public servant. I'm sad she's retiring because people love her."

TRIBUTE TO KEN HARVEY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a distinguished Kentuckian who has worked tirelessly and selflessly in public service for over 25 years. I am sad to report to my colleagues today that Mr. Ken Harvey, the longest serving tourism director for any county in the Commonwealth, is retiring today.

Ken has worked since 1986 as the executive director of the London-Laurel County Tourist Commission in south-

eastern Kentucky. During his tenure, tourism growth in the area has tripled, the number of motels in the area has more than doubled, and the number of restaurants has doubled. Ken's coworkers, friends, and neighbors know that such a feat would not have been possible without Ken's endless energy and enthusiasm in his work.

When Ken moved to London, KY, with his wife Cheryl many years ago, he was working for Kmart and was sent to Kentucky for a temporary assignment. But, in Ken's own words, London "just felt like home." It is to the rest of the town and county's benefit that Ken and Cheryl decided to put down roots and make London their home.

In addition to his long tenure as executive director of the London-Laurel County Tourist Commission, Ken keeps busy with many other pursuits. He is a longtime board member of the Southern/Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association and has served as that organization's president. He has been a board member of the Kentucky Tourism Council Federation and served that group for several terms as chairman or vice chairman. He has served with the Kentucky Festival Association and the Kentucky Main Street Board. Ken is also an avid historian who has volunteered for the Kentucky Civil War Trail and helped coordinate Civil War reenactments.

Ken is also a member of the Optimist Club, the Laurel County Rotary Club, and a Leadership Tri-County graduate. He was named Laurel County Man of the Year by the News Leader in 1990. And I would certainly be remiss if I did not mention what many believe to be Ken's greatest achievement as tourism director—for many years he has been the driving force behind the World Chicken Festival.

The World Chicken Festival brings over 200,000 visitors to Kentucky each year for what has become one of the top 10 festivals in the Southeastern United States. It offers entertainment, talent shows, art exhibits, carnival rides, and of course food—particularly chicken. It has been noted for exhibiting the world's largest stainless steel skillet. Lasting 4 days, taking up 10 square blocks, and free to visitors, I am sure my colleagues will understand when I say that under Ken's leadership, the World Chicken Festival is one of Kentucky's most "egg-citing" events.

Ken's retirement will be Kentucky's loss but certainly his family's gain. I understand he is looking forward to spending more time with his 6-year-old grandson. On behalf of the people of London, Laurel County, and all of Kentucky, I want to thank Mr. Ken Harvey for his many years of service. He will be missed, and I certainly wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

Mr. President, a recent article printed in the Laurel County area publication the *Sentinel Echo* highlighted Mr. Ken Harvey's many achievements. I ask unanimous consent that said article be printed in the RECORD.