

other, their community, and their kids, to help, to listen, and to do.

Their greatest accomplishments thus far? The creation of a family, not without its strains and difficulties like all families, but a family where the grown children—now a teacher, a legislative assistant for a member of Congress, a stay-at-home mom/sex educator, an accountant with a fledgling business, and a lighting director/screenwriter—genuinely enjoy and care for each other and their parents. And, after 25 years of marriage, Sue and Ed Smith are truly best friends who treasure each other's company. They are a wonderful example of family values and an inspiration to all of us.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 5, 1999*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 342, I was very surprised to discover that my vote for final passage of H.R. 2605, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, was not recorded. I was definitely present for all the preceding votes on amendments and for final passage.

Although I do not understand why my vote on final passage was not recorded, I know I was present on July 27 and intended to vote for passage of H.R. 2605, the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, on Tuesday, July 27. Please let it be noted that I support The Energy and Water Appropriations Act, as amended. I would have voted in favor of passage.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE LLOYD WELCH POGUE

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 5, 1999*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish The Honorable Lloyd Welch Pogue, a member of the Provincial Families of Maryland, who has resided in Maryland more than 60 years, a happy 100th-year birthday anniversary on 21 October 1999. I also wish to make special mention of his appointment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a Member and Chairman of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board. The USCAB rendered valuable services in the World War II program throughout the period of this Nation's involvement in that War. His professional career culminated in his being named Partner in a large law firm.

#### AMERICAN INVENTORS PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

### HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 3, 1999*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1907, the Amer-

ican Inventors Protection Act of 1999. My position on this legislation is a result of my deep concern for the rights of those whom the bill claims to protect, the small, independent inventors whose ideas have revolutionized our country from its very inception. Along with these concerns, I object to the speed, secrecy, and convoluted method by which this bill has been slipped onto the floor late at night under suspension of the rules. The process by which H.R. 1907 comes to the House floor for a vote is an example in how not to proceed with a piece of legislation that not only attempts to constrain citizens' Constitutional rights, but has vital importance to our nation's economy in this era of furious, global competition in technology.

I find the manner with which this bill was brought to the House floor unacceptable. The fundamental right of a person to his or her intellectual property lies at stake in this situation. This is not a bill which should be passed without meaningful, in-depth investigation and debate. Far from a lengthy, informed process, H.R. 1907 make its way to this chamber following a slippery, silent path which featured name changes, number changes, unpublished documents, and finally, this evening, an unpublished bill, finished only minutes before being called up for approval. This is deplorable. Why must this bill be taken up in such a circuitous way? If it is a wonderful piece of legislation that protects the rights of the small inventor, why is it not open to more than the minimum debate and why can't we hold hearings on this final version, whose ink is not yet dry?

The Judiciary Committee marked up H.R. 1907 without the benefit of hearings; providing no public forum for the stakeholders involved. This stark omission comes despite extensive controversy surrounding this issue in the 105th Congress. There is no published committee report on H.R. 1907 and, until this evening, this House was scheduled to consider a patent bill almost half the length of H.R. 1907. I was expecting to debate H.R. 2654, and was shocked to find that H.R. 1907 was resurrected and had usurped its place. This is an appalling way to manage legislation embodying such an expansive scope and consequences.

H.R. 1907 provides for the publication of patent applications before the patent is granted if the inventor also applies for a patent in a foreign country. This leaves open the possibility that large companies may prey on the unprotected ideas of the small inventor between the time of publication and patent approval. This type of situation needs to be brought to a public forum, discussed among many members, not just the few speaking tonight. I am deeply distressed by this lack of opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's founders designed our society to be a land of unfettered opportunity where individual rights are zealously protected and elected officials considered future laws of the land in a public forum. Both of these ideals are jeopardized by this legislation. H.R. 1907 places at risk the right to enjoy the benefits generated by a person's ingenuity and innovative ideas. Without this right, we strangle the incentive for people to create and develop vital products and services which

could improve our daily lives and bolster our economy. This subject matter deserves lengthy consideration, substantial debate, and open discussion, not a quick, suspension vote after a whirlwind visit to Committee.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO JERRY L. GLADDEN

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 5, 1999*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend Jerry L. Gladden, who will retire this month after 30 years, 1 month, 2 weeks and 6 days with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

For more than 20 years, Jerry has served as general manager for the district and clerk of the board, leading the district capably and efficiently through several financial crises as he continued to see that Simi Valley and Oak Park, California, has superb parks and recreational programs.

Jerry has contributed to the community in many other ways as well. He was president of the Simi Valley Noontime Lions Club from 1976 to 1977. Since 1979, he has been a member of the Simi Valley Rotary Club, for which he has chaired several committees. He is a former member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and served on the United Way Allocations Committee for seven years.

But Jerry's greatest legacy will be the recreational opportunities he created and maintained.

A general manager's greatest challenge is to keep his agency solvent. When money became tight, Jerry helped form the Rancho Simi Foundation, a non-profit organization with the responsibility of raising funds to help support recreation programs. He pushed for a continuing grant program, which has brought in more than \$6.2 million to the Park District during the past 25 years. He is responsible for establishing a lease/operator concession program that generates more than \$1 million for the district each year. He also found ways to cut insurance premiums for the district.

In addition, Jerry established a volunteer program with a core of more than 200 volunteers who clear trails, clean parks, perform clerical work and help run youth programs. He also established a fundraising program that has raised more than \$40,000 in cash and gifts to help support special events for Simi Valley's youth.

Apparently he had too much time on his hands and accepted the position of chief administrative officer for the Rancho Simi Open Space Conservation Agency, a joint powers authority between the Park District and the City of Simi Valley. The agency manages Corriganville Park, an old-time movie ranch that was the model for present-day Universal Studios.

Not surprisingly, Jerry has won numerous awards for his hard work, dedication and success.

Jerry and his wife, Donna, have three children and four grandchildren. When time permits, he enjoys woodworking and restoring