

legislation to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and for other purposes; and S. 1670, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Brian Malnak or Jo Meuse at (202) 224-6730.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet for a hearing on Monday, March 9, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. The subject of the hearing is the Lessons Learned in the D.C. Public Schools.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, March 9, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on "Facts and Myths on the S. 10's Juvenile Recordkeeping Requirements."

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on March 9, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TONY MALMBERG

• Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Tony Malmberg, who manages the Three Quarter Circle Ranch near Lander, Wyoming. Mr. Malmberg was recognized recently for his superior stewardship practices that demonstrate a healthy environment, such as cleaner water and thriving fauna and flora, go hand in hand with successful ranching.

Tony Malmberg's Three Quarter Circle Ranch is the national winner of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award for using innovative practices to protect and enhance natural resources, while increasing the profits of the business.

With its over 900 cow/calf pairs and 1,000 yearlings, rotational grazing practices and success in showing profits while safeguarding natural resources such as land and water, Three Quarter Circle Ranch was the clear winner.

Unique in his accomplishments, Mr. Malmberg developed a partnership with schools to provide an educational site where students can learn about wildlife and habitats, streams, vegetation, geology and archaeology, birds and riparian areas. In addition, his ranch was one of the first ranches in the west to develop a ranch/recreation program where guests are able to participate in ranch activities, including livestock herding.

This award should come as no surprise to those who know him. The land is his most important resource and it gives him clear signals when his approaches work and do not work. Therefore, he makes many of his management decisions based on the rhythms of nature. For example, using more tolerant species of plants in meadows to decrease demand for water, reduce irrigation, and enhance stream flows and riparian conditions. Also he adjusts the timing of grazing in riparian areas to encourage beavers to build dams and changing grazing rotations each year to accommodate species diversity.

Mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk live on the Three Quarter Circle Ranch during the winter. A pond on the ranch is stocked with fish, and nesting structures were added to attract geese.

Obviously Tony Malmberg feels strongly about his role as a steward of natural resources because it not only affects his bottom line, but it helps him demonstrate how ranching benefits other species and the general public.

Three Quarter Circle Ranch was selected by a committee of representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, USDA's Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, American Farmland Trust, American Sportfishing Association, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, South Utah University and NCBA.

I commend Tony Malmberg for this award and for what he has accomplished on his ranch in Lander. He represents the best of the industry and the very best of working people in the West. •

30th ANNIVERSARY OF FOCUS: HOPE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Focus: HOPE. On March 8, 1968, Focus: HOPE adopted the following resolution:

Recognizing the dignity and beauty of every person we pledge intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. And to build a metropolitan community where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. Black

and white, yellow, brown and red, from Detroit and its suburbs of every economic status, national origin and religious persuasion we join in this covenant.

In those simple, poetic words, Focus: HOPE began a journey that has remained true to its original vision thirty years later. Focus: HOPE was founded in one of the Detroit's most economically depressed areas by the late Father William T. Cunningham and Executive Director Eleanor Josaitis in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit riots. Focus: HOPE's efforts initially centered on healing along racial lines, but in time have evolved into something much greater. As Father Cunningham has said, "traditional societal cancers like racism are so interrelated with other socioeconomic challenges that we can't look at a problem without looking at (the) whole context."

In the 1970's, Focus: HOPE began its Food Prescription Program which continues to provide monthly supplemental food to low-income pregnant and postpartum mothers, infants and preschool children. The 1970s also saw Focus: HOPE take a leadership role in securing low-interest mortgage and automobile loans for African-Americans, designing a race relations training program for desegregated schools, and establishing Focus: HOPE's WALK for Justice, an annual march through Detroit to show interracial harmony.

The 1980's was a time of radical evolution for Focus: HOPE. During this period, Focus: HOPE transformed itself into the nationally recognized center for education and training that it is today. It established FAST TRACK, a computer assisted course which improves the reading and math skills of high school graduates. FAST TRACK prepares students for entry into the Machinist Training Institute (MTI), which produces skilled machinists who are needed in local industry and are able to command good salaries. Focus: HOPE also established its Center for Children, a Montessori school which supports the children of Focus: HOPE's faculty, students and the surrounding neighborhood. Focus: HOPE also established the Food for Seniors program which provides monthly supplemental food to low-income senior citizens. In order to support all of Focus: HOPE's programs, several for-profit companies were established.

The 1990's have seen Focus: HOPE continue to expand. In 1993, Focus: HOPE's Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) was established to allow interested MTI students to continue their education. This internationally recognized program awards associate's and bachelor's degrees in manufacturing engineering. Focus: HOPE is looking to the future by planning the establishment of Tech Villas, a state of the art residential learning center linked to the CAT, fulfilling the goal of becoming a national demonstration center for advanced manufacturing and training.

Over the years, I have had the great opportunity to be with President Clinton, Gen. Colin Powell, Secretary Ron Brown and many others on tours of Focus: HOPE. While each of these dignitaries has walked away impressed by the size and scope of Focus: HOPE's mission, they have been equally inspired by the spiritual nature of Focus: HOPE. Focus: HOPE has changed the lives of thousands of people throughout metropolitan Detroit by bringing to life the proverb "Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

While the past thirty years have undoubtedly been a great success for Focus: HOPE, 1997 was a very trying time for all who care deeply about this community. On May 26, Father William Cunningham, founder and inspiration of Focus: HOPE, passed away after a spirited battle against cancer. On July 2, the Focus: HOPE campus and the surrounding neighborhood were struck by a tornado, causing great damage to Focus: HOPE buildings. Under the magnificent leadership of Eleanor Josaitis and the hard work of the entire staff, Focus: HOPE has rebuilt and rededicated itself to Father Cunningham's vision. This difficult year has brought the community closer together as they celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the "Miracle on Oakman Boulevard," Focus: HOPE.●

TRIBUTE TO BUD McCALL

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I stand today to pay tribute to a man who quietly serves his community the only way he knows how—through hard work and dedication. Bud McCall, a county commissioner since 1977, is being named Citizen of the Year by the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce.

Bud has been an active community member in St. Maries and Benewah County longer than most people can remember. Bud serves the community in many ways: as an employer, an elected official, and a community volunteer. Today he is being recognized for his voluntary efforts during the spring floods of 1996 when Bud came to the rescue of many area residents. He tirelessly worked around the clock to help protect the community from further damage from the repeated flooding. He rounded up equipment to stabilize crumbling dikes, met with emergency crews developing a crisis management strategy, and provided shelter for those who found themselves homeless. He literally donated thousands of hours of his time and equipment for the benefit of the community when the community needed him most. However, this is nothing new for Bud. He has always been there when the community needs him.

On a more personal note, Bud is a man of few words. He is the kind of man who, when met on the street even after a long day of hard work, will always greet you with a smile.

Bud's love for his community is shown through all he does. I am proud today to recognize him as an outstanding citizen and public servant that represents the ideals of Idaho.●

LITTLE HEARTS DAY CARE: A COMMUNITY EFFORT

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to call your attention to the Little Hearts Day Care in Estelline, South Dakota, and to the community leaders who rose to new heights to create a day care center amid a child care shortage.

Late last year, Estelline experienced a devastating child care shortage when two of the local child care providers closed their doors to pursue other endeavors. While this rural community wishes the best for these providers, Estelline was left in a state of crisis: all of the remaining day care services were filled to capacity, and working parents had no place to bring their children.

In this time of alarm, community leaders, the Estelline Area Development Corporation, and the city worked together to locate a building to operate a non-profit day care center. Soon after, Donna Thompson, Glenda Thompson, and Kim Ward incorporated the Little Hearts Day Care. If it were not for the massive volunteer effort to renovate the vacant building, the Little Hearts Day Care would be little more than a glimmering idea of hope. Thousands of dollars of materials and hundreds of hours of labor were donated to renovate the building and to make the day care center safe for children. Volunteers cleaned, painted, and some even provided professional services such as plumbing and carpentry. I applaud the community of Estelline for their hard work in filling this void in child care.

Our nation's children are its greatest asset and our most precious treasure. It is vital that we help them get the right start, nurture their development and provide for their well-being. Having held numerous child care meetings with providers, parents, and concerned officials all around our state, I am more convinced than ever that providing high quality, affordable child care is one of the most important issues South Dakota and our nation faces. In our state, we have one of the highest ratios of working moms in the country, coupled with one of the lowest per capita income levels. As a consequence, too many of our child care providers are being asked to provide professional, loving care with very marginal compensation.

While I do not believe in "federalizing" child care, I do think our nation needs a federal-state-local partnership designed to provide local child care providers and parents with better options. This cooperative effort should avoid the creation of new bureaucracies and inflexible mandatory rules, while providing greater financial re-

sources for parents and the entire range of child care providers. Training, standards improvement, nutrition assistance and the promotion of employer incentives for child care strategies should also be part of our effort.

I am pleased that child care issues are receiving the attention of Congress and the Administration. I am proud to have cosponsored the Creating Improved Delivery of Child Care: Affordable, Reliable and Educational (CIDCARE) bill. This measure will help working families afford child care and will provide parents incentives to choose higher quality care. I am pleased that the President's proposal will establish a Child Care Provider Scholarship Fund. This measure will enable states to provide scholarship funds to students working toward a degree in child care.

Quality child care is the first step in ensuring that the children of working parents grow up in a healthy environment, and I am pleased that the community of Estelline answered the call for action.

Mr. President, as I yield the floor, I hope other communities throughout the nation will look to the Little Hearts Day Care and the city of Estelline, and benefit from this prime example of civic cooperation.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK BUELL

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I stand today to pay tribute to the kind of person every community wishes they had, a down-to-earth caretaker of the community with a heart of gold. Jack Buell, Chairman of the Idaho Benewah County Commissioners is being honored in his community as Citizen of the Year. Jack, like many Idahoans, lives in a resource-rich part of Idaho. He not only provides jobs for many citizens of St. Maries, but is constantly working to enrich this small town. Jack has served as a county commissioner since 1974, and has a reputation for active leadership. This year, he was named as one of the top 25 most influential citizens in the state of Idaho by a Boise newspaper.

It is not difficult to understand why Jack is a man of influence: He's a man of his word and a problem solver. Over the past few years, he faced demanding challenges when his community was hit by devastating floods in the spring of 1996. He worked around-the-clock to minimize the destructive damage caused by the spring floods. He offered heavy equipment, employees, campers, trailers and any other resource he had that someone else could use. He paid his employees for their work and never asked the government or community to reimburse him for his employees' wages. And still Jack was deeply frustrated that he could not do more to protect people from the problems and pain they faced as they faced their losses.

Jack has been inspiring in his work with the community schools. When the