

manufacturers of false identification documents to escape liability by displaying a disclaimer, "Not a Government Document." These disclaimers, however, can be easily removed. The bill also directs the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to coordinate efforts to investigate and prosecute the distribution of false identification documents on the Internet.

I would note that this bill contains an exemption from criminal liability for certain "interactive computer services." This language reflects a narrow, one-time solution and I want it to be clear that this should not be considered as a precedent.

Congress has debated the issue of whether the liability of certain Internet service providers should be limited with respect to particular activities of their subscribers or users of their services. This is a complicated question, requiring careful deliberation and evaluation of the short- and long-term consequences. A full debate on this issue is needed in the 107th Congress.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, every year in October there is recognition made of our nation's pharmacists in the form of National Pharmacy Week. This year's designation was October 22-28, 2000. I would like to take a few minutes to talk about that profession and its role in the safe, cost-effective delivery of medication to American citizens.

I have great respect for the innovation that this nation's scientists have demonstrated to continually produce new and better "wonder drugs" that have played a major role in the prevention and treatment of disease. Farther down the line within the drug delivery system are pharmacists, using those same drugs every day, getting them to patients along with information for their safe use.

The role of the pharmacist is changing. In addition to the traditional role of accurately dispensing prescription drugs, today's pharmacists are successfully involved in all areas of the drug use process. The result of this involvement, often termed "pharmacy care" has made a huge positive difference in many studies within the areas of anticoagulation, asthma and diabetes treatment, pain control and many others. When pharmacists are proactively involved, there have been demonstrations of not only increased effectiveness and fewer adverse reactions, but cost savings as well.

Within the startling report issued earlier this year by the Institute of Medicine, which pointed out that tens of thousands of American die every

year from medical errors, was a recommendation to increase the utilization of pharmacists and pharmacy care.

So today I would like to congratulate the pharmacy profession for its accomplishments in improving patient care. During this Congress several bills have included provisions to encourage and support pharmacy care. I believe this is a fascinating approach that we should strongly consider as we continue to work toward optimizing the safe and cost-effective use of prescription drugs.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY JANE COLTON ON HER RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Jane Colton, who will retire from my staff next week after 20 years of service to the people of New Hampshire as an employee of the U.S. Senate.

Mary Jane is known throughout the state for her compassion and success in helping New Hampshire citizens with problems they may be having with the federal government. As a chief caseworker on my staff, and as State Office Director for Senator Gordon Humphrey before me, she was critical in managing a constituent service operation that was second to none. Mary Jane helped many senior citizens, veterans, parents, and communities with problems they had with the federal government. From assisting a small community in its battle to receive its own zip code, to helping a local veteran get a long-awaited service medal, Mary Jane's legacy has had a great impact on the Granite State.

Mary Jane's compassion is also evident in her home and personal life. For many years she has cared for her elderly and infirm parents in her home, so they would not be separated by being placed in a state nursing home.

As Mary Jane leaves public service, I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors. I know she will be working full-time on her passion: Antiques. She will now be able to focus on her on-line antiques business—an enjoyable and hopefully lucrative second career.

Good luck, Mary Jane. Thank you for all that you have done for me and for the people of New Hampshire. It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ERIC KINGSLEY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Eric Kingsley as he leaves his position as Executive Director of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, NHTOA.

Eric's five year tenure at NHTOA has been marked by progress and success. The organization's programs and serv-

ices have grown to meet the needs and concerns of its members, and have established a strong, stable foundation for the association's future.

Through the years, I have grown to value Eric's input on the many issues that significantly impact New Hampshire's timberlands. Eric has done an outstanding job of keeping me, and other policymakers, informed on the issues and has been a true leader in making sure the voice of NHTOA was heard throughout the country.

Of all of Eric's achievements at NHTOA, perhaps his most important success came this past spring. Eric helped lead the charge to defeat the Environmental Protection Agency's ill-considered proposal to treat some forestry activities as "point source pollution" under the Clean Water Act. These rules, known as the Total Maximum Daily Loads—TMDL Rule—would have required landowners, foresters, and homeowners to obtain federal permits before conducting a timber harvest and could have exposed them to lengthy bureaucratic delays and costly citizen lawsuits.

This past May, I held a field hearing in Whitefield, New Hampshire, on the TMDL rule. Eric was a persuasive witness, providing thoughtful and compelling testimony. He also organized hundreds of foresters to ensure their message was heard loud and clear in Washington. Thanks in large part to Eric's leadership on this issue, EPA withdrew the section of the TMDL rules that adversely affected forestry.

My staff and I have also worked closely with Eric on issues of importance to the White Mountain National Forest. When the President issued his "roadless" initiative stripping the people of New Hampshire and New England of the opportunity to have a meaningful voice in the management of their public lands, Eric was there to ensure we took this Administration to task.

Eric also rose to the occasion in the face of destruction from Mother Nature's wrath. The Ice Storm in January 1998 brought unprecedented challenges to New Hampshire's forest lands. Hundreds of thousands of acres were significantly damaged. Eric worked closely with me and my colleagues to help us turn this tragedy into an opportunity. Today, not only has the federal government provided resources to help recover from the storm, but we have a record number of acres under forest stewardship plans.

My staff and I have worked with Eric on a wide variety of other issues during his time at NHTOA. I have always been impressed with his dedication and the depth of knowledge he displayed on issues ranging from estate tax reform to rural economic development. Eric has always been an effective and honest advocate for the causes he holds close to his heart. I know he will be greatly missed by NHTOA's 1,500 members.