

OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING TO  
CERTAIN BILLS

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to state my objection to any unanimous consent request for the Senate to proceed to or adopt H.R. 4345 and S. 1508, Alaska Native Claims Technical Amendments of 2000, H.R. 4721, acquisition of certain property in Washington County, Utah, S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, and H.R. 2932, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West, Utah, unless or until S. 2691 (to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon) is discharged, unamended, from the House of Representatives Resources Committee and passed, unamended, by the House of Representatives. I do so consistent with the commitment I have made to explain publicly any so-called "holds" that I may place on legislation.

S. 2691 is a bi-partisan bill, authored by myself and Senator SMITH of Oregon, and supported by all the members of Oregon's Congressional delegation. It passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as well as the entire Senate, unanimously. This legislation protects the current and future drinking water source for the City of Portland, home to one in four Oregonians.

Despite its broad support, and my personal appeal to the Resources Committee, that Committee has failed to act on it. Oregonians expect their elected representatives will act responsibly to protect Portland's drinking water source. As a result, I cannot agree to H.R. 4345 and S. 1508, H.R. 4721, S. 2749 and H.R. 2932 until S. 2691 clears the House of Representatives unamended.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ANN TRUEBLOOD  
KRIESEL

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, recently the Burlington Free Press had an article about Ann Kriesel of Burlington, VT and praised her as the volunteer of the week.

The Leahy family has known Ann Trueblood Kriesel almost from the time she came to Burlington. She is an extraordinary person, loved and respected by all who know her. She and her husband, Peter, are dear friends of Marcelle's and mine, and she has made her mark on our community in a way that would bring great pride and credit to anyone.

As an exemplary teacher, as a mother and grandmother, her intelligence, quiet wit and grace has helped Vermonters of all ages.

It is with pride that I ask the article about her be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, so that all Senators might know this exemplary woman and how much she and Peter mean to all of us.

The article follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press, Oct. 18, 2000]

FORMER TEACHER ENJOYS NEW ROLE AS A  
VOLUNTEER

(By Beth Gillespie)

Anne Kriesel is one of those special people who go out of their way to enrich other people's lives.

The volunteer at The Converse Home in Burlington browses through local libraries for short stories, essays and articles that the home's residents would enjoy and reads the selections once a week. She also calls out for bingo games and facilitates group crossword puzzles.

A hostess during their social hours, Kriesel visits with people and serves refreshments, and during outings she helps those who use walkers get on and off the bus, carries articles for them and keeps track of everyone.

Kriesel introduces herself to new residents and helps them feel comfortable. She worked one-on-one with one woman until her death, visiting with her and playing canasta, Kings in the Corner, rummy and other games.

"Anne is generous, genuine and dependable," says Patti Meyer, activity/volunteer director for Converse. "Her bright personality and positive 'can-do' attitude are priceless—she enthusiastically embraces her responsibilities and gladly does whatever she can to help out. Anne has become part of our family as she helps to make Converse a true home. The time she shares with us is very precious and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts."

Kriesel also substitutes for Meals on Wheels and is involved with the Joint Urban Ministries Program through her church, College Street Congregational. She greets clients who come to the Urban Ministries Program for counseling, helps them fill out forms and visits with them until they can see a counselor.

A retired teacher, Kriesel spent 22 of her 27 years in education at Colchester Middle School, and now works part-time for the University of Vermont Department of Education as a supervisor of student teachers. She lives in Burlington with her husband, Peter, and the couple has two adult sons and one granddaughter. She enjoys walking, gardening, cooking, reading and writing.

"I loved my 27 years of full-time public school teaching," Kriesel says. "It's fun for me now to branch out, try some new things and work with people at the opposite end of the age spectrum. I find that they have such rich lives and wonderful stories to tell."●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
JOHN EDWARD PORTER

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Congressman JOHN EDWARD PORTER who, after two decades of service in the House of Representatives, will retire at the end of this session.

Since 1994, when JOHN PORTER became Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and I took over as Chairman of the Senate Labor, HHS and Education Subcommittee, we have spent untold hours working together on what is arguably one of the most important pieces of legislation to be voted on by Congress each year.

During his tenure, JOHN PORTER has earned a reputation as a champion of

education, family planning, and disease prevention and control programs. But he is perhaps most recognized as a passionate and tireless advocate for the National Institutes of Health. Anyone who has spent time with him undoubtedly knows that he considers medical research to be one of our Nation's highest priorities. He makes no secret of his commitment, calling medical research "our greatest hope for effectively treating, curing and eventually preventing disease and thereby saving our country billions of dollars in annual health care costs."

I share JOHN's passion for the NIH. I have said many times that it is the crown jewel of the Federal government. Over the past six years, he and I, working alongside my distinguished colleague TOM HARKIN, have increased funding for biomedical research by \$9.4 billion. In 1998, we made a commitment to double federal funding for the NIH over five years. And with this year's increase of \$2.7 billion, we are on track to reach that goal by 2003. Even though JOHN will no longer be in the Congress, I know that he will continue to help us fulfill that promise.

JOHN's commitment to medical research has earned him high praise from numerous scientific, medical and research organizations. Among the many honors bestowed on him, the American Medical Association recently honored him with the Nathan Davis Award as "Outstanding U.S. Representative." The American Federation of Clinical Research honored him with its "Distinguished Friend of Medical Research," Public Service Award.

JOHN's interests reach beyond medical research. He is the co-founder of the Congressional Coalition on Population and Development, an organization that advocates and defends international and domestic voluntary family planning programs. He is also a dedicated supporter of the arts and humanities, and since 1999 has served on the Board of Directors of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

JOHN has an impressive education background: He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University. Following service in the U.S. Army, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He served three terms in the Illinois House of Representatives before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition to his public service, JOHN was an attorney private practice in Evanston, Illinois.

Today, I want to pay a special tribute to JOHN by recommending that the neuroscience building on the campus of the National Institutes of Health be named the JOHN Edward Porter National Neuroscience Center. This building will be a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted so much towards finding ways to prevent disease and improve the quality of life of all Americans.

To JOHN PORTER, I say, you have carried out your responsibilities with skill