

(3) by inserting after paragraph 6 the following:

“(7) the term ‘Methane hydrate’ means—
“(A) a methane clathrate that is in the form of amethane-water ice-like crystalline material and is stable and occurs naturally in deep-ocean and permafrost areas; and

“(B) other natural gas hydrates found in association with deep-ocean and permafrost deposits of methane hydrate.”;

SEC. 5. REPORTS AND STUDIES.

The Secretary of Energy shall simultaneously provide to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate copies of any report or study that the Department of Energy pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy to carry out this Act—

- (1) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
- (2) \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2001;
- (3) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
- (4) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
- (5) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and
- (6) thereafter such sums as are necessary.

Amounts authorized under his section shall remain available until expended.

Amend the title to read as follows: “An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes.”.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THREE NEW YORKERS RETIRING FROM THE NORTHEAST-MIDWEST INSTITUTE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, for the past twelve and one-half years, I have served as the Democratic co-chairman of the Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition. John Heinz was the Republican co-chairman until his tragic death in 1991; since then, I have been pleased to work with the junior Senator from Vermont, Jim JEFFORDS. We and other Coalition Members have worked closely with the Northeast-Midwest Institute, the premier non-partisan, not-for-profit regional policy research center. A superb board of directors guides the Institute. I rise this afternoon to commend three New Yorkers who are ending their terms on the Northeast-Midwest Institute's Board of Directors. They have provided distinguished service and have helped to advance the region's economic vitality and environmental quality.

Former Representative Frank Horton has been involved with the Northeast-Midwest organizations for almost 25 years. Indeed, he was one of the founders of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition, our House counterpart, and served as its Republican co-chairman until he retired from the House in 1992. Frank had a distinguished career spanning 30 years, representing Rochester and serving for many years as ranking member on the Government Operations Committee. We—I speak now on behalf of the New

York Congressional delegation—recovered Frank and were grateful for his counsel. He was our dean. Frank recently has been with the DC-based law firm of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti.

Gerald Benjamin, another Northeast-Midwest Institute Board Member whose six-year term is ending, is dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Jerry is a respected scholar, who has focused on Federalism—a subject near and dear to my heart—and public policy development. He has been active in New York politics, having served as county legislator and chairman in Ulster County. Jerry also was appointed as a member of the New York State Equalization and Assessment Panel and the Lower Hudson Study Commission on School District Reorganization and Sharing.

THOMAS Mooney is president of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce. Tom has pulled together the business community and expanded that organization substantially. He has been a leader in numerous civic affairs, helping to coordinate public-private partnerships that have enhanced Rochester's industrial infrastructure. Tom also served as city manager of Rochester and deputy county manager of the County of Monroe. He also serves on the Genesee Hospital Board of Trustees and the Rochester Philharmonic Board of Overseers.

Mr. President, these gentlemen have served on the Institute's Board of Directors six years or more without fanfare or remuneration. They are busy men, with plenty of other responsibilities. But they have served, and served with distinction. House and Senate Coalition Members and people from across the Northeast-Midwest region owe them a debt of gratitude for a job well done. I wish them well in their new endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO LISA LINDAHL

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Vermonter, Lisa Lindahl. Ms. Lindahl is known to many as an artist, inventor and entrepreneur. She made her mark in the business world by designing the first sports bra and becoming the CEO of the company that successfully marketed the “Jogbra” until its sale in 1990 to a major corporation.

Ms. Lindahl is also known as a longtime advocate of people with epilepsy. Lisa is deeply committed to bringing to the forefront medical issues which are unique to women living with epilepsy. Her unwavering commitment toward improving the health status of such individuals serves as a testament to us all. She is a stunning example of how one person can positively affect so many.

There are now over one million American women who have epilepsy. Lisa has brought national attention to the inequities that exist in the field of

research regarding men and women with epilepsy. She launched the National Epilepsy Foundation's Women's Health Campaign and chaired the Women and Epilepsy Task Force. Today, the Women's Health Campaign is a major program for the Epilepsy Foundation in cities and states across the nation.

Lisa's efforts have played a significant role on the local level as well. She is a long-standing board member of the Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont and the Epilepsy Foundation of America, where she has served as Chair of the Public Relations Committee, the Resource Development Committee, and as Executive Vice President.

Vermont has much to be grateful for when it comes to Lisa's steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life for people living with epilepsy, not only in Vermont, but throughout the country. For that, we owe her our deepest gratitude. Thank you, Lisa.●

THE PASSING OF PAULINE ISRAELITE

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today with profound sadness to discuss the passing from this life of a remarkable and beloved woman, Pauline Israelite of Norwich, Connecticut.

On the day of Pauline's funeral at the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Norwich, some 1000 people arrived to pay their respects. Hundreds of them were required to stand throughout the service because there was not enough seating to accommodate all those in attendance. Rabbis, clergy, and other attendees all agreed that they could not recall a funeral service held in that particular house of worship that was ever attended by more individuals.

Those of us privileged to know Pauline can well understand the outpouring of affection shown for her on that day. She was an extraordinary individual in so many ways: a devoted wife, a loving mother, a successful business owner, and not least, an extraordinarily generous and energetic community servant.

For many years, Pauline owned and operated the Norwichtown Mall Bookstore. The true business of her life, however, was not running a business, but serving others. She was an active member of Beth Jacob Synagogue. She served as President of Beth Jacob Sisterhood, and as an active member of Hadassah and a Hands of Healing honoree. She was a volunteer for Hospice; a member of and volunteer for the William W. Backus Hospital Auxiliary; a volunteer for the Adult Probation Department; and an ombudsman for the Area Agency on Aging. She served as a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, and of the Norwich Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she volunteered for We Care in Delray Beach, Florida, and for the Literacy Volunteers of America.

I first met Pauline more than a quarter of a century ago. Her husband,

Stanley, had just left a successful business career to become a member of my congressional staff. At Pauline's funeral, I was introduced as someone for whom Stanley worked. I hastened to correct that mis-impression. It is I who work for Stanley, I said. And it was Stanley, I added, who worked for Pauline. Therefore, in a very real sense, I worked for Pauline.

Indeed, so many of us worked, in a manner of speaking, for Pauline. I recall numerous times over the years when Stanley and I would wrestle with a tough problem about how to best help someone in need, or how to bring about some positive result for our community or our state. On those occasions, we would invariably arrive at the same conclusion: "Ask Pauline." Countless others no doubt uttered those same words over the years. And just as invariably, Pauline knew how to help. And those of us who worked with her—or, I should say again, for her—came to rely on her sound judgment, her instincts for doing the right thing, and her understanding of how to help others—concretely, discreetly, and in a spirit of generosity and understanding.

Over the course of her rich and vibrant life, Pauline developed a deep love of books. She didn't just sell them. She read them, and read them with the same passion she brought to the other facets of her life. It is appropriate, therefore, that I close these remarks by referencing two passages that I believe capture much about Pauline, her family, and all those who mourn her unexpected passing, and who wish to celebrate the blessed achievement of her life.

The first passage comes from Seamus Heaney's "Clearances", a poem about the death of a mother that evokes how her spirit survives in those left behind:

In the last minutes he said more to her
Almost than in all their life together.
'You'll be in New Row on Monday night
And I'll come up for you and you'll be glad
When I walk in the door . . . Isn't that
right?

His head was bent down to her propped-up
head.

She could not hear but we were overjoyed.
He called her good and girl. Then she was
dead,

The searching for a pulsebeat was abandoned

And we all knew one thing by being there.
The space we stood around had been
emptied

Into us to keep, it penetrated
Clearances that suddenly stood open.
High cries were felled and a pure change
happened.

The second passage is from "Tuesdays with Morrie," a touching account of a beloved teacher's last months. It serves as a reminder that our death, like our lives, is part of a larger scheme composed by the hand of a Creator whose purposes may not always be apparent to us, especially in times of sorrow:

"I heard a nice little story the other day,"
Morrie says. He closes his eyes for a moment
and I wait.

"Okay. The story is about a little wave,
bobbing along in the ocean, having a grand

old time. He's enjoying the wind and the
fresh air—until he notices the other waves in
front of him, crashing against the shore.

"My God, this is terrible," the wave says.
'Look what's going to happen to me!'

"Then along comes another wave. It sees
the first wave, looking grim, and it says to
him, 'Why do you look so sad?'

"The first wave says, 'You don't under-
stand! We're all going to crash! All of us
waves are going to be nothing! Isn't it ter-
rible?'

"The second wave says, 'No, you don't un-
derstand. You're not a wave, you're part of
the ocean.'"

I smile. Morrie closes his eyes again.

"Part of the ocean," he says, "part of the
ocean." I watch him breathe, in and out, in
and out.

Mr. President, Pauline Israelite is survived by a large and loving family: Stanley, her husband of 53 years; her son Michael and his wife Donna; her son Jon; her daughter Abby and her husband Bill Dolliver; her daughter Mindy and her husband Bill Wilkie; several siblings; and six wonderful grandchildren. I extend to them all my deepest sympathies, and my profound gratitude for granting me and so many others the opportunity to know and love Pauline Israelite.●

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DEBORAH C. BALL

● Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge one of Georgia's outstanding citizens. On November 16, 1999, the Senate announced the appointment of Dr. Deborah C. Ball of Columbus, Georgia, to the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse. This group of 16 individuals serve as advisors to the Director of National Drug Control Policy on issues including drug prevention, education and treatment.

Not only does Dr. Ball bring to the group her knowledge as a parent of three sons, but also over 27 years experience as an educator and coach. In addition, she is very active in her community through her local church and anti-drug organizations. Dr. Ball has been nominated for, and won, numerous awards for her work as a coach in the sports of basketball, softball, tennis and cheerleading. This year, she has been nominated for the Channel One National Coach of the Year.

The youth drug problem in our nation has been an issue of major concern to me for quite some time, and it is my hope that Dr. Ball and the other members of the Parents Advisory Council will bring their insight and innovation to the task of helping to end this epidemic.

I was proud to be a supporter of the legislation which established this group, and am pleased that such an eminently qualified Georgian has been selected to serve as a member. Mr. President, I offer my congratulations to Dr. Ball for this honor, and am confident that she will continue in her role of outstanding service and leadership to the youth of Georgia, and our country.●

IN COMMEMORATION OF NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, the week of Nov. 21–28 is an important time for houses of worship and individuals of all religions across the country—National Bible Week.

As this year's National Bible Week co-chair, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the Bible and its remarkable influence on American life. As in past years, the National Bible Association is hosting the week-long salute to the Good Book. This year, the tribute happens to fall during the Thanksgiving holidays; this seems fitting, because we should be eternally thankful that we have the teachings of the Bible to help guide our daily lives.

And old maxim states that "A reformation happens every time you open the Bible." Indeed, no book over the course of human history has had a more profound effect on how we live and act. The Bible has influenced Western culture in myriad ways, shaping areas as diverse as government and art.

John Wycliffe, the great religious reformer, once wrote, "The Bible is for the government of the people, by the people, and for the people." The writings found within it inspired many of our nation's founders' most cherished ideals—ideals that remain cornerstones of democracy today. The Bible, for example, advocates faith in a greater good, the glory of freedom, the importance of family, and the sanctity of every human life. The Bible is at the heart of America's civic religion.

Far from archaic, the Bible is as important today as it has ever been, particularly as many Americans feel this country slipping into moral decline. Our best hope of righting our national ship is to instill in future generations the core values of love, truth, honor, and service enshrined in the Bible.

As an Orthodox Jew, my faith orders my life, gives me a sense of purpose and direction, and provides comfort in uncertain or difficult times. The Old Testament or Torah serves as a constant reminder of my obligations to God, country, and family.

So as Thanksgiving approaches, I encourage every believer in this land to open the Bible, read a favorite passage or two, and give thanks to God for this wonderful, sacred Book.●

A TRIBUTE TO ERIC HARNISCHFEGER

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I want to mention the efforts of Special Agent Eric Harnischfeger, who has been on detail from the U.S. Secret Service to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary for the consideration of the fiscal year 2000 bill. Eric has been a considerable asset to the subcommittee, astutely handling some of our more difficult law enforcement accounts. His management of counterterrorism programs, office of justice programs, and