

was at the Oval Office with the President discussing my recent mission to Iraq.

(1) Stearns Amendment (15 minutes)—The amendment would prevent the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from using any appropriated funds for the purpose of bringing lawsuits against a company that requires its employees to speak English. It would not affect any current case, only future suits. Vote: Yes.

(2) Flake Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would strike \$200,000 in funds for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine. Vote: Yes.

(3) Flake Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would strike \$720,000 in funds for the meteorological equipment at Valparaiso University, IN. Vote: Yes.

(4) Pence Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would prohibit funds in the act from being used to enforce “the amendments made by subtitle A of title II” of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. This amendment would prohibit the DOJ from enforcing the electioneering communications section of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law. Vote: Yes.

(5) Upton Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment states that no funds shall be made available to purchase light bulbs that do not have the “ENERGY STAR” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation. Vote: Yes.

(6) Jordan Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would reduce spending across-the-board by 3.0% to reflect FY 2007 levels—Vote: Yes.

(7) Price (GA) Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would reduce funding in the bill by 1.5%. (30 minutes) Vote: Yes.

(8) Musgrave Amendment (2 minutes)—The amendment would reduce spending across-the-board by 0.5%. (30 minutes) Vote: Yes.

(9) Republican Motion to Recommit (15 minutes)—Vote: Yes.

(10) Passage—H.R. 3093—CJS Appropriations (5 minutes) Vote: No.

TRIBUTE TO MELVA JOAN ADKINS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on October 13, 1964, Melva Joan Adkins of East Lynn, West Virginia began her career with the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, as a GS-3 Clerk Stenographer in Real Estate's Management and Disposal Branch. She always sought ways to show initiative and achieve results regardless of the assignment. Her dedication to a job well done enabled her to move to the top of the administrative field.

In 1974, Mrs. Adkins advanced to the position of Conveyance Examiner and was responsible for assuring the Government acquired appropriate title to project lands. She audited project acquisition records and recommended actions to correct deficiencies. Melva quickly mastered the skills required for the position and became an expert in the audit field.

Her exceptional communication skills and real estate knowledge were an asset when

she was promoted to Realty Specialist in the Encroachment Section of Management and Disposal Branch in 1990. She worked on the very difficult Muskingum Area Encroachment Program, the first dedicated program of its type in the Nation. Her ability to communicate at all levels contributed to successful resolution of many situations.

In 1992, Mrs. Adkins transferred to the Management Section of Management and Disposal Branch. Her new duties entailed the utilization, disposal, and leasing of civil works projects in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio. In this position she worked with numerous Federal, State, and local agencies, the general public, and other Corps team members to meet the projects recreation and flood control missions. In the last two years of her employment, Mrs. Adkins arranged in-kind services totaling over \$1,000,000 that benefited various District projects. She is known by Corps customers as honest and ethical and has consistently received recognition and praise for her high quality of work.

During her career Mrs. Adkins has been an excellent role model and mentor to her team members. She has served on numerous Federal Women Program committees, served as a Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor, and helped to write the Huntington District's Etiquette Book for the Physically Challenged.

Melva J. Adkins has made significant contributions to the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers' mission. On July 30, 2007, she retired with 42 years, 7 months, and 5 days of Federal service, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations on a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. DONOGHUE, CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF THE WORCESTER REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and a devoted public servant. Michael J. Donoghue will officially retire tomorrow as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Worcester Regional Retirement System, marking the end of a distinguished career in which he has ably served the citizens of my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts and all of Worcester County.

For more than thirty years, Mike Donoghue managed a \$400 million pension system comprised of fifty Worcester County communities and another forty-five school districts. During that time, he vigorously protected the retirement security of thousands of public employees with an uncommon care and concern for their future hopes and dreams. Throughout his tenure, Mike made it his business to personally know the individual members of the Worcester Regional Retirement System and steadfastly refused to allow the pensioners to become anonymous participants in a cold actuarial exercise. Mike's unflinching loyalty to his membership will forever be remembered as the hallmark of his remarkable public service.

It also bears noting that Mike Donoghue's contributions to the greater Worcester community extend far beyond the management of the

Worcester Regional Retirement System. Mike served two terms on the Worcester City Council before being elected Worcester County Treasurer in 1978. Mike's unique combination of insight, skill and common sense made him a coveted board member for virtually every major civic and charitable organization in the City of Worcester. He has served on the board of directors for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI). Mike's expertise and leadership helped establish Worcester as a center for medical research more than twenty-five years ago and the Gateway Park Project which is right now transforming a former brownfield site in Worcester into another major biomedical research park is also due in no small part to his efforts. Mike's compassion for the less fortunate has caused him to also lend his talents to the Board of Directors for the VNA Network Foundation, the Worcester Area Mental Health Association, the Worcester Area United Way and the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. After the devastating Worcester Cold Storage Warehouse Fire in 1999, Mike was a natural choice to help the City commemorate the sacrifice of the six fallen firefighters and was appointed to chair the Worcester Firefighters Memorial Committee. He remains committed to that effort today as an active board member.

A man of deep religious faith, Mike has also given to his community through his church as a former member of the Board of Incorporators of Catholic Charities for the Worcester Diocese and Saint Vincent's Hospital. A proud graduate of Nichols College, Mike has had the special privilege of serving as a trustee for his alma mater.

Madam Speaker, all of us in public service share a special bond forged by the great demands, challenges and rewards of our profession. In the finest traditions of our noble calling, Michael J. Donoghue has proven himself worthy of the respect and admiration he enjoys from his colleagues in government. I will always be grateful for his sage advice and loyal friendship as will my colleague, U.S. Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY, who has long relied on Mike as a trusted advisor and confidant. I know Senator KENNEDY joins me in expressing the heartfelt appreciation of the United States Congress to Michael J. Donoghue on this occasion and we wish him, his wife Maureen, and their beautiful children and grandchildren continued best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement. You, my friend, have earned it.

RENT IS DUE ON THE COURTHOUSE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, it's the first of the month—time to pay the rent at the courthouse. Unfortunately, the costs keep rising with the number of criminals held accountable for their crimes each year, but the good news is their victims have plenty of resources at their disposal as a result of the Victims of Crime Act, or better known as VOCA Fund. Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Poe/Costa/Moore(KS) Amendment