providers in our states, we have understand-ably taken different approaches and offered different solutions.

I look forward to continuing working with my colleagues in both chambers and the administration to ensure we enact positive relief before the end of this session of Congress.

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE AMENDMENTS OF 1999

SPEECH OF
HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be a cosponsor of this important legislation. Last year, the House passed similar legis-la-tion. Since 1992, the Indian Health Service has transferred more than $400 million to 211 tribes in Alaska and 38 tribes in the lower 48 States under the self-governance demonstration project. The transfer of programming and budgeting authority to tribal governments has proven to be successful. Tribes have made significant progress in meeting the needs of their people and promoting the growth of their communities. It is our responsibility to support the tribes’ efforts improving their health care systems. The demonstration project has allowed tribes to expand their range of health care services to their membership.

I strongly urge each of my colleagues to support this bill.

RICHARD L. KRZYZANOWSKI: DEPARTURE FROM CROWN, CORK & SEAL

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my dear friend Mr. Richard L. Krzyzanowski, as he retires from his position at Crown, Cork & Seal, where he has served many years with dedication and distinction.

Mr. Krzyzanowski has a long and respect-able history of service to the Polish American Community. He was born in Warsaw, and was later naturalized as an American Citizen. He also received education in the countries of France and Italy. Mr. Krzyzanowski graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Through hard work and loyal and faithful service at Crown, Cork & Seal, he worked his way up to General Counsel, Member of the Board of Directors and Serrate of the Corporation.

Mr. Krzyzanowski was the founder of the Friends of Pope John Paul II Foundation, which devotes its efforts to strengthening the Catholic faith in Eastern Europe in what were formerly known as the Iron Curtain Countries. Through his diligent efforts, chapters have been founded in Philadelphia, West Palm Beach, Houston, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Jakarta and Singapore.

Mr. Krzyzanowski exhibits the type of commit-ment and insight necessary for success, and he will be missed and remembered when he departs the corporation. Richard L. Krzyzanowski exhibits the qualities of a great American citizen, and it is the embodiment of those qualities which serves to make the United States the great country it is today. I thank him for his service and wish him the best of luck in the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO JACK MAHON

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of the 27th Congressional District; the City of Los Angeles; and the County of Los Angeles, I wish to acknowledge the 70th birthday of a true American, our dear friend, Mr. Jack Mahon.

Born John Francis Mahon, Jr., on December 16, 1929, Jack is the son of Irish immigrants who came to my district in the early part of this century. Jack's parents: John Francis Mahon Sr. from County Offaly; and Katherine Fullerton from County Donegal, came to America and settled in the City of Pasadena where Jack attended St. Andrews Elementary School. Later, Jack attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

Jack served our great nation in military serv-ice, joining the Army in the 1950's, completing a tour of duty in Korea during the war. In 1955, Jack married Eileen McGoldrick, also the daughter of Irish Immigrants residing in my district. Shortly thereafter, Jack was ac-cepted to the Los Angeles Police Academy, and embarked on a law enforcement career which would eventually span 30 years.

Jack worked every division within the L.A.P.D., including the prestigious Metro Divi-sion, were he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Before retiring from the police department with 20 years of professional community service, Jack worked as special assistant to Deputy-Chief Daryl Gates. Jack retired to assume the elected duties as Marshall of Los Angeles County, where he diligently served the com-munity for another 10 years.

Jack Mahon's professional reputation is matched by his dedication to political and sports, as he has been a life long member of the Repub-lican Party, and consistently shoots a round of golf in the 70's. In 1981, Jack married Betty Allyn. Since his retirement in 1985, Jack and Betty have shared themselves between loving friends, children, and grandchildren, while remaining active in their community.

Descendant from his humble Irish roots, Jack Mahon has lived life committing himself to bettering his family and his community. Surely, we are all better off having known Jack.

On this day we not only say, Happy Birth-day, but we thank Jack: for his selfless service to God and country, to family and community. Happy Birthday, Jack, and may God bless you.

INTRODUCTION OF DERIVATIVES MARKET REFORM ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am join-ing with the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) in introducing the Derivatives Market Reform Act.

In recent years, over-the-counter (OTC) der-ivative financial products have become an im-portant component of modern financial mar-kets. They provide useful risk management tools for corporations, financial institutions, and governments around the world seeking to respond to fluctuations in interest rates, for-eign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, and movements in stock or other finan-cial markets. While OTC derivatives are fre-quently used to hedge risks, or to lower bor-rowing costs, they can also be used by deal-ers or end-users to make risky and highly speculative synthetic bets on the direction of global financial markets. The potential for such derivatives to contribute to excessive specula-tion or leveraging has raised concerns over the potential for OTC derivatives to increase, rather than reduce the risk of catastrophic fi-nancial loss or contribute to a future financial panic or meltdown in global financial markets.

In addition, the concentration of market-making functions in a small number of large banks and securities firms, the close financial inter-linkages OTC derivatives have created between each of these firms, and the sheer complexity of the products being traded raise serious concerns about the potential for der-ivatives to contribute to serious disruptions in the fabric of our financial system. The poten-tial for the failure of a key market participant to trigger a meltdown—or the specter of a po-tential disruption in the financial markets due to highly leveraged and complex investment strategies—was illustrated by last years' near collapse of the hedge fund known as Long-Term Capital Management (LTCM).

The LTCM affair has underscored the need for regulators to minimize the potential for OTC derivatives to contribute to a major dis-ruption in the financial markets, either through excessive speculation and over-leveraging, or due to inadequate internal controls and risk management on the part of major derivatives dealers or end-users. Today, Senator DORGAN and I are introducing legislation in both the House and the Senate which would provide for certain targeted derivatives market and hedge fund reforms in the aftermath of the LTCM affair. Here's what our bill would do:

First, the bill would define “derivative” to in-clude any financial contract or other instru-ment that derives its value from the value or

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