

School, Father Shields then went to Roman Catholic High School at Broad and Vine Streets, the oldest Catholic High School in the nation. He graduated from Roman in 1948 and began his college career at St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. He received his B.A. in Philosophy in 1954 and then began graduate studies in Theology. He completed his Theological studies in 1958 and was ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal John P. O'Hara, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The young Father Shields began his priesthood at St. Ambrose Parish in Schuylkill Haven. After that a succession of appointments took him to Shillington, Hamburg, Shendoah, Allentown, Catasauqua, and Lansford and Reading. He then went to Weatherly, where he spent 22 years as the Pastor of St. Nicholas Parish. In 1995 Father Shields retired and now resides at Holy Family Villa in Bethlehem.

Father Shields is a man of many interests. The greatest of his interests is people. He has a genuine and abiding interest in the people around him. He loves his family. He loves Philadelphia and its history. He has a great love of church music. He has an appreciation and love of architecture as he repeatedly argues, "Don't look down. Look up and see the tops of the buildings!" He loves Cape May. He loves traveling—meeting new people and seeing new scenes. But above all, he loves language—words and concepts.

On Sunday, May 17, 1998 Saint Columbkil Church in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, gathered to honor Father Shields on his Fortieth Anniversary of his priestly ordination. With great love and admiration, his friends and family came to celebrate a good friend, a good priest, a good pastor, and a good Christian man. I am proud to extend to him my most heartfelt good wishes in honor of his forty year achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend to the attention of my colleagues legislation that I am introducing today with my fellow Ways and Means Committee member, ROBERT MATSUI.

Quite simply, this bill will clarify the length of time which petroleum storage facilities are depreciated for tax purposes. Since 1981 the petroleum terminal industry has depreciated this property over a 5 year time period. Recently, however, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has challenged this practice. Instead, the IRS has suggested that the correct depreciable life for petroleum storage facilities is 15 years. My bill will end this debate and state that petroleum storage tanks may be depreciated over five years.

Congress has changed the depreciation rules for numerous properties since 1981, but we have not acted to specifically change the depreciation rules for petroleum storage tanks. The petroleum storage industry has complied with the tax code in good faith, now only to be told the IRS wants to change the rules. The IRS is even instituting this change in selective cases through examinations. While we in Con-

gress do give the IRS the authority to enforce the tax laws, only Congress, and specifically the House Ways and Means Committee, has the Constitutional authority to originate new tax laws.

Enactment of this legislation will resolve this issue, and both the taxpayers in the petroleum storage industry as well as the IRS will be saved the millions of dollars which would otherwise be spent disputing the correct depreciation time. I urge my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring this important bill.

MICHIGAN CITY NEWS DISPATCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson once said of newspapers: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Today, June 4th, one of the great papers in the State of Indiana, the Michigan City News-Dispatch, marks 60 years of continuous publication as a daily newspaper. Formed by the merger of the Michigan City News and the Evening Dispatch in 1938, the News-Dispatch has compiled an outstanding record of professionalism and public service. Michigan City and the State of Indiana are fortunate to have a newspaper that sets such a high standard for community service and journalistic competence.

The News-Dispatch is an exceptional newspaper in a variety of ways. Allow me to mention a few examples. First, the dedicated and devoted staff of the News-Dispatch produce a newspaper that is consistent in the high quality of its content. Even though the newspaper has recently changed ownership, the News-Dispatch has retained its reputation as a reliable source of the community's daily information.

Second, the News-Dispatch has been actively involved in and devoted to improving the Michigan City community. From the very beginning of its publication, the News-Dispatch has successfully pursued projects such as helping to rid crime from Michigan City; financially supporting area children's groups; and promoting community pride and civic participation.

Third, the News-Dispatch has been devoted to ensuring that local businesses receive support from the area. By initiating a successful campaign for the development of a municipal airport, voicing the need for more trade within the area, and by organizing a developmental advisory counsel, the News-Dispatch has not only voiced its concern about the livelihood of area businesses, but also taken action to ensure that these businesses are able to thrive in the community.

When Joseph Pulitzer retired, he outlined a standard for newspapers that exemplifies the history of the News-Dispatch. "That it will always fight for progress and reform, never tol-

erate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never lack sympathy with the poor, always be drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

The residents of the News-Dispatch will mark June 4th with the hope and assurance that the newspaper will continue to have a similar impact for many years into the future.

AUDREY A. STRICKER HONORED BY COOPERATIVE OF AMERICAN PHYSICIANS, INC. "21ST CENTURY WOMAN OF MEDICINE"

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that Audrey A. Stricker, a native born and raised Pennsylvanian who did her early nursing training in Pittsburgh, has devoted 30 years to the field of medicine in evolving capacities and is returning home from Los Angeles, CA to the East Coast this month. On June 17, 1998, the Cooperative of American Physicians-Mutual Protection Trust (CAP-MPT) is honoring Ms. Stricker at their Los Angeles headquarters on her retirement to express their appreciation for her 19 years of service to CAP-MPT. The mission of the Cooperative of American Physicians, Inc. is to provide risk reduction and financial protection services of the highest quality for physicians and affiliated groups, and to promote membership in the interindemnity trust (MPT). The mission of the Mutual Protection Trust is to provide the highest quality, cost effective professional liability protection services for qualified member physicians and affiliated entities. CAP-MPT continues to strive to put doctors in charge of the business of medicine with its 13 physician member Board of Directors led by President and Chairman Darwood B. Hance, M.D. and its 5 physician member Board of Trustees led by Chairman J. Michael Wormley, M.D. CAP-MPT, as it did in its beginning 21 years ago in response to the California crisis in medical malpractice liability insurance, remains a physician directed enterprise.

Ms. Stricker's early career was devoted to front-line management and delivery of medical care at various hospitals from 1968 until 1979, including: Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA as an Operating Room and Recovery Room Supervisor; Director of Operating and Recovery Room Services at Northridge General Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, FL; and finally as Asst. Director of Nursing, Operating Room Services at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. During this period, Ms. Stricker pursued a quest of knowledge and personal growth that mirrors the changing times in medical practice in the United States by enhancing her skills from an R.N. Degree obtained in Pittsburgh, PA to a B.S. in Nursing Degree from the University of Buffalo, N.Y. Continuing in the path of expanding her medical expertise and horizons while serving at Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Ms. Stricker in April, 1980 obtained a B.S. Degree in Management from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles.

With this broad base of educational and professional experience and resources in medicine, Ms. Stricker began in 1979 her service