

caused by the present day cost of gasoline instead of looking at ways to facilitate pragmatic long term solutions to the problem!

RON, Boise.

I would like to tell you how the high gas prices are affecting me and my wife. I am 76 years old, retired, and have a chronic heart and lung disease. We live in Salmon. Salmon, being a small town does not have a hospital to care for major heart and lung disease. The nearest hospital that has facilities for major heart and lung is Missoula, Montana, about 160 miles north of Salmon, making it a 320-mile round trip. My car gets 27 miles per gallon, making it about 12 gallons per trip. Today, in Salmon, gas costs \$4.23 per gallon (and I am sure it will continue to go up); that is about \$50 per trip in gas alone. Between the two of us, we have to make the trip to Missoula approximately 20 times per year. That equates to about \$1,000 for gas alone. That smarts.

Please do what you can to stop this senseless rise in energy prices. We have the resources here in our own country. Let us start using them. Drill for oil; use nuclear; mine coal; we are smart enough to do this sensibly. Do it now.

J. C., Salmon.

Even if we opened up Alaska and any other likely source of oil, I doubt very much it would bring the price of oil down. Until we get rid of corporate government, nothing we are presently experiencing is likely to change, certainly not sharing stories of hardship.

JOHN.

My husband is retired, and I am only able to work part-time. It has put a great deal of stress on us. When we did retirement planning, we planned for cost of living, i.e., food, electric, water, gas, but never could we have imagined that we would under budget our gas costs. This country has the opportunity to resolve this issue. As other costs are also rising, medical care, food, etc, this is one area that the government can step in and resolve and help our not only our economy, but also their fellow Americans. It is our congressmen duty to take care of this issue, if not, then who is going to take care of all the people who cannot afford the gas to get to work and do not have access to mass transit or cannot afford it. Do tell.

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#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES PIERPONT COMER

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I honor a great Hoosier, Doctor James Pierpont Comer. Today we recognize the many accomplishments of Dr. Comer, a distinguished professor, innovator, author, and scholar.

Dr. Comer, in his role as an educator and mentor, embodies the spirit of hard work and service that Hoosiers value. The Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, Dr. Comer has been a member of the Yale medical faculty since 1968. As founder of the Comer School Development Program at Yale, he has advanced a teamwork approach to ensuring positive child development and academic success. The "Comer Model" has

been implemented at over 500 schools nationwide and has promoted the constructive growth of countless American youth.

A native of East Chicago, IN, Dr. Comer received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University, his M.D. from Howard University, and a master's in public health from the University of Michigan. He has received no less than 46 honorary degrees as well as numerous other accolades, including the John P. McGovern Behavioral Science Award from the Smithsonian, the John Hope Franklin Award, the Heinz Award in the Human Condition, and the Healthtrac Foundation Prize. An unparalleled scholar, Dr. Comer has authored nine books and hundreds of articles relating to child development, childhood education, and race relations.

As we honor Dr. Comer today, the words of Henry Brooks Adams come to mind: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." Dr. Comer has helped countless young people develop the building blocks necessary to become the leaders of their generation, and the students whose lives he has touched over the years will undoubtedly help shape our society through the 21st century.●

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

##### TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL W. PETERSON

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today I celebrate the 92nd birthday of a man I have known and admired for a long time, a man who has dedicated his life to making our world a better place for us and for our children. Russell W. Peterson was one of Delaware's most remarkable governors and has been a truly committed public servant for over 60 years.

Within the early hours of being sworn in as governor of Delaware in 1969, he delivered on a campaign promise to ease tensions in our racially charged city of Wilmington. He removed the presence of the National Guard who had patrolled the city streets for almost a year, and, along with the Delaware State Police, he enforced curfews following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of the most memorable accomplishments of the governor's career was the leadership role he played to protect our environment through the passage of Delaware's Coastal Zone Act of 1971. This was a groundbreaking law, the first of its kind in our Nation. Governor Peterson became known as a dedicated environmentalist for protecting the 115 miles of Delaware's coastline from heavy industry. As an activist for our environment, he was determined to help people on a local, State, and national level understand that living our lives is not at odds with preserving our environment. He also contributed to the landmark National

Environmental Policy Act as chairman of the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

The governor's most recent project has already begun to rejuvenate the city of Wilmington's riverfront. He is cochairman of the governor's task force on the future of the Christiana and Brandywine Rivers and also serves on the board of the Riverfront Development Corporation. Through these efforts, the city's riverfront is becoming a brilliant asset to our State as it attracts visitors and new residents to the area. This beautiful new face to our riverfront also has an urban wildlife refuge center that has been named after Governor Peterson, for his decades of remarkable work.

These are only a few of Governor Peterson's many, many accomplishments. Through his service, he has truly improved the lives of Delawareans and has invigorated the city of Wilmington. He is currently the Delaware Audubon Society's honorary chairman of the board and has received 15 honorary doctorates and numerous other awards.

Governor Peterson is being honored for his contributions at a luncheon next Tuesday, in Wilmington. I can't think of a more deserving individual. I wish him all the best as we celebrate his 92nd birthday.●

##### TRIBUTE TO PAUL WEYRICH

• Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to honor Paul Weyrich, a dear friend, and a man who has spent the past 44 years fighting to protect the freedom and liberty enjoyed by Americans today. Throughout his adult life, Paul Weyrich has actively advocated for conservative policies based on our founding principles. From his days as a young college Republican and foot soldier in Barry Goldwater's 1964 Presidential campaign to his tireless efforts on and around Capitol Hill, Paul has been an instrumental force in the conservative movement of both yesterday and today. With courage and conviction, he has declared the importance of family values, religious freedom and limited government.

History will judge us not on our titles but on the lasting ideas we advance and institutions we create. I have the honor of chairing the Senate Steering Committee, which owes its creation in 1974 to an idea born in the mind of an enterprising staffer named Paul Weyrich. After helping to found the Senate Steering Committee, Paul went on to found the Heritage Foundation with Edwin J. Feulner in 1973. Paul also founded the American Legislative Exchange Council and the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, CSFC, which later became the Free Congress Foundation. Paul now serves as chairman and CEO of the Free Congress Foundation. And Paul's leadership, uniting religious conservatives of all faiths, has made the social