

Ph.D. in American Studies in 1957. Focusing on the history of science he wrote a dissertation titled, *The Reception of Darwinism in the U.S., 1859-1880*. He rejoined the SMC history department in 1956, and created the interdisciplinary American studies major.

Pfeifer was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College from 1969 to 1974, and was awarded the first SMC faculty appreciation award ever given, in 1966. He received the award again in 1967 and 1982. Pfeifer retired in 1986 and the SMC yearbook was dedicated in his name, yearbook editor, Linda Robitaille '86 said, "He was kind to his students, he awed us, he was remarkably concerned with helping us learn."

ROBERT LANCTOT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, my very good friend, Robert Lanctot, died after a courageous bout with cancer. Bob, and his wife Betty, were two very special friends of my wife and I.

When I first ran for the Senate in 1974, Bob helped me in an area of the state where no Democrat could ever expect to get votes. Everybody told him I couldn't win, but he persevered and not only did I win, but went on in subsequent elections to carry the area significantly. I have always felt that a large part of that was do to Bob Lanctot.

Notwithstanding our close friendship, Bob never requested anything for himself or his family from me. He did, however, continuously speak out for those people who did not have a strong voice in Washington. He truly believed in helping working families and those who have always made our state and our country strong. We have lost a special Vermonter, and I ask unanimous consent that the obituary from the *Caledonia Record* be printed in the *RECORD*.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the *RECORD*, as follows:

[From the *Caledonian-Record*, Sept. 21, 1998]

LANCTOT: Robert "Bob" L. Sr., 77, formerly of Peacham and St. Johnsbury, died at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Waterford Sunday morning, Sept. 20, 1998.

He was born in St. Johnsbury Feb. 28, 1921, the last surviving child of Archie and Ann (Brunelle) Lanctot. He married Betty L. Farnham; together they raised six children. Betty predeceased him, Sept. 12, 1996, and the oldest son Robert predeceased his mother in January of 1996.

Bob was a great believer in the rights of the common worker. He was president of the Northeast Kingdom Labor Council for a number of years, served as vice president of the state labor council, and was a very active member of local 5518. He was the delegate to the state labor convention for the last 25 years and was recognized by the Vermont State labor council AFL-CIO for his significant contributions to that organization, the labor movement and Vermont working families. Bob was a working Vermonter, retiring from Vermont America in 1982.

Bob was a strong Democrat. He was an active and valuable member of the Caledonia County Democratic committee. He held many positions over the years with the Vermont State Democratic Party, including the platform committee, and most recently served on the state executive board.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Sheridan Council 421 Knights of Columbus. He also served on the board of directors of NEKCA and Vermont State Council on Alcoholism.

He is survived by five children, Patricia Ann Salomonson of Manchester, N.H., James Lanctot and wife Kathy of Lyndonville, Judith Syx of Hartland, Richard Lanctot of Burlington, and Elaine Robinson and husband Thomas of Waterford; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Judy Woods Lanctot of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; several nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends. He was predeceased by brothers Lester, Philip and William, and a sister Agnes.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family at Peacham Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions, marked for hospice, may be directed to Caledonia Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Arrangements are by Sayles Funeral Home, 68 Summer St., St. Johnsbury.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending October 2 the U.S. imported 7,925,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,567,000 barrels a day less than the 9,492,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

While this is one of the rare weeks when Americans imported slightly less foreign oil than the same week a year ago, Americans still relied on foreign oil for 55.7 percent of their needs last week. There are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States imported about 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

All Americans should ponder the economic calamity certain to occur in the U.S. if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.: now 7,925,000 barrels a day at a cost of approximately \$110,870,750 a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, October 6, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,536,217,307,823.51 (Five trillion, five hundred thirty-six billion, two hundred seventeen million, three hundred seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty-one cents).

One year ago, October 6, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,413,433,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred thirteen billion, four hundred thirty-three million).

Five years ago, October 6, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,404,063,000,000 (Four trillion, four hundred four billion, sixty-three million).

Ten years ago, October 6, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,622,288,000,000 (Two trillion, six hundred twenty-two billion, two hundred eighty-eight million).

Fifteen years ago, October 6, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,385,380,000,000 (One trillion, three hundred eighty-five billion, three hundred eighty million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,150,837,307,823.51 (Four trillion, one hundred fifty billion, eight hundred thirty-seven million, three hundred seven thousand, eight hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty-one cents) during the past 15 years.

NRA'S "REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM" IS A VALUABLE, SENSIBLE PROGRAM

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the Department of Justice confirms that in the United States there was a rape for every 270 women, a robbery for every 240 women and an assault for every 29 women in 1994. (In the three year period from 1992-94, the number of violent crimes committed against our wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters totaled nearly 14 million.)

In response to statistics like these, the women of the National Rifle Association created the "Refuse to be a Victim" program five years ago. The basic premise of the program can be summed up by an old saying—an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The course teaches women not to live in fear of threats, but rather, to respect likely threats and prepare to avoid or effectively respond to them.

The centerpiece of the "Refuse to be a Victim" program is a three-hour public service safety seminar designed by, taught by, and presented to women in order to help them protect themselves. Since its inception, this common sense safety and self-defense program has been presented in 35 states and the District of Columbia. More than 600 instructors, including 9 in North Carolina, have trained and empowered thousands of women to protect themselves and their families.

Mr. President, the course equips women with the tools they need to design their own personal safety strategy. By increasing awareness of dangerous situations and providing knowledge of self-protection techniques and crime-fighting and personal safety resources, the program maximizes its participants ability to successfully avoid or, in the worst case, survive an attack.

The program features practical but frequently overlooked advice on home security such as the installation of effective lock and security systems, planting "defensive" shrubbery around windows, and keeping a cellular phone by the bedside in case an intruder disables your home phone. It also provides information on how to avoid being a victim of a car-jacker as well as the proper and safe use of personal safety