

Congress to maintain the integrity of the 90-million-acre national wildlife refuge system. Her concern and devotion for the conservation goals to the Fish and Wildlife Service were clear and constant throughout her career.

I just want to point out one instance of the modesty that she had. On June 14, she was featured as the ABC News "Person of the Week." As a condition of that interview, she insisted that the program highlight the importance of the Endangered Species Act above her own accomplishments. Her deep commitment to the conservation of endangered species led her to carry out a number of important administrative changes to improve that act.

Mollie's career was illustrious even before becoming Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. She was executive director of the Richard Snelling Center for Government in Vermont. Prior to coming to Washington, she was commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. She was program director for the Windham Foundation, managing 1,300 acres of farm and forest land for wildlife. And she was a teacher of resource management to private landowners for the University of Vermont.

Mollie participated in a wide variety of nonprofit conservation initiatives, including serving as a board member of the American Forestry Association, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Vermont Natural Resources Council. She also chaired a Defenders of Wildlife commission on the future of the National Wildlife System in Vermont's Nonpoint Water Pollution Task Force.

So, Mr. President, all of us have reason to be deeply indebted to Mollie Beattie for her distinguished public service and great contribution to the protection of fish and wildlife and wide open spaces. And all of our prayers are with her and her family today.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO MOLLIE BEATTIE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I wish to commend the distinguished Senator from Rhode Island for those very gracious, warm, and honest thoughts about Mollie Beattie. The Senator from Rhode Island was privileged to know her, as was I. Of course, we in New England had a special feeling for her. Senator JEFFORDS and I—as in so many other things in Vermont where we have joined together—were absolutely joined in our admiration of Mollie Beattie.

Even though we knew that the end was near for Mollie, I know that both

Senator JEFFORDS and I felt sorrow this morning when we heard the news that she had died. Just a few minutes ago, Mr. President, I talked with her husband, Rick, and told him that we were about to pass, this evening, the legislation that would honor her in Alaska. And Rick told me that he had talked with Mollie as she lay dying and told her this legislation was moving forward. The distinguished senior Senator from Alaska, Mr. STEVENS, had introduced it a few days ago in this body, cosponsored by Senator JEFFORDS, myself, and others, and we had been assured that it would eventually pass. He said she was well aware of that and so humbled by it, saying that she could not imagine such a great honor, which was so typical of her.

Mollie always thought to do what was best for our country, not just for this generation, but for the next generation. She did that continuously, and did it without ever looking at what it might do for her. She was affected and did feel honored and humble by what this body was doing. Frankly, we should feel honored that we have the opportunity to do this for Mollie Beattie.

I should tell my colleagues that following a memorial service for her in Vermont this coming week, Wednesday afternoon, and one here in Washington with the Department of Interior, her ashes will be divided between Vermont and Alaska. She said to her husband that this was a case where she was going to be part Vermonter and part Alaskan. It was a way of talking of her deep affection for the State of Vermont, but her great appreciation for magnificent parts of the wilderness in our Nation that she was involved with.

Also, in talking with Rick—and I think I give away nothing in this—he talked about the fact that when she was ill, when it was more difficult sometimes to work, she would ask herself at the end of each day of work, "Was it worth it to come to work today?" She always had the same answer: "Yes, it was." She was able to do good for the country in the mission that had been entrusted to her.

When Senator JEFFORDS and I, and others, sought her confirmation, I know that some Senators—especially from the western part of our country—wondered who was this eastern woman coming in to fill a position that was always held not only by men, but oftentimes men from the West. Those same Senators are the ones who have come up to me on the floor in the past couple weeks, as the news of Mollie's final illness reached us, and said, "I am going to miss her."

She has done, as the Senator from Rhode Island said, a superb job. She has dedicated herself and has been a true professional, a true public servant.

So, Mr. President, I thank the distinguished senior Senator from Alaska, Mr. STEVENS, for his help in this, and Senator JEFFORDS for joining as a co-

sponsor of this, and other Senators who worked with me until late last night, and again this morning, to release whatever holds might be on this legislation, to allow it to go forward. I thank the distinguished Republican leader and the distinguished Democratic leader for their help in clearing this. It is a worthy tribute to Mollie Beattie.

It is, more than that, a worthy tribute to what is best in America.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHAFEE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1745 with 30 minutes of debate time remaining, to be divided with 7½ minutes of debate under the control of each of the following Senators: THURMOND, NUNN, HELMS and PELL, with a vote on passage of S. 1745, the Defense Authorization Bill, at 9:30 a.m. Further, that immediately following the vote, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following bills: Calendar No. 408, No. 409 and No. 410, and that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the appropriate portion of S. 1745, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof, in accordance with a schedule which I have sent to the desk; further, that the bills be advanced to third reading and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that the above actions occur without intervening action or debate.

I ask unanimous consent the Senate then immediately proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3230, and that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1745, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill be advanced to third reading and passed; that the title of S. 1745 be substituted for H.R. 3230; the Senate then insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, with no intervening action or debate.

I finally ask that with respect to S. 1762, S. 1763, and S. 1764, as just passed by the Senate, that if the Senate receives a message with regard to any of these bills from the House, the Senate disagree with the House on its amendment or amendments and agree to a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.