

more than 25 percent last year. Those complaints run the gamut from ephemeral ticket pricing; being sold a ticket on already oversold flights; lost luggage; and flight delays, changes, and cancellations. This bill addresses these issues and more.

Perhaps of more importance, this bill does so without forcing airlines to compile information that they don't already keep. The bill simply allows air travelers the right to that basic information and the ability to make informed decisions.

Mr. President, I am fortunate to represent and be a customer of the nation's premier airline when it comes to customer satisfaction. For years, Midwest Express Airlines has enjoyed some of the highest airline customer satisfaction ratings in the country. For those of my colleagues who haven't had the pleasure to ride on Midwest Express, I, and I'm sure I speak for the senior Senator from Wisconsin, encourage you to do so.

Mr. President, Midwest Express maintains those superlative ratings because it already incorporates some of the provisions spelled out in this bill. Midwest Express already tries to notify its travelers if it anticipates a flight delay, flight change, or flight cancellation. The airline already attempts to make information on oversold flights available to its customers. Midwest Express already makes efforts to allow its customers access to frequent flyer program information.

These are some of the reasons the airline has been awarded the Consumer Reports Travel Letter Best Airline Award every year from 1992 to 1998; Zagat Airline Survey's #1 Domestic Airline award in 1994 and 1996; Travel & Leisure's World's Best Awards for Best Domestic Airline in 1997 and 1998; and Conde Nast Traveler's Business Travel Awards for Best U.S. Airline in 1998, among many awards.

Mr. President, other airlines should see this bill as a challenge to meet the lofty standards set by airlines like Midwest Express.

Mr. President, air travel is on the rise, but so are air travel complaints. This bill responds to the complaints by giving our constituents access to the information they need to make wise choices in air travel. Airlines truly concerned about their customers should already be making these efforts. As I noted, one Wisconsin-based airline is already making the effort. I urge my colleagues to join in this effort. •

EXXON VALDEZ OILSPILL

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, this month is the 10th anniversary of the infamous Exxon Valdez oilspill. On March 24, 1989, one of Exxon's largest tankers, under the command of a captain who had been drinking and had abandoned the bridge, struck Bligh Reef and spilled 11 million gallons of North Slope crude oil into the pristine waters of Prince William Sound.

The Exxon Valdez oilspill remains the largest man-made environmental disaster in American history. The oil spread almost 600 miles, harming wildlife, closing fisheries, and damaging the subsistence way of life of Alaska Natives living in the region. To its credit, Exxon spent as much as \$2-3 billion trying to rectify the effects of the spill, but much damage remains.

The spill brought home to all of us in the Pacific Northwest a deeper appreciation for the importance of preventing oilspills. Clean water, a vibrant fishery, and abundant wildlife are all parts of our Northwest way of life, and they are all at risk to oilspills.

In Commerce Committee hearings shortly after the spill, I told the Exxon CEO that a Japanese CEO would have been expected to resign after such a calamity. I said this not to be unkind, but because of my strongly-held view that oilspills caused by a company's reckless conduct cannot be tolerated.

It is now 10 years later, and Exxon is ready to move on. It has announced its intention to merge with Mobil, creating the largest corporation in the world, with annual revenues of over \$180 billion.

The federal government is in the process of reviewing this proposed merger. I object to the merger of Exxon and Mobil unless Exxon first resolves some important unfinished business resulting from the 1989 spill. That unfinished business is the litigation brought by the tens of thousands of fishermen, small business owners, and Alaska Natives who were harmed by the spill.

About 6,500 of these people live in Washington State. They, too, would like to move on with their lives, but they can't. They have been waiting ten years since the spill, and almost five years since a federal jury determined that Exxon should pay them over \$5 billion.

They will be waiting a lot longer if Exxon has its way. Every year of delay is worth about \$400 million to Exxon, the difference between the 6 percent interest rate on the \$5 billion judgment and Exxon's own rate of return of about 14 percent on the same \$5 billion. If this case drags on long enough, Exxon will be able to pay most of the jury verdict out of money that it made solely because of the delay in paying the judgment.

Exxon has appealed the jury verdict, raising a number of issues. This is to be expected in a case involving this much money. But while this case crawls through our court system, the victims are left waiting for closure to a horrible event that changed their lives forever, and they are waiting for a sense that justice has been done. We need to find a way to meet these perfectly understandable human needs. Exxon has the power and resources to make that happen.

We need to send the strongest possible message to Exxon and other oil companies: you use our waterways to transport your product, and you know

the consequences if your product spills, so it is your duty to take every precaution. If you act recklessly, you will pay dearly.

That message is fading after 10 years, and will be largely lost after a merger of these proportions. Now, before the merger, we have an opportunity to make an indelible impression on what would be the largest corporation on Earth—that an oilspill like this must never happen again. •

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE PERKEY

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Wayne Perkey for 30 years of dedicated service to WHAS-AM radio and his listeners in Louisville, Kentucky.

Wayne's voice has been heard by thousands of listeners over the past 30 years as a constant in the life of morning talk radio. He has made an unforgettable impression on WHAS radio, and has carefully molded the station into what it is today. When Wayne began work at WHAS the station had primarily an all-music format, and Wayne spent years transforming the station from that format into the all-talk format that they have today.

Most stations would not have been able to accomplish that kind of transition without losing a number of listeners, but Wayne's voice on the morning airwaves clenched listener support and WHAS has enjoyed long-lived success. Wayne's positive, up-beat morning program made Wayne an icon in the Louisville market. Certainly he is a mainstay that will be missed.

He presented up-to-the-minute news to hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians for the past 30 years and used his position at WHAS to serve the community. Wayne says that one of the things that drew him to work at WHAS in the first place was the stations' Crusade for Children program. He immediately took an interest in the Crusade, and played an integral role as master of ceremonies for many of his 30 years.

The Crusade is known as the most successful single-station telethon in the United States, raising \$70 million for the care and treatment of handicapped children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana since its inception in 1954. Wayne saw how vital this program was to the millions of children who benefit from the Crusade each year, and has committed to emcee the telethon for one last year. His sincere concern for Kentucky's children is admirable, and we commend him for his 30 years of commitment to this cause.

Wayne's leadership on the WHAS morning team produced numerous recognitions for its award-winning broadcasts over the years. Wayne was individually honored by receiving the very first Spirit of Louisville Award at the Mayor's Community Thanksgiving Breakfast in 1994. His professional talent will be remembered and revered, and will certainly follow him through life in whatever endeavors he pursues.

I am confident Wayne Perkey will continue to succeed both professionally and personally and, on behalf of my colleagues, I thank him for his service and commend him on his accomplishments.●

HONORING MORRIS KING UDALL, FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM ARIZONA, AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES OF CONGRESS ON HIS DEATH

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 15, submitted earlier today by Senators MCCAIN, KENNEDY and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 15) honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

An anonymous poet wrote that, "virtue is a man's monument." Undoubtedly, the wise poet had in mind a soul the likes of Morris King Udall, a man of monumental virtue.

Mo Udall was an extraordinary human being who lived an extraordinary life. Of humble beginnings, the son of St. Johns, Arizona rose to become one of the most influential and beloved legislators in the history of our Republic.

We are thankful for the gift of his company. We remember his brave journey. And we celebrate a remarkable life well-lived.

For over 30 years, Mo Udall graced our national and political life with his sweet humility, gentle kindness and legendary wit. A man of keen vision and great heart, he exemplified all that is good and decent about public service.

Mo Udall was what we all want our leaders to be. He was a powerful man who cared not about power for its own sake, but saw it as an opportunity—a sacred responsibility to do good as he saw it—to champion noble causes. His many important successes are written in the laws of our nation.

His legacy endures in the halls of the Congress, with men and women whom he humbled and instructed with his example. It endures among Native Americans whose welfare and progress he made his great purpose. And, it endures in the American parks and wildlands he fought to protect with his vision and his guiding ethic of environmental stewardship.

It is fitting that the easternmost point of the United States, in the Virgin Islands, and the westernmost point,

in Guam are both named Udall Point. The sun will never set on the legacy of Mo Udall.

Carl Albert, former speaker of the House, said that Mo had written one of the most remarkable legislative records of all time. And he was right.

But Mo Udall will not be remembered simply for his prolific legislative achievements or the landmarks that bear his name. His most extraordinary monument is the virtue with which he lived his life and served his country.

He fought the good fight in a touch arena, while remaining a man of unsurpassed integrity, boundless compassion and unflinching good humor. He knew glorious victories and bitter defeats, serene contentment and profound suffering. Through it all, he remained a humble man of uncommon decency whose example offers a stark contrast to the meanness, pettiness and pride that soil too much of our political culture.

Mo was never known to be moved by flattery, puffed by tribute, or impressed by his own success. He knew that a man is only as great as the cause he serves—a cause that should be greater than himself.

Now did we ever know Mo to be discouraged in defeat. Through injury, illness, disappointment and, from time to time, failure, he was a fighter.

His humble perspective was as wise as it was delightful to observe. He leavened his wisdom with his legendary wit. Mo employed humor not simply to entertain, which he did like no other, but as a subtle and benevolent instrument to calm troubled waters, to instruct the unknowing, to humble the arrogant, and to inspire us all to be better and to do better.

Most often he was the target of his own barbs. He loved to tell the story about his campaign visit to a local barbershop where he announced his run for the presidency, and, as Mo told it, the barber answered, "We know. We were just laughing about that." Most certainly an apocryphal story, but typical of Mo to tell it on himself.

Mo once said, "the best political humor, however sharp or pointed, has a little love behind it. It's the spirit of the humor that counts * * * over the years it has served me when nothing else could." It has served us well too.

While most remembrances of Mo focus on his grace, humor, and environmental leadership, perhaps understated is what he did for Native Americans. When very few cared enough. Mo Udall toiled in an often fruitless and thankless vineyard on Indian issues. Moved by their desperate poverty and duty bound to honor the dignity of the first Americans and the solemn commitments made to them, Mo took up their just cause. He didn't do it for praise or recognition, he did it because it was the right thing to do. That was all the motivation and thanks he needed, and it characterized so aptly the benevolence of his political life.

How proud Mo must be that a new generation of Udalls have entered Con-

gress. May their careers, like Mo's, light the way to more enlightened and civil public discourse.

The Navajo say "May you walk in beauty." All his days, Mo Udall walked in beauty and he shared his beauty generously with us all. He is gone now, and we will miss him.

May we find cheer in the echoes of Mo Udall, the little boy from St. John's who became a giant, touching us one more time with those words we always loved to hear, "I'm reminded of a story * * *."

May each of us—may our country—forever find cheer, instruction and inspiration in his story. A story of monumental virtue. The remarkable story of Morris K. Udall.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today we celebrate the life of a very special American, Congressman Morris K. Udall. Today, and every day, I think of him for all the wit and wisdom he shared with the world, and for the remarkable commitment he made to public service and the causes he believed in.

Mo inspired us with his integrity, compassion, dedication and humor.

His loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

I first got to know Mo Udall when I came to the House of Representatives in 1978. He was a leader on issues that are still critical to the national debate, including protecting the environment, promoting honesty and fairness in the financing of campaigns, and making quality health care more accessible. I had the pleasure of working closely with him and sharing his passion on these priorities.

When I was a struggling young Congressman, Mo went the extra mile to lend me his support and his assistance. He was always willing to offer a joke or a piece of advice, and he even traveled to the middle of South Dakota on behalf of this very junior Member of Congress.

I am certainly not the only one who has benefited from the generosity of Morris Udall. In particular, those who shared his struggle with Parkinson's disease owe him a great debt of gratitude for his work on raising the awareness and funding for research on this debilitating illness. Although complications related to Parkinson's ultimately took his life, it is my hope that a speedy discovery of better treatments and, eventually, a cure for Parkinson's will be Mo's legacy to those at risk of developing this deadly disease.

I join my colleagues both to celebrate the life of this remarkable man as well as to express my deepest sympathy to Mo Udall's family, especially his wife, Norma, and his children, MARK, Randolph, Judith, Anne, Bradley and Katherine. They have had the pleasure of knowing him best, and they will certainly feel his loss the most.

There will never be another man with Mo Udall's unique combination of wit