

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.

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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