

deep and wide-ranging intellect, he is quick to grasp the essentials of any issue before the Senate yet slow to criticize others, even those with whom he disagrees. A tolerant and benevolent man, he is ever ready to compromise in the name of harmony yet firm in his core beliefs and steadfast in acting on them.

FRANK LAUTENBERG is a living embodiment of the American Dream. The son of poor immigrants, he served in World War II, graduated from Columbia University on the G.I. Bill, went into business with friends and developed one of the world's leading computer services companies. He chose public service not as a career move but as a way of giving something back to the people of his state and nation.

During his three terms in the Senate, FRANK LAUTENBERG has worked to defend and improve the health, safety, and security of every American family. He wrote the laws to raise the national drinking age, ban smoking on airplanes, toughen the standards on drunk driving, and prevent anyone convicted of domestic violence from owning a gun. He helped write the Superfund, Clean Air, and Safe Drinking Water Acts. And he co-authored the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997, which put America on the path to sustaining Social Security and Medicare.

FRANK LAUTENBERG served the public good before he came to the Senate, and he will do so long after he leaves us. He founded the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology three decades ago, and he continues to support its work as one of the world's leading cancer research institutions. A noted philanthropist, he continues to support charitable work in education, the environment, the arts, and the Jewish community.

Mr. President, FRANK LAUTENBERG is someone I could point out to my grandson and say, "There is a man." He is a great human being, a great American, and a great Senator. His departure will be a great loss to the Senate, but his presence has been a great gift to us all. I thank him for all that he has done for me, for this body, and for the people of the United States.

#### SENATOR ROBERT KERREY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to Senator ROBERT KERREY, a distinguished friend and colleague who will be leaving the Senate at the close of this Congress.

BOB KERREY is a true American hero, a man of great physical and political courage. We all know about his heroism on the battlefield, though he rarely mentions it and does nothing to solicit the admiration showered upon him. A man of peace and goodwill, he speaks with unparalleled authority on the need to maintain a strong national defense while working for reconcili-

ation with America's former adversaries.

BOB KERREY's political courage is evidenced by his independence, candor, and willingness to tackle the toughest issues. He took on entitlement reform when few others dared look it in the face. He took the first brave steps toward a bipartisan reform of Medicare in order to guarantee the program's long-term stability. And he has continued to press for universal health care coverage for all Americans.

In an era when even the finest legislators hesitate to speak before consulting the polls, BOB KERREY says what he means and means what he says. He never hesitates to follow his personal moral compass, even when this means working with the other political party or criticizing his own.

Mr. President, as Senator KERREY leaves the halls of Congress for the groves of academe, I know that he will bring the same courage and rigor to his new career that he has displayed here in the Senate. I join my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in sending him off with our best wishes and profound gratitude.

#### OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING TO CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to state my objection to any unanimous consent request for the Senate to proceed to or adopt H.R. 4345 and S. 1508, Alaska Native Claims Technical Amendments of 2000, H.R. 4721, acquisition of certain property in Washington County, Utah, S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, and H.R. 2932, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West, Utah, unless or until S. 2691 (to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon) is discharged, unamended, from the House of Representatives Resources Committee and passed, unamended, by the House of Representatives. I do so consistent with the commitment I have made to explain publicly any so-called "holds" that I may place on legislation.

S. 2691 is a bi-partisan bill, authored by myself and Senator SMITH of Oregon, and supported by all the members of Oregon's Congressional delegation. It passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as well as the entire Senate, unanimously. This legislation protects the current and future drinking water source for the City of Portland, home to one in four Oregonians.

Despite its broad support, and my personal appeal to the Resources Committee, that Committee has failed to act on it. Oregonians expect their elected representatives will act responsibly to protect Portland's drinking water source. As a result, I cannot

agree to H.R. 4345 and S. 1508, H.R. 4721, S. 2749 and H.R. 2932 until S. 2691 clears the House of Representatives unamended.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ANN TRUEBLOOD KRIESEL

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, recently the Burlington Free Press had an article about Ann Kriesel of Burlington, VT and praised her as the volunteer of the week.

The Leahy family has known Ann Trueblood Kriesel almost from the time she came to Burlington. She is an extraordinary person, loved and respected by all who know her. She and her husband, Peter, are dear friends of Marcelle's and mine, and she has made her mark on our community in a way that would bring great pride and credit to anyone.

As an exemplary teacher, as a mother and grandmother, her intelligence, quiet wit and grace has helped Vermonters of all ages.

It is with pride that I ask the article about her be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, so that all Senators might know this exemplary woman and how much she and Peter mean to all of us.

The article follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press, Oct. 18, 2000]

FORMER TEACHER ENJOYS NEW ROLE AS A VOLUNTEER

(By Beth Gillespie)

Anne Kriesel is one of those special people who go out of their way to enrich other people's lives.

The volunteer at The Converse Home in Burlington browses through local libraries for short stories, essays and articles that the home's residents would enjoy and reads the selections once a week. She also calls out for bingo games and facilitates group crossword puzzles.

A hostess during their social hours, Kriesel visits with people and serves refreshments, and during outings she helps those who use walkers get on and off the bus, carries articles for them and keeps track of everyone.

Kriesel introduces herself to new residents and helps them feel comfortable. She worked one-on-one with one woman until her death, visiting with her and playing canasta, Kings in the Corner, rummy and other games.

"Anne is generous, genuine and dependable," says Patti Meyer, activity/volunteer director for Converse. "Her bright personality and positive 'can-do' attitude are priceless—she enthusiastically embraces her responsibilities and gladly does whatever she can to help out. Anne has become part of our family as she helps to make Converse a true home. The time she shares with us is very precious and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts."

Kriesel also substitutes for Meals on Wheels and is involved with the Joint Urban Ministries Program through her church, College Street Congressional. She greets clients who come to the Urban Ministries Program for counseling, helps them fill out forms and