

statement that the notion that man-made gases, anthropogenic gases, CO₂, cause global warming is probably the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people. I know that more and more people are using the hoax statement now. The reason that was such a big issue was it passed again in the House, right down party lines—this was the Waxman-Markey bill—that would have been a tax increase on the American people of well over \$300 billion a year. That translates in my State of Oklahoma to about \$3,000 a family, a tax-paying family. It is something we were not going to let happen and we still are not, but that is a reality. I wish to remind my fellow Senators: You may think that August is a long time ago. You may think that since we have been in the shelter of these halls here in the Senate that people have forgotten about those two issues, and they haven't forgotten. However, I have to say that is not why I am here tonight.

TRIBUTE TO BILLY JOE DAUGHERTY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I lost a very dear friend of mine named Billy Joe Daugherty a few days ago. I never thought I could sit in one chair for 4 hours, but I did this past Monday. Yesterday they had a memorial for Billy Joe.

He is a guy who as a very young man came to Tulsa, OK. He built one of the largest churches in the Nation. He has been all throughout the Soviet Union—at that time it was the Soviet Union—and throughout the world, and he has been saving souls. This guy was just fantastic. When he died last week, he was only 57 years old. I sat there—I actually sat there, I say to the Chair, for 4 hours in one chair. I didn't think I would be able to do that because I normally am not that patient. But as people started giving talks and the eulogies, the best was saved until last. Billy Joe Daugherty was married for 35 years or so to his wife Sharon. She gave the most beautiful, long speech about her life with Billy Joe Daugherty. Then, one by one, the kids—four kids: John, Paul, Sarah, and Ruthie—stood up and gave tributes. I was thinking: My prayer is that when—

my wife and I have been married—two weeks from now it will be 50 years. We have 20 kids and grandkids. By the way, we had all 20 kids and grandkids at one table for Thanksgiving, something that many people are not aware is even possible in this day and age. But my prayer is that when my time comes and I am gone, that my kids will revere me as much as Billy Joe Daugherty's kids revered him.

I remember back in 1978—Billy Joe died last week when he was 57—he would have been about 26, 27 years old. I was mayor of the city of Tulsa. I was elected for the first time. I served three 2-year terms. I am a morning person. I don't do very well at night. In the morning I perform pretty well. I had a policy—and I lived it all the way through those three terms as mayor of Tulsa—that I would open up the city hall at 6 o'clock in the morning and I would make sure no one else was there—no security, nobody else—and stay until 8 o'clock so that everyone knew they could come down and visit with the mayor for 2 hours every day if anyone wanted.

Not many of them got up that early. The first visitor I had back in 1978 was kind of a skinny kid, who came in and said, "I'm Billy Joe Daugherty, and I want to pray with you." That is the first time I ever met the guy. I cannot tell you that he came by every week for those 6 years, but he was a regular who was always showing up. We did pray for each other, for our families, and for the city of Tulsa.

I can remember a favorite verse that he used most of the time, a most common verse, the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name sake.

The path of righteousness. Billy Joe was led by Jesus down the path of righteousness probably two, three decades ago. I cannot tell you how many thousands of people Billy Joe has led down that path of righteousness.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

I am sure that when Billy Joe went through that valley of the shadow of

death, he probably, knowing him, wasn't even walking. He was probably running because he knew what was on the other side.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

Here was the good part. Billy Joe said this:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

He might have changed that and said: Surely goodness and mercy and Sharon will follow me all the rest of my days. Whatever it was, they did it together. He led a life—in 57 short years—that accomplished more than most people who will live to be a hundred.

The final words of that verse were:

And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

I could look at you folks here today and tell you I don't think Billy Joe Daugherty is in heaven, I know Billy Joe Daugherty is in heaven. He is looking down at us and thinking two things. First, he is saying: If you only knew what I know now. And then you have to keep in mind the other thing—Billy Joe is in a different time zone now, and he probably said that in just a wink of time, we will all be together. I have every expectation that will happen.

So this is not to say goodbye to Billy Joe Daugherty; this is to say, so long, we will see you soon.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:14 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate, Tuesday, December 1, 2009:

THE JUDICIARY

JACQUELINE H. NGUYEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.