

(2) applauds the St. Louis Rams for their commitment to high standards of character, perseverance, professionalism, excellence, sportsmanship and teamwork;

(3) praises the St. Louis Rams' players and organization for their commitment to the Greater St. Louis, MO community through their many charitable activities;

(4) congratulates both the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans for providing football fans with a thrilling Super Bowl played in a sportsmanlike manner;

(5) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the St. Louis Rams win Super Bowl XXXIV;

(6) commends the St. Louis Rams for their victory in Super Bowl XXXIV on January 30 2000; and

(7) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the St. Louis Rams' owners, Georgia Frontiere and Stan Kroenke, and to the St. Louis Rams' Head Coach, Dick Vermeil.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 3:00 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1722, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any 1 State, and for other purposes; and its companion bill H.R. 3063, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and for other purposes; and S. 1950, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, and for other purposes.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during The session of The Senate on Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., in SR-322, to conduct a full committee hearing to review The authority of The Grain In-

spection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

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

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during The session of The Senate on Tuesday, February 1, 2000, to conduct a markup on The renomination of Alan Greenspan to be Chairman of The Board of Governors of The Federal Reserve System, and concurrently a hearing on "Loan Guarantees and Rural Television Service".

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

##### COMMITTEE HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Medical Errors: Understanding Adverse Drug Events" during The session of The Senate on Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that The Committee on The Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in SD226.

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

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that intern Livia Vedrasco be allowed privilege of the floor today.

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

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RETIREMENT OF ELMER GATES

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Elmer Gates as he retires from the Fuller Company of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he served as Chairman, President, and CEO. Mr. Gates joined the Fuller Company as President and Chief Operating Officer in 1982 after a thirty-one year career with General Electric. His mission was to restore Fuller Company to sustained profitability, and under his leadership Fuller not only accomplished this goal but became a world leader in the cement industry. During his tenure at Fuller, Elmer Gates combined his spirit of entrepreneurship with the discipline essential for long term business success.

Throughout his distinguished career, Elmer Gates operated under a business philosophy that put a strong emphasis on the customer while maintaining a high level of quality. He firmly believes that community involvement is crucial for businesses, and that a business leader's first responsibility to the community is to run a profitable business so that good jobs are available, which in turn will improve the community.

Mr. Gates' career has been a model for aspiring community servants to follow. He currently serves as Director of PP&L Resources, chairs their Finance Committee, and serves on their Corporate Governance Committee. He also chairs the Boards of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation and SI Handling Systems, Inc., and was the Founding Director of Ambassador Bank of the Commonwealth. In addition, Mr. Gates was a member of the U.S. Export-Import Bank Advisory Committee, and was appointed by the State legislature and the Governor to the IMPACT Commission and follow-up PRIME Council, to study and make recommendations for ways to reduce the cost of government while improving service levels. These are but a few of the countless contributions Elmer Gates has made, which have served not only his immediate community, but also his State and Country.

Over his remarkable career, Elmer Gates has received numerous awards for his contributions, including the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Minsi Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Americanism Awards from B'nai B'rith and the U.S. Marine Corps League, and the Distinguished Community Leadership Award from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. I would like to join these organizations in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Elmer Gates, and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.●

#### IN CELEBRATION OF JACK MCKEON DAY IN SOUTH AMBOY

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in behalf of Jack McKeon, a South Amboy native, who led the Cincinnati Reds to within one game of the 1999 National League Playoffs. It is a pleasure for me to be able to recognize his accomplishments.

During his 50 years in Major League Baseball, Jack McKeon has been honored as both "National League Manager of the Year" and as "Major League Manager of the Year." In his 26 years of major league managing he has won nearly 700 games with the Kansas City Royals, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, and Cincinnati Reds. In addition, Jack McKeon has also served as General Manager, receiving the "General Manager of the Year" award.

Before Jack began his distinguished career, he had already made an impact

in New Jersey. As a member of the McKeon Boys Club, Jack played his first organized baseball and went on to become an all-county catcher as a student at St. Mary's High School.

Jack's playing career spanned 10 years in the minor leagues. During that time he discovered his natural ability to lead. His first pro coaching assignment came at the young age of 24, in which he led his club to a 70-67 record. His later success as a rookie manager of the Kansas City Royals in 1973 brought the foundering team new respect in the American League with a 2nd place finish. His later managerial and executive positions led to greater renown as he approached the 1999 season. The strong finish of the Cincinnati Reds earned Jack the respect of his peers and the national press which named him Manager of the Year.

So it gives me great pleasure to recognize a leader of great stature in New Jersey. His tremendous accomplishments in baseball, as a player, manager, and executive have made a significant contribution to the national pastime. I am pleased that one of New Jersey's native sons is now being honored, and I hope my colleagues join me in congratulating Jack on his success. ●

#### ON PASSING OF GEORGE ORESTIS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable man and cherished member of the community of Lewiston-Auburn, Maine who sadly passed away in December at the age of 86.

When I learned of the passing of George Orestis, I was stricken by the news. George was quite honestly one of the finest people I have ever had the privilege to know—a remarkable man and true gentleman who cared deeply about the community he loved, and was a devoted leader of my church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Lewiston, Maine. He was one of those rare individuals who could make you feel a better person just for having met him. Indeed, by always seeing the best in people, he helped others to see the best in themselves—and his compassion for humankind has left an indelible mark on all those whose hearts he touched.

My memories of George go back to my earliest days, and they are fond ones. He was a wonderful and dear friend, whose generous spirit I will feel fortunate to carry with me throughout my days. His loss is especially difficult for all of us in Maine's Greek-American community—his kindness and spirituality formed the heart and soul of our Church, and his devotion was the bedrock upon which Holy Trinity Church was quite literally built.

As the Church's chanter for over two decades, he expressed his faith with soaring eloquence and brought us all closer to God. His words reached out to

us in a warm embrace, comforting us in our darkest days. George was always there for us, and today we know that he is now in the company of angels, dwelling forever in the glow of God's eternal love.

George Bernard Shaw once said, "Life is no brief candle to me—it is like a splendid torch which I have hold of for the moment, and I want it to burn as brightly as possible before handing it over to the next generation." For 86 years, George Orestis shined as brightly as any mortal being could, and his is a light that will never be diminished for any of us who knew and loved him. In particular, I know what a special and loving relationship he and his wife Toni shared. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with Toni and her entire family—my love is with them always.

With his values and beliefs—in the way he conducted his life—George was as close to God as one could ever hope to be. We will miss you, George, more than words have the power to convey. We were so very grateful to have you in our lives—now, you belong to God.

Mr. President, I request that the following article from the Lewiston Sun Journal regarding the life of George Orestis be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Lewiston Sun Journal, Dec. 14, 1999]

#### LEADER OF THE BANK—FRIENDS RECALL GEORGE ORESTIS AS 'A BACKBONE'

(By Michael Gordon)

AUBURN—George Orestis had a politician's love for the microphone—but he spoke much better.

William Hathaway acknowledges it. He remembers the night three decades ago that Orestis outshined both him and Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy at the dais.

Hathaway had recently been elected to the U.S. House, and he brought the Democratic senator from Massachusetts to Lewiston for a fund-raiser to pay off some campaign debts. Orestis was Hathaway's campaign treasurer.

All three men addressed the audience, and "George made a better speech than both of us," Hathaway said Monday.

Orestis was a natural in front of an audience, smooth, charming, a skill he'd honed in the 1930s as the leader of Rudy Vallee's band, the Fenton Brothers Orchestra.

He loved to entertain. Just as much, Orestis loved to stand up and tell people's stories, to celebrate their accomplishments, to sing their praises.

"He remembered everything about you," said George Simones, a lifelong friend.

On Monday, it was Simones, Hathaway and others who were doing the talking, the remembering, about a good man and a good friend.

On Sunday, 10 days after his 86th birthday, Orestis died at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity on Hogan Road in Lewiston; The Most Rev. Metropolitan Methodios of Boston will preside.

A son of Greek immigrants, Orestis took great pride in his heritage and was "a backbone" of the local church, said its priest,

Harry Politis. Orestis led the fund drive to build the church, and was its chanter for 27 years.

"He was a great singer, even when he was losing his hearing. He never missed a note," said George Simones, Jr., who sang in the choir Orestis directed.

His service to the Orthodox church had no bounds. He served on the executive councils of both the National Archdiocese and the New England Archdiocese. Twice he was awarded the Cross of St. Andrew.

The poor and handicapped knew his kindness. Orestis established the area's first Good Will store. As a Kiwanian, he led the organization's effort to help the mentally retarded.

"George had a great respect for every human being," Politis said. "He was able to confront every situation. He had a very realistic point of view."

"Whatever life dealt, he would say those are the circumstances," said Orestis' nephew, George. He was named for his uncle.

"That's kind of a Greek expression," he said. "When things are not going so well, you sort of say, 'Well, circumstances.' and get on with it."

"He'd break into song, he'd tell jokes; he was very personable. I think what was responsible for all the affection others had for him was he was so approachable," his nephew said.

Born in Nashua, N.H., Orestis grew up in Lewiston and went to school there.

Simones remembers him as a leader even then among the boys of the Greek neighborhood.

Orestis attended Bates College, and studied composing, conducting and arranging with Rupert Neily of Portland. In 1929, he landed the job leading the Fenton Brothers Orchestra. It turned into a 12-year gig. At one point, Simones said, the band made the top 10 in the "Lucky Strike Parade."

When America went to war, Orestis joined the U.S. Army. Commissioned as a second lieutenant, he was assigned to the medical corps.

When the fighting was over, he came home, not to the sound of waltzes but of washing machines. He ran the family's laundry business, American Linen, from 1947 to 1961.

When I think of my uncle, I think of the four brothers in the laundry, how a small immigrant family took a business and made it a big success. That's the sort of thing Uncle George would do," his nephew said. He said the family sold the company in the mid-1960s.

In 1962, Orestis married Antoinette "Toni" Marois. They later became the owners of her family's restaurant on Lisbon Street.

On Monday night, Simones held a Christmas party there for his own employees. He wanted to reschedule, out of respect for the Orestis family, but he said Toni Orestis insisted it be held.

"She said, 'George would always say, the show must go on.' And she's right," he said.

Now living in McLean, Va., Hathaway was a lawyer in Lewiston when he met Orestis around 1953. Hathaway lived on Webster Avenue and sent his laundry to American Linen. He and Orestis would meet for lunch.

When the lawyer decided to run for Congress, Orestis offered his help.

"I don't think George was too much for politics," Simones recalled. Hathaway agreed. But he capitalized on his friend's skill as an orator. He said Orestis could give a five-minute impromptu speech better than most people who prepared one. Orestis later used that talent in helping his nephew, John, get elected as the mayor of Lewiston.