

AUTHORIZING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE COST SHARING FOR ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS FOR UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 2348, I rise to urge its approval.

This bill is an important one for Colorado and the other States within the upper basin of the Colorado River and the basin of the San Juan River.

The recovery program for endangered fish in the upper basin of the Colorado river is a cooperative program involving the State of Colorado and our neighboring States of Utah and Wyoming; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Western Area Power Administration, environmental organizations, and water-development interests in all three states.

The State of Colorado is also a participant in the recovery program for the San Juan program, along with New Mexico, the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes, USFWS and Bureau of Reclamation, the Navajo Nation, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, and water development interests.

Both recovery programs are aimed at recovering the endangered fish in ways that meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act while minimizing conflicts and allowing continued utilization of the area's scarce water resources for this and other purposes in ways that are consistent with applicable state laws, interstate compacts, and Supreme Court decrees allocating water among the states.

The purpose of the legislation is to provide a specific authorization for the funding that is necessary for implementation of these programs. Such funding has been consistently provided in recent years, but having such a specific authorization will provide greater certainty for all concerned.

The bill is the product of a cooperative effort among the participants in the programs and other interested parties. It is a sound and balanced measure that merits strong support. I am glad to have the opportunity to join with Chairman HANSEN and the other sponsors of this legislation in urging its passage by the House and hope that the Senate will act promptly to send it to the President for signature into law.

H.R. 1248, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that between 1 mil-

lion and 4 million women are physically abused by their husbands or live-in partners each year.

Justice also reports that females account for 39 percent of the hospital emergency department visits for violence-related injuries.

According to another poll, up to 40 percent of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

Family violence costs the nation upwards of \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity.

Mr. Speaker, I have only touched on the tip of the iceberg. Unlike many people, we are in a position to help turn these statistics around.

We can begin by passing H.R. 1248, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and help the thousands of men and the millions of women who face abuse in their own homes feel a little safer in knowing that we are here and we are listening and will once again fulfill our promise and help them escape from abuse and end the cycle of violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation, not only for the men and women being abused today but for our children who may be the victims of tomorrow.

LARRY LUCCHINO: THE JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Lucchino, as he is honored by the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO at the Eighteenth Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet.

Larry Lucchino, President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Padres, is being recognized for his contribution to the community of San Diego and for fulfilling three fundamental commitments of ownership which he made as he purchased the San Diego Padres baseball team on December 21, 1994.

First and foremost, the Padres, under the leadership of Larry Lucchino have become active participants in the community, assisting the children of the region in their education, recreation, and health. The Padres Scholars Program was established in 1995 to aid students with college scholarships. The Little Padres Parks Program has committed to building or refurbishing 60 youth ballfields in San Diego and Northern Baja. The Cindy Matters Fund, named for a lifelong Padres fan who inspired Padres players and staff during her fight against cancer, pledges assistance in the fight against children's cancer and provides funding to the UCSD Medical Center's Pediatric Oncology Research Laboratory.

Second, he has helped to rebuild the club so that they were recognized as the most improved team in the National League in 1995

and champions of the National League West in 1996. In 1998, the Padres captured the National League West Championship and then proceeded to the World Series to play against the New York Yankees.

He has also created a warm and fan-friendly environmental at the local Qualcomm Stadium, and his passion for the internationalization of baseball has led to historic achievements with the Padres playing games in Mexico and Hawaii, and establishing relations with teams in Japan and Korea.

In addition, Larry Lucchino is active in both civic and charitable institutions in San Diego, serving on the CEO Roundtable, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation, the Binational Advisory Council on Border-Crossing Process, and the Board of Directors of the Padres Foundation.

He has the unique distinction of earning a Final Four watch with Princeton in 1965, a Super Bowl ring with the Washington Redskins in 1983, and the World Series ring with the Baltimore Orioles in 1983. He has earned a reputation as one of baseball's modern-day innovators. As President and CEO of both the Baltimore Orioles from 1988-1993 and the San Diego Padres since 1995, he has broken ground in ballpark design and planning, the development of new marketing concepts, and the furthering of player-owner relations.

Larry Lucchino is being honored by a very special award. The JOHNS Fellowship Award was established to commemorate the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was one of the founders of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The proceeds from the Memorial Banquet will be used to support local charitable causes including bone marrow testing and local research grants.

My sincere congratulations go to Larry Lucchino, and I am proud to salute him and to recognize his accomplishment with this statement in the United States House of Representatives. Thank you, Larry.

TREASURY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4871) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, I want to support the efforts of Congressman WYNN and his desire to provide funding for FDA consolidation in Montgomery County, Maryland. In last week's Treasury Postal Appropriations bill, no funding was made available for the consolidation project. I wholeheartedly agree with Rep. WYNN's request that greater consideration for the project be made in conference.