

competition for prey and modification of their prey field. The three main species with which Steller sea lions compete for prey are pollock, Pacific cod, and Atka mackerel. The biological opinion provides a reasonable and prudent alternative to modify the fisheries in a way that avoids jeopardy and adverse modification.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the period for morning business be extended, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### SENATE RELATIONSHIPS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, yesterday morning, without any notice to this Senator, my distinguished colleague from Washington, Senator MURRAY, came to the floor to congratulate me in my career in the Senate in a most generous and gracious fashion and to yield time to other Senators for the same purpose.

Each of them, including the other Senator present, Mr. BURNS, was more than generous and profuse in their praise. The experience of listening to it in my office bore some resemblance to attending one's own wake. But, nonetheless, the many fine things that were stated about my career by Members on both sides of the aisle is deeply appreciated.

I reflected a little bit later on the fact that while our public image—and, for that matter, our public duties—has to deal with profound political and social questions of public policy, our personal relationships among the 100 Members is something really quite different. Each of us leaves the others with strong impressions. Friendships become both broad and deep during the course of a career here in the Senate. When one comes to the end of such a career, it is those personal relationships, in my view, that are the most deep and most profound and that have the greatest effect on one as an individual.

To listen to expressions from people who are not accustomed to speaking emotionally or personally is an extremely moving experience. For that reason, as close as each of those individuals was to me, I don't want to men-

tion them by name but simply express my thanks and my appreciation for all they said. Those friendships, of course, will continue in most cases through a lifetime.

Relationships of necessity are really quite different.

There is, however, one other set of relationships about which I should like to speak very briefly, and that is the relationship between a Member of this body and his or her staff, both present and past. I think I can say unequivocally that quite profoundly I am and have been a creature of my staff over the period of my entire 18 years in this body.

My proudest achievement is that so many young people—almost all from my own State—have worked for a great or shorter period of time on my staff either here or in the State of Washington. The great majority of them, of course, have already gone on to other careers—most of them in the State, a return that I find particularly gratifying.

If I have a legacy—I think in many respects if any of us has a true legacy over the years—the best of all the bills we have gotten passed and almost inevitably amended within a relatively short period of time—that legacy is the young people to whom we have given a start here in highly responsible positions, working on important matters of public policy and dealing with dozens, hundreds, and even thousands of the constituents whom we represent, growing in not only thoughtfulness but responsibility during that period of time.

For me, the great legacy for generations to come will be the new, young, and maturing people who have worked for me during the course of these 18 years. I have every hope that at some time in the not too distant future at least one of them may appear in this body as a Member. And certainly I am of the belief that many of them will appear in my State and other States in positions of increasing responsibility in a lifetime that will have been marked by our association together.

I thank my colleagues. I thank the staff here and of the Senate itself in this Chamber, but most particularly the hundreds of young people who have worked for and with me during the course of the last 18 years.

#### MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. GORTON. Given the presence of the assistant Democratic leader, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to the consideration of H.J. Res. 128.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 128) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered read the third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 128) was considered read the third time and passed.

#### COMMENDING SENATOR GORTON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while the Senator from Washington is present. I wish to tell him on a very personal basis, how much I have appreciated his help. SLADE GORTON has called the State of Washington his home for the past 47 years, having moved to Seattle from Chicago in 1953.

He served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1947. He was in the United States Air Force on active duty where he reached the rank of colonel, from 1953 to 1956, and in the Air Force Reserves from 1956 to 1981.

I have worked with Senator GORTON on the Appropriations Committee, particularly on interior issues. Because of his knowledge and experience on interior matters, working closely with him in his role as the Interior Subcommittee chair, we passed the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act and other important environmental legislation for Nevada including restoration of the Lahontan cutthroat trout and stopping the spread of invasive species.

Those of us who have worked with SLADE GORTON have long known his dedication to the ideals of this body and his championing of the State of Washington. I remember when the Senator took over the Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations; he did something unusual. The Senator called members to his office, all the members of the subcommittee, Democrats and Republicans, to sit down and talk about what we thought should be the direction of the subcommittee, which areas should be funded, which areas should be cut back a little bit. I appreciated that very much. It set a great tone for the subcommittee.

I was curious and looked around his office and saw many indications that Senator GORTON had been to the U.S. Supreme Court presenting cases. I have been in courtrooms many times, at over 100 jury trials, argued before the ninth circuit of our State supreme court, but never had the opportunity to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court, even though I am a member of that bar.

The number of times the Senator from Washington has appeared as an advocate for the State of Washington and other parties in the U.S. Supreme Court is most impressive. It is a rare

occasion that a person gets to argue once, but to argue as many cases before the Supreme Court as the Senator from Washington has is extremely impressive.

I also want to say that the people of Nevada have done well as a result of the Senator being the chairman of that subcommittee. The State of Nevada is 87-percent owned by the Federal Government. As a result we have many problems. The Senator from Washington was always very understanding of the very special problems we had in the State of Nevada.

The Senator had a great relationship with the ranking member of that subcommittee, Senator BYRD, and to have Senator BYRD say publicly the things he has on many occasions about his relationship with Senator GORTON speaks volumes. Senator BYRD has been in the Senate 48 years and really understands quality when he sees it.

I want the Senator from Washington to know how much I appreciate his good work. I will always remember his friendship and look forward to our continued association.

I thank SLADE GORTON, his wife Sally, and their three children and seven grandchildren for their years of sacrifice and dedication to our nation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. I thank the Senator from Nevada for his fine comments and compliments. I may tell the Senator, that relationship is perhaps a result of the marvelous biblical statement about casting your bread upon water and having it come back manyfold.

When I was first a member of the Appropriations Committee, I was in the minority. The Senator from Nevada was the chairman of the modest subcommittee on the legislative branch, and I was his ranking minority member. The Senator from Nevada came to my office to consult with me in a way he did not need to about those appropriations. I think it was I who persuaded him to put more benches and trash receptacles on the Capitol grounds, which was denuded of them at the time, so I can believe I actually accomplished something in that modest position.

It was that lesson when we went into the majority that taught me that on the Appropriations Committee and the Senate as a whole, it was best to work with everyone when it was at all possible to do so and that you were far more likely to be successful not only for the people of your own State but the country, if you used the experience and the wisdom of all Members of your committees or of the Senate itself.

So I am particularly grateful for the comments of the Senator from Nevada. But whatever courtesies he was rendered by this Senator he earned by having taught the same lesson.

#### PROJECT HOMESAFE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, there is a company in my home State of Michigan which is to be commended for its efforts to reduce gun injuries and deaths. Last month, Meijer Stores paired up with a coalition of law enforcement officials to implement a firearm buyback program in selected counties in Michigan.

The firearm buyback program, called "Project Homesafe," allows gun owners to receive a \$50 Meijer cash card in exchange for every functioning firearm. Meijer Stores donated \$100,000 worth of these cash cards to promote the disposal of unwanted guns. Guns turned in under this program are expected to be destroyed.

Mr. President, Project Homesafe is a constructive enterprise and the kind of public-private partnership needed to promote safety in Michigan homes and communities. I applaud the initiative of Meijer Stores as well as Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, and Kent County Sheriff James Dougan, all of whom were instrumental in implementing Project Homesafe.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### IN HONOR OF MARK LEWIS GILLMING

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor the two-month anniversary of the death of Mark Lewis Gillming, who passed away Sunday, October 8, 2000, in a car accident in Springfield, Missouri, on his way to church with his cousin, John Lingo.

Mark Gillming grew up in my home town of Springfield, Missouri, and was a senior at Hillcrest High School to be graduated with the class of 2001. As a student, he excelled in both academics and athletics, becoming an honors student and being involved in track and football. Mark exhibited a great presence on the Hillcrest High football team, both in action and in spirit.

Mark's life touched many lives, far beyond his school into his community. He was well liked by his peers and had great influence on those who knew him during his short life. His positive outlook enriched those around him.

Mark was the son of Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth D. Gillming. He was a member of Cherry Street Baptist Church where his father is a pastor. Mark was a leader in their youth ministry. His Christian faith was a central part of his life. He loved his family, friends and most important of all, he loved Christ. Today, I join his family and friends in remembrance of Mark Gillming, whose demeanor and character were a blessing to those who knew him. He will be missed greatly. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 7, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2415. An act to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 10:26 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Kelaher, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 128. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1898. An act to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners.

S. 3045. An act to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4640) to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5630) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3048. An act to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4281. An act to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness.