

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3351) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I can tell my colleagues with great confidence that USDA's proposal to move the Economic Research Service (ERS) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) outside the National Capital Region is a bad idea.

We held a hearing on the issue last March, at which four former senior USDA officials with 70 years of combined experience at the two agencies, from both parties, expressed their deep opposition to this proposal.

Numerous stakeholders have expressed strong opposition, including the National Farmers Union, the Association of American Veterinary Colleges and nearly 1700 other organizations, university officials, and individuals from 47 states.

We have not received a single letter in support of this proposal.

USDA violated the Appropriations Committee's statutorily required 30-day waiting period for such proposals when it took action to implement the proposal six days after notifying the Committee.

It failed utterly to comply with the requirements of the conferees in the 2019 omnibus appropriations report to submit all cost benefits for the move and a detailed analysis of any research benefits of a relocation when it submitted the 2020 budget.

USDA has also refused numerous requests from Members of the House and Senate that it provide the original cost-benefit analysis developed before the proposal was announced.

It finally gave us a so-called "cost-benefit analysis" after the final site was selected.

But an independent analysis of this supposed analysis found that "USDA leadership failed to follow federal guidelines for the benefit cost analysis" and that "the move to Kansas City will cost taxpayers between \$83 and \$182 million dollars, rather than saving them \$300 million dollars."

Large numbers of ERS and NIFA employees have left as a result of this proposal.

I fear that ultimately, these agencies will become mere shadows of their former selves, with the loss of hundreds of years of expertise.

These agencies' mission is to achieve the best science through research that advances U.S. agriculture and our understanding of the agricultural economy.

I believe that the Department's proposal puts that mission at great risk.

I urge a yes vote on the Norton amendment.

HONORING JOHN MCNAMARA OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of John McNamara, a reporter for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

JOHN MCNAMARA, CAPITAL GAZETTE SPORTS REPORTER, RECALLED FOR HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF THE TERPS

(By Jacques Kelly)

John McNamara, an editor and sports reporter for The Capital Gazette who covered the University of Maryland Terrapins and was a high school basketball history specialist, died June 28 at the attack at the Annapolis newspaper's office.

The Silver Spring resident was 56.

"Basketball was a love of his and he had a great feel for the game," said former Maryland men's basketball coach Gary Williams. "He could have made a lot more money elsewhere, but he had the job he wanted and it was what he wanted to be. I gave him a lot of credit for that."

Born in Washington and raised in Bethesda, he was the son of Thomas McNamara Sr., a federal Department of Education financial analyst, and his wife, Elizabeth Lynch.

He was a 1979 graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington and obtained a journalism degree from the University of Maryland College Park, where he had reported sports for campus newspaper, The Diamondback.

"John was one of the most honest and fairest reporters I have ever met," said Johnny Holliday, sportscaster and longtime radio personality. "I enjoyed being around him."

"He was of the mindset that he was going to pick out the positive aspects of an individual player. He told me he understood the greatest thrill for a 9- or 10-year-old was seeing their name in print."

Mr. McNamara played softball and basketball informally in school and had delivered newspapers for the old Washington Evening Star. He retained childhood memories of watching the old Washington Senators play at RFK Stadium. He was also a Bullets basketball fan. While at Maryland, he covered high school sports for The Washington Post.

"He had two job offers right out of college," said his wife, Andrea Chamblee, whom he met while both were Maryland students. "One was for \$15,000 a year as an agate-type clerk doing box scores for USA Today. The other was writing sports for \$13,000 at the Hagerstown Herald-Mail. He took [the Herald-Mail] because it allowed him to do what he wanted to do—and in that first year [1983] he covered the Orioles, who were in the World Series."

"He felt he made the right choice. His first year out of the college and he was covering a World Series. He was exhilarated."

She said they married in 1985 because by then he was making \$15,000—they had agreed to delay their wedding until he had passed that financial milestone.

"He could talk sports to someone who knew plenty and he could talk to someone who knew almost nothing," his wife said. "And both parties would leave feeling they understood the game better."

"Coaches were always impressed by his insight and knowledge of the game, but John was a good enough storyteller that he could

give a casual fan great insight," said Doug Dull, a friend and colleague at the Hagerstown paper.

"He'd hang out at the local grocery store when the Street & Smith's college basketball yearbook came out and he would pull out a highlighter as if he were doing homework. He knew more about Pepperdine and Fresno State than anyone in Maryland."

In 1987 Mr. McNamara joined The Capital as a copy editor, then worked as sports editor for the old Prince George's Journal from 1989 to 1994. He then rejoined the Annapolis paper.

"John never changed," said David Elfin, a freelance journalist and friend who lives in Bethesda. "He always loved sports and he was very passionate about the University of Maryland. I can't tell you how many games he had covered at Maryland for all the papers where he'd worked."

He was particularly fond of the university's Cole Field House.

"No matter if I met him at a Nationals game or at the Capitals or Redskins, Maryland was his comfort level," Mr. Elfin said. "It was almost as if he were walking into Cheers."

In 2001 Mr. McNamara and Mr. Elfin wrote "Cole Classics: Maryland Basketball's Greatest Men and Moments."

Eric Prisbell, who previously covered college sports for The Washington Post and is now a Dallas sports freelance writer, said: "John's basketball knowledge was second to none. He had a sharp eye and everyone respected him."

"He was an old-school journalist. He valued the relationships he'd established with coaches. John could be very funny. With just a look he could make a whole table roar with laughter."

In 2014 his editors at The Capital Gazette changed his assignment and named him editor and reporter of the Bowie Blade-News and Crofton-West County Gazette.

"He took the job change as gracefully as any sportswriter can," said his wife.

He had been completing research and conducting interviews for a book on the history and roots of high school basketball in the District of Columbia and its suburbs. As part of the project he had visited former NBA and college players who grew up in the area.

A memorial service for Mr. McNamara will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the chapel at the University of Maryland, College Park.

In addition to his wife of 33 years, a Food and Drug Administration attorney, survivors include two brothers, Charles McNamara of Bethesda and Danny McNamara of Amsterdam, N.Y.; and three sisters, Jane McNamara of Mercer Island, Wash., Mary McNamara of Washington and Peggy Pyles of Bethesda.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA D. EVANS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to someone who has made a significant impact here in this proud institution for the past four decades. For the past twelve years, my office and I have been extremely fortunate to have Patricia "Tricia" Evans on our staff.

Tricia is from Westchester, New York, and to say she is a proud New Yorker is putting it mildly. She's also an Irish Catholic through and through—all the way down to being a devout meat and potatoes eater—except, of

course, on Fridays during Lent. After graduating from Iona College, Tricia taught first grade at Good Shepherd School for a few years before shifting to politics. In the summer of 1979, Tricia launched her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for conservative stalwart and fellow New Yorker Jack Kemp. Prior to joining my office, Tricia served a number of House Members, including dedicated tenures serving my former California colleague Elton Gallegly and Arizonan J.D. Hayworth.

In 2007, I was incredibly fortunate to have a seasoned staff member like Tricia join my office. When she first came on board, Tricia wasn't exactly a big fan of flying, especially cross country to our district in California. But after we introduced her to In-N-Out Burger she became more open to flying out West—it's amazing how a Double-Double can ease anxieties. We never quite converted her from a New Yorker to a Californian, but I'd like to think she will always carry within her a little piece of the Golden State.

As Tricia winds up her time in my office to take on a new opportunity, it's impossible to sum up her immense contributions. Of all my constituents whom she has helped, I think that the folks from the Monday Morning Group will miss her the most. I know Tricia rightfully takes great pride in her efforts to secure passage of the 9/11 Memorial Act into law. She was deeply and personally touched by the 9/11 attack as a native New Yorker and by the loss of her friend, Navy Captain Bob Dolan, who was killed at the Pentagon on that tragic day. Tricia took the "Never Forget" refrain and put it into action to honor her friend Bob and all who perished. Tricia has also been involved in helping the Capitol Concerts that take place on the Hill every year on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. All Americans who enjoy these patriotic events can thank Tricia for working overtime to ensure their success.

Tricia loves her country and everything Disney. There is also no bigger fan of Bruce Springsteen, Tom Selleck or Joe Namath. But nothing in her life comes close to her love for her two children: Shannon and Patrick. They are an incredibly close and loving family, which can be attested to by me and my Chief of Staff who can't help but overhear regular calls from each of the kids that always end with, "I love you." I won't say that these calls happen too frequently, but I have developed a nervous tick whenever I hear her cell phone ring tone. Seriously though, Tricia's love for and dedication to her children are a testament to her fine character. I will deeply miss her and her selflessness, loyalty and impassioned devotion to supporting me and my office. I look forward to my continued friendship with Tricia and wish her, Shannon, and Patrick, the very best in all their future endeavors. Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately delayed by weather and unable to vote on June 24, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 399; YEA on Roll Call No. 400; YEA on Roll Call No. 401; and YEA on Roll Call No. 402.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THROOP'S INCORPORATION AS A BOROUGH

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Throop, Pennsylvania for its quasiquicentennial year. Throop celebrated 125 years of being incorporated on April 16, 2019.

The borough was named after one of its most influential residents, Dr. Benjamin H. Throop, who settled in the county in the fall of 1840. He became an active figure in the community, buying real estate and advocating for the separation of Throop and Dickson City Borough. Dr. Throop also served in the military during the Civil War, and at the time he was one of the wealthiest figures in the area.

Throop originally applied to become independent of Dickson City Borough in 1888, but the subdivision failed. Refusing to back down, the community banded together to continue to circulate petitions. Among the many reasons driving the residents' motivation to become their own, independent borough was a dispute over schools and the desire to have their own schooling system. In 1893, the petition was granted, and the borough was officially incorporated on April 16, 1894.

The Throop family continued to be a driving force behind the borough's success. The Throop Hose Company 1 was organized in 1894 and named after Dr. Throop's son, Dr. George S. Throop. The borough building was completed in 1895 on land donated by Dr. Throop, Dr. Pancoast, and Eli K. Price. Once incorporated, Throop had a population of 1,639 with 266 dwellings, 9 hotels, a small number of businesses, two churches, a colliery, and a school.

Like many communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Throop's coal mining industry was the principal industry in the region for decades. Throop has the distinction of being the site of the first anthracite coal mined in Lackawanna County, which was taken from the Anderson farm by William Wurts in 1814.

Throughout its notable 125-year history, Throop has established an impressive public school system and has continued to celebrate its religious heritage. The borough has also shown its incredible resilience in the face of devastating floods from Hurricanes Diane, Agnes, and Gloria.

Today, Throop is a vibrant community with around 3,900 residents and many industries and businesses that have taken the place of coal mining. Annual traditions and celebrations for children like the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting make Throop an inviting and welcoming place to live and visit. Throop's rich history and a tight knit community make it the flourishing borough it is today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 381, I mistakenly voted NAY when I intended to vote AYE.

HONORING WENDI WINTERS OF THE CAPITAL GAZETTE

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OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD an obituary of Wendi Winters, a writer for the Capital Gazette in Annapolis Maryland.

[From the Baltimore Sun]

WENDI WINTERS, A PROLIFIC WRITER FOR THE CAPITAL ENJOYED SHARING STORIES ABOUT LOCAL RESIDENTS

(By Jacques Kelly)

Wendi Winters, a feature writer for The Capital and The Maryland Gazette who earlier had been a public relations executive in Manhattan, died Thursday in the attack at the Annapolis newspapers' office.

She was 65 and lived in Edgewater.

Wendy Anne Winters—known throughout the community as "Wendi"—was born in Coronado, Calif., the daughter of Leigh Cosart Winters, a Navy commander and real estate agent, and his wife, Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby, who had worked as a Capitol Hill secretary and was in the visitors' gallery in December 1941 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war on Japan.

She attended Saint Rita's School in Alexandria, Va. and was a 1971 graduate of the old St. Mary's Academy, a high school also in Alexandria.

"She vividly recollected her semi-nomadic childhood as a Navy brat," said her daughter, Winters Leigh Geimer. "Her fondest childhood memories were of her family's time in Turkey when her father was a naval attache with the American Embassy in Istanbul. She spent most of her time getting in trouble with the local residents and exploring off-limits places."

"Our mother showed an aptitude for art and writing. At age 10, she wrote a poem for then-President John F. Kennedy and she received a personal response with photographs from his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln," said her son, Phoenix Winters Geimer. "She kept the photograph near her desk and it has been in the house as long I can remember. She had a couple of recollections of President Kennedy coming into her church."

She obtained a bachelor of fine arts degree with a specialty in fashion design from Virginia Commonwealth University and later went to New York City on a fellowship to the Tobé-Coburn School for Fashion Careers. She was class president at the school and graduated with honors.

She remained active in alumni circles at Virginia Commonwealth, and was invited there to sit on critic panels of student work at university fashion shows.

In a resume, Ms. Winters said most of her career was in public relations—backed by experience in fashion retailing, wholesaling, textiles, marketing, advertising, design and promotion. She created and directed campaigns for two "international public relations firms and had her own successful fashion public relations, advertising, special events [and] runway show production firm for seven years," her resume said.

She lived in the Gramercy Park section of New York City and later moved to Montclair, N.J.

"In her New York days her pay often included some of the clothing she was promoting," said her daughter, a Purdue University student who is a naval officer candidate. "She had a fairly large wardrobe because she didn't believe in throwing things