

section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to cases commenced under Title 11 of the United States Code before, on, and after such a date.”

As the author of both the 1984 amendment that established the bona fide dispute proviso of section 303 of the Code and 2001 Senate amendment that became section 1234 of the conference report and section 1233 of the House-passed bill, I intend to seek to secure the same clarification and reiteration of current law in the 108th Congress.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEON Y. SADLER, III

●Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to express my congratulations to Dr. Leon Y. Sadler, III, originally of Camden, AL, now of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for his receipt of the Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award given by the University of Alabama.

Dr. Sadler comes from a well respected Wilcox County family who for generations have provided the area with leadership. His grandfather, Mr. “Duck” Sadler was a superb businessman, and farmer. Indeed, my father purchased his International Harvester dealership from him in the late 1950s. Dr. Sadler’s father was a brilliant lawyer who did superb legal work for over a half century, operating from his modest office in Camden. Dr. Sadler’s brother, Tom, graduated one year ahead of me at Wilcox County High School, obtained his engineering degree from Massachusetts of Technology and, likewise, excelled in engineering.

Leon earned a B.S. in Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, and his master’s degree and Ph.D. at the University of Alabama. He joined the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Alabama in 1978 after working for Olin Chemical Corporation and the United States Bureau of Mines. His publications are numerous and his research has led to his being rewarded three patents. He is also the recipient of numerous awards including Reichold-Shumaker Professorship of Chemical Engineering; Department of Engineering 140th Anniversary Outstanding Fellow Award; Rau Beta Pi Outstanding College of Engineering Faculty Award and Alabama Society of Professional Engineers State of Alabama Engineering Educator of the Year for 2001, to name a few. His excellence as a teacher of chemical engineering is best enunciated by one of his students who said about Leon:

Not only does he use his great technical skills to educate his students to be better suited for industry, but he also employs his personal skills to illustrate to students how to be better suited for the “real world.” He never fails to provide students with the means to learn, as well as the tools to succeed in a competitive field.

I knew Leon as a student in the public schools of Wilcox County. He graduated several years ahead of me. While

a terrific student, Leon was also a good basketball player. On one occasion, he undertook to coach a group of us who attended the Methodist Youth Fellowship in a basketball league. In fact, we had an ecumenical Methodist Youth Fellowship, with Presbyterians and other church members attending. We thought he was a wonderful coach and that we would be a successful team. Unfortunately, he had chosen by far the shortest team in the league and though we learned much about the game, a winning season we did not have.

Leon married his high school classmate, Dana McNeil, a wonderful and sparkling person who maintained a successful career in real estate. She has been his loving partner throughout their marriage of many years. They have two wonderful sons, Leon IV and Cobb.

In recent years, I had the chance to reestablish a close relationship with Leon and Dana. Spending time with them has been a most pleasant experience. He and Dana have had me stay with them in their fine home in Tuscaloosa and treated me with genuine hospitality. I have cherished those visits and our talks about friends and family and our roots. In this highly mobile world, it is important that we stay close to our friends and to our heritage.

Everyone has such a great love and affection for Leon. Though brilliant and dedicated, he never lost his humility and humanity. People love him and love being with him. His friends are many and very, very loyal—just as he is to them.

Leon is now suffering an erosion of his physical abilities as the result of the progression of Lou Gehrig’s disease. I visited him, Dana and Jim Wilburn recently and enjoyed it greatly. Among other things, we talked of my re-election effort which was just a few weeks off. Leon, now unable to speak, with a smile on his face, wrote on his small erasable board the words, “You’re going to win.” That was an encouraging comment and, as it turned out, he was correct.

Leon Y. Sadler, III has achieved excellence in a rigorous and demanding specialty, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering. He has been a blessing to his fellow man. He has remembered his roots and friends from Wilcox County. He loves his wife and family and is proud of all their accomplishments. To an unusual degree, he loves America, understands her greatness, keeps up with current affairs, and does all he can to keep her on the right path.

Teachers are important people. In addition to their professional excellence, teachers help young people learn how to live—in the words of his student, “. . . how to be better suited for the ‘real world’”. Indeed, I extend my congratulations to Dr. Sadler for this important teaching award, presented by one of the great universities in the

world, the University of Alabama. The presentation of the award on September 18, 2002, brought credit on both Dr. Sadler and the University.●

HONORING REVEREND HAROLD JONES

●Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am saddened to report the passing of one of South Dakota’s most exceptional spiritual leaders, Rev. Harold Jones.

Harold was the first Native American to serve as a bishop in a Christian denomination. He was a widely respected leader, and was greatly admired by his peers for his dedication to the people he served and guided. His tremendous contributions to the community and groundbreaking achievements set him apart from other outstanding spiritual leaders.

Born in 1909 and raised on the Santee Reservation in Nebraska, Harold lost his parents at an early age and was raised by his grandparents, who brought him up as a Christian. He attended school at Seabury-Western Seminary in Illinois. After graduating, Harold spent 13 years at the Pine Ridge Mission and 12 years at Holy Trinity Parish in Wahpeton, ND. He also served at the Cheyenne River Agency, Gettysburg, Dupree, Pine Ridge, and Rapid City, SD and Fort Defiance, AZ. Harold was consecrated as a bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota on January 11, 1972. The ecumenical ceremony was witnessed by 1,000 people in the Catholic Church’s St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls.

As a Native American, Harold’s entry into the church did not occur without controversy and prejudice. While at seminary school in Illinois, Harold earned money by giving talks about life on South Dakota Indian reservations to churches in the Chicago area. Outside these churches signs often read, “Come this Sunday and see a live Indian!” Never deterred from following his chosen path, Harold overcame the misconceptions and prejudices of others to become one of the most respected and revered bishops in the country.

Harold’s dedication to helping others serves as his greatest legacy. His work continues to inspire all those who knew him. Our Nation and South Dakota are far better places because of Harold’s life, and while we miss him very much, the best way to honor his life is to emulate the love and support he shared with others.●

THE LIFE OF JANET ADAMS VIGGIANI

●Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Janet Adams Viggiani—a native of Connecticut. I have known the Viggiani family for many years as residents of our native State, as neighbors in East Haddam, and as friends. Janet became a strong advocate for the public interest, an accomplished attorney, and an educator,