

formed Pacific Teletronics, a micro-wave company which brought rural residents television programming from stations located hundreds of miles away.

His contributions to the broadcasting profession's development were also numerous. He helped found and organize associations of broadcasting awards from both organizations. Five years ago he was named recipient of the National Association of Broadcaster's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. At a ceremony held during the NAB's annual convention, Bill was given the award commemorating his then-57 years of service to the industry. True to form, Bill used this forum not to reflect upon his personal successes and the advances of the broadcasting industry. Instead, Bill took the opportunity to share his concerns about congressional oversight actions were underway at that time.

Bill Smullin was never one to rest on his many laurels. He gave much to the southern Oregon community where he made his home, to several educational institutions in Oregon and California, and to community hospitals. He was a legendary figure and a friend, and I send my sympathies to his family and friends as we mourn our loss.

DEATH OF JIM FLEMING

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, it was great sadness that I learned the death of Jim Fleming last week. Jim, as all my colleagues know, has been the administrative assistant to our colleague, Senator FORD since 1975. During that time he also served as Senator FORD's staff for matters coming before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and its predecessor, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Mr. President, Jim Fleming was one of the true professionals who are responsible for the operation of the Senate. He was respected and liked by the staff on both sides of the aisle. During the 14 years that I and my staff have known him, he was always considerate and helpful. His expertise will be sorely missed not only in areas such as uranium enrichment and utility regulation, but on all the other issues that come before the committee where he was able to see where the differences on issues lay and where a constructive compromise was possible. I know that his death will be an enormous loss to Senator FORD, but it will also be a major loss for our committee and our Members and staff who have known and relied on him for these years.

I want to express my deepest sympathies to his two children and my sincere condolences to Senator FORD. Jim had been with Senator FORD since 1967 and I know how close their relationship has been. We will miss him as well.

TRIBUTE TO EDUARDO MATA

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to mourn the passing of the greatest Mexican conductor of recent years, who was a fixture in the culture of Dallas since 1977.

Eduardo Mata was born in Mexico City in the 1940's, studied at the Mexican National Conservatory, and won a Koussevitzky Fellowship to study at Tanglewood with Max Rudolf, Erich Leinsdorf, and Gunther Schuller. He led several orchestras before becoming music director of the Dallas Symphony in 1977. He has been beloved throughout north Texas ever since, because he brought the symphony into the first rank of American orchestras.

He was also important to the musical life of our Nation because he championed a number of Latin American composers whose works had been neglected in the United States. He made a point of programming their works in concerts around the country and recorded many of them in Caracas with the distinguished Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Mata died recently when his plane crashed in Mexico, but his recordings and performances remain dear to all who heard them.

Mr. President, Texans will miss his lively presence at the podium of the wonderful Morton Meyerson concert hall, but we celebrate the hall itself, which Mata encouraged Dallas to build. We will also continue to enjoy the orchestra he built as it fills that hall with music from every continent.

THE WALLOWA COUNTY-NEZ PERCE SALMON HABITAT RECOVERY PLAN

Mr. PACKWOOD. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a very special effort by a group of Oregonians that could serve as a model for this body in the 104th Congress.

Wallowa County in the northeast corner of my home State is one of Oregon's smallest counties. Yet, that has not stopped the devastating effects of the sole-purpose Endangered Species Act from being felt there. Just this year alone, two sawmills have closed in Wallowa County, taking away over 100 jobs. This is a significant impact on a population of only 7,000.

Every Senator knows my feelings on the Endangered Species Act, and the critical need that it be changed to reflect the needs of people as well as bugs and plants. I am quite hopeful that we will soon reform this act so that the families in Wallowa County and throughout Oregon who have been so gravely injured by it can be made whole.

But I will not use my time today to restate my concerns about the Endangered Species Act and the tens of thousands of families whose hopes and dreams it has shattered in my State in the past 5 years. Instead, I want to focus on the positive response the people of Wallowa County have had to the

listing of several species of salmon on the Columbia-Snake River System.

Residents of Wallowa County and representatives of the Nez Perce tribe, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, have developed the Wallowa County-Nez Perce Salmon Habitat Recovery Plan. This plan is a responsible, locally developed effort to protect not only habitat for threatened and endangered species, but also to protect the people of northeastern Oregon and their economic base. This plan takes into account the deteriorating condition of the northeast Oregon forests, as well as the need for timber cutting and salvage, species protection, cattle grazing, and other uses.

Here is a working example of what Americans asked for when they went to the polls. This is not some huge new bureaucratic effort seeking to manage the public lands of Wallowa County by remote control from Washington, DC. Instead, the people affected put their heads together, and using the best information available, crafted a workable, meaningful plan. If there was any single message last November, it was a cry for less Government intrusion. My friends in Wallowa County have been sending that message for a long time.

The bureaucracy's response was, unfortunately, predictable. The National Marine Fisheries Service and the Forest Service have refused to adopt this site specific plan that can be put into place, and begin to have a positive effect, immediately. Instead, these agencies have settled on waiting for an overall framework called "PACFISH," to be ready for implementation. PACFISH is not site specific, and calls for extensive nonmanagement areas. It certainly was not developed with Wallowa County's specific needs in mind, and reflects now-outdated radical preservationist dogma.

I believe that the citizens of Wallowa County, who, after all, are the ones who have to live with any final decisions that are made, deserve a great deal of credit for developing the Wallowa County-Nez Perce Salmon Habitat Recovery Plan. I believe this document should, and will, become the lead plan for salmon habitat recovery in Northeast Oregon.

There is hope for the families of Wallowa County in this Congress. I believe we will be able to take strong action to reform this Nation's restrictive environmental laws and regulations. Until that day comes, however, the families of Wallowa County are not simply waiting for change. They are promoting change, and sending us a message that is unmistakable. I hope we are all listening.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I doubt that there have been many, if any, candidates for the Senate who have not solemnly pledged to do something