

Park is a 250-acre facility operated by the Poricy Park Citizens Committee, a private, non-profit group. The park includes a Nature Center, opened in 1978, and restored historic buildings.

Mr. Speaker, Poricy Park has a long and illustrious history. In 1667, John Throckmorton received a grant of lands that included the area where the park is now located. Part of the land was purchased in 1767 by Joseph Murray, a Scots-Irish immigrant from Londonderry, who joined the Monmouth Militia during the Revolutionary War and was murdered on his farm on June 8, 1780. The farmhouse and barn are still standing at the site. Owned by the Murray family until 1861, and a series of other owners thereafter, the land functioned as a farm until 1972.

The creation of the farm was born of the efforts of the Poricy Park Citizens Committee who, in 1969, worked to save this area from development. The Committee raised more than \$7,000 to secure properties, which were turned over to the Township. This donation began a process of acquiring lands that ultimately led to the acquisition of the current 250 acres. Almost three-quarters of the land is left undisturbed, for nature to manage. There is a hardwood forest, a pond, wet meadows and a freshwater marsh. There is a 60-acre area of open fields, the ecology of which supports hawks, mice, foxes, woodchucks and dozens of varieties of field wildflowers. Interest in historical restoration efforts began in the late 1960's, with work beginning in earnest in the late 1970's, leading to the Murray farm buildings being registered as a New Jersey historic site. Some 600 programs are presented every year for schools, community groups and the general public, attracting some 13,000 visitors per year. There are programs for arts and crafts, a store and an artisan market. None of the great work at the park would be possible without the hard work of volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, Poricy Park represents one of the best examples I know of dedicated community activists and local governments working together, pooling their resources and creating something special to benefit of all the community. Poricy Park is an excellent resource that preserves the special history and natural beauty of Central New Jersey. I am honored to pay tribute to this great facility and all the fine people whose hard work and dedication has made it all possible.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL
ANTHONY LANNI

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Anthony Lanni, to honor his memory, and to stand in solidarity with his family and friends. All their lives were richer because of Mike and he will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Mike was Jersey born on December 29, 1956 and baptized at our Lady of Sorrows Church in Jersey City. A youth, Mike enriched the lives of his classmates, first at St. Paul's Grammar School in Jersey City and later at Bergen Catholic and St. Mary's High School. Throughout his childhood, Mike's love

of sports and academic achievements was always present. Mike was a little league all star, a Babe Ruth all star, a varsity football player and a record setting track star. At the same time, Mike's academic achievements included being named to the principal's list, receiving first honors and serving a member of the National Honor Society. His achievements were recognized by his peers who selected him as senior class president and voted him as best all around for the class of 1974. Mike's receipt of the Bob Blum Trophy as outstanding student/athlete in 1974 was a tribute to both his abilities and his determination.

College posed new challenges and triumphs for Mike Lanni. At Lafayette College he overcame a knee injury to continue his active participation in collegiate sports, particularly football and rugby. At the same time, Mike's leadership qualities were recognized by his peers who selected him as an officer of his fraternity, Theta Chi. He was the obvious choice for that role.

After college Mike returned to New Jersey and conquered the new obstacles of the work world. He demonstrated his personal qualities of loyalty, determination and smarts which are all too rare a combination these days. These qualities served Mike well as a sales associate for Mueller Brothers and later with BASF where he rose through the ranks to become a regional manager for four states. Mike's ability and always-evident charm and good nature made his advance as inevitable as it was relentless.

However, work and school provide a snapshot and not the measure of the man himself. Mike was above all a dedicated family man; who loved and treasured his parents Anthony and Mary Lanni, his wife of nearly 10 years, Margaret "Midge" Lanni, his siblings, Mary, Patricia, Louise, Christopher, and Stephen and most of all his precious and treasured sons, Timothy and Patrick. Mike was dedicated to his two boys and Patrick and Timothy must know that he will continue to look out for them today, tomorrow and always from his heavenly perch.

Although Mike has left this world prematurely and can no longer be with us, his memory will continue to occupy a warm place in the hearts of all who knew Mike. I know that his family and the hundreds of friends who attended his memorial service felt honored and privileged to have known Mike, a good man and loving father. Mr. Speaker, it has been a privilege to share with you the achievements of Mike Lanni and all he has meant to his family and those who knew him.

ESTABLISHING MORE EQUITABLE
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
THE PUBLIC LANDS STATES OF
THE WEST

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, the leadership of the 104th Congress is seeking to establish more equitable relationships between the Federal Government and the public lands States of the West. Before last November, Washington saw a resurgence of the mis-

guided idea that central government control over the public domain must be expanded. The new congressional majority believes it is time to downsize the Federal bureaucracy, shift public lands to governments closer to the people, and recognize the role that the public lands in the West play in putting people back to work.

Many Western States have also been told that the national interest demands that State and local concerns be accorded second-class status. In my State of Alaska, over half of our public lands were designated parks, wilderness areas, and refuges in the name of the national interest without any form of consideration in return. There are indeed times when the interests of the country compel action, but the interests and concerns of States and local governments must be recognized and addressed in such cases. Our public policy will be that there can be no unilateral action by the Federal Government without special consideration being afforded by the affected State and local governments.

The controversial matter of nuclear waste storage offers an opportunity to implement this principle. A series of administrations and Congresses has deliberated and decided to proceed with waste storage facilities on public lands in Nevada. Unfortunately this Federal action has not been matched by the special consideration that the governments and people of Nevada, or any other similarly situated public lands State, deserve. I am considering an amendment to pending nuclear waste legislation to provide appropriate special consideration to Nevada and affected county governments.

This amendment would provide to the State and the affected counties a combination of specific parcels of valuable land as well as an entitlement to select from a pool of public lands. These lands would be provided to offset the withdrawal of multiple use public lands for waste storage and related purposes and to afford special consideration. Some lands would be immediately available and others would be eligible for selection and transfer as the waste storage project proceeds.

We welcome comments on this general proposal and are open to specific suggestions on how to make it address the needs in Nevada.

It is time to redress the balance in public lands policy between the Federal Government and affected States and local governments. I look forward to working with the elected representatives in Nevada in applying this important principle to the waste storage issue.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO ELIMINATE THE GROWTH
CAP ON LIMITED PURPOSE
BANKS

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 7, 1995

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to join my colleague, Congressman CASTLE, in introducing the Castle-LaFalce bill lifting the cap on the annual asset growth of limited purpose banks. This growth cap, imposed under the 1987 Competitive Equality Banking Act [CEBA] imposes an arbitrary and unnecessary regulatory burden. Its removal will enhance