

years. I will not forget McCall White, a retired steelworker, a proud veteran, who worked at Sparrow's point for nearly 40 years. It is for them and hundreds of thousands in similar situations that I will fight. I will fight to make sure legacy costs are addressed in a very serious way.

HOW WOULD THE ROCKEFELLER BILL HELP STEELWORKERS AND RETIREES?

This bill would help protect the U.S. steel industry and would provide health care and life insurance to steel retirees of those companies directly affected by unfair trade practices.

This bill helps companies consolidate by addressing the liability costs that have served as barrier to the restructuring that many argue that is needed by this industry in order to be able to compete. At my hearing on the steel industry, I heard how restructuring would help to maintain a competitive U.S. steel industry, which is in the national interest and would preserve American jobs today and tomorrow good paying, American jobs.

This bill would mean that promises made are promises kept. Steel retirees, their families and dependents would have the retirement security earned through decades of hard work and sacrifice. This bill would establish a health benefits program for retirees modeled on the most popular health care for Federal employees the Blue Cross/Blue Shield standard plan. This is not the Cadillac, gold-plated health plan that some claim these retirees have. These are the benefits that our steel workers worked hard for. Under this bill, any steelworker with at least 15 years of work in our nation's steel mills would have a basic health benefit package that they can count on. This bill would also provide a very modest death benefit of \$5,000 to the widows of steel retirees.

WHO WOULD THIS BILL HELP?

Now, there are now about 142,000 active steelworkers, but there are about 600,000 retirees counting on these benefits. By helping those with more than 15 years of hard work in our mills, this bill would help many of our Nation's active and retired steelworkers. In my own State of Maryland, 3,700 people work at the Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point facility, but there are 23,000 retired steelworkers, widows and dependents. These workers and retirees deserve a basic health benefit package that they can rely on.

I agree with President Bush when he said, "Steel is an important job issue. It is also an important national security issue." We need to see the President join us on this issue in fighting for American jobs and for national security. A sound domestic steel industry is critical as we fight the war on terrorism. Steel builds our tanks, our planes and our ships. Bethlehem Steel produced the armor to repair the USS Cole.

The policy of our government is to support producers when it is in the national interest. National interest

means national responsibility. Congress voted for nearly \$80 billion in farm support over the next 10 years. It is important to support farmers to make sure we have the producers to be food-independent. I voted for the bill that is now in conference, and I am happy to stand up for American farmers. Congress gave the airlines \$15 billion after September 11 because of a national emergency. It was the right thing to do.

Now, we need to stand up for steel. We need to have producers here in America to be steel-independent and be ready for national emergencies. Make no mistake: This is a national emergency for steel. Standing up for steel is in the national interest just like farmers, just like airlines.

There is much to do to ensure that there is a viable U.S. steel industry. We need to make sure that the Section 201 tariffs are being implemented properly. Steel legacy costs are also a vital, necessary, crucial part of ensuring a viable U.S. steel industry. This is part of the comprehensive solution. We can not afford half-measures, not with a critical industry at the brink of collapse, not with the retirement security of hundreds of thousands at risk.

I urge my colleagues to join us to protect American steel.●

IN MEMORY OF CLAIRE T. SHADIE

● Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I seek recognition today to acknowledge the service of the late Claire T. Shadie of West Nanticoke, PA, a very special woman whose untimely death on October 10, 2001, left a great void in the lives of her family and the many whom she touched.

Claire Shadie was Founder and Chairman of the Board of "Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere," or SAFE, Inc., which is a non-profit group of parents of autistic children that works to help people with autism live full and independent lives. From April 24 through April 26, 2002, the annual SAFE, Inc., conference on autism will bring together international experts on autism and families affected by the malady, and the meeting will be dedicated to the memory of Claire Shadie.

Claire was known throughout her community as the "Angel of Autism," and she dedicated her life to helping find effective ways to aid individuals with the condition, including her son Alexander. She worked diligently throughout the years, counseling families and organizations throughout the United States. In addition to SAFE, Inc., she helped establish the Coalition on Autism, whose goal is to bring together related agencies and support groups to help ease the bureaucracy and improve the quality of service in Northeast Pennsylvania. Through SAFE, Inc., she worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Wyoming County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and other agencies to create New Hope

Farm, a facility that will provide its learning-disabled residents with daily opportunities for social interaction, skill acquisition, and integration into the greater community.

For her leadership and work on behalf of autism, I would like to extend the gratitude and recognition of the United States Senate to Claire Shadie, "Angel of Autism."●

AN ESSAY BY BERNARD RAPOPORT ON ENRONICS

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to share with my colleagues an excellent essay by a long-time friend of this Senator, Bernard Rapoport. The essay points out that using any means to make money as those at Enron did, or evading taxes as too many American corporations do today by creating offshore schemes, are unpatriotic acts, which should outrage the American people.

As the message comes from someone who has distinguished himself as a business leader and whose generosity has made our society a little more just and equal, it is a message I hope all American business executives not only hear, but heed.

The essay follows:

"ENRONICS"—(LACK OF PATRIOTISM)

My father was a Russian Jewish revolutionist, (the Agrarian Revolution of 1905). He was a Marxist which advocated the philosophy that the "ends justified the means." It is, perhaps, an understandable point of view of someone subjected to the despotic czarist rulers of the Russia in the time in which he was raised. A few years after he escaped from Siberia, to which he was exiled for life for participation in the revolution, he came to America still convinced about ends and means from the Marxian view. I, too, was raised with that philosophy. Fortunately, and I think at the same time as he, I was influenced by Emerson's wonderful admonition that "character is that which can do without success," and it brought both of us to a new understanding. Yes, how one achieves is more important than if one achieves.

It's the "means" that in fact does determine the "ends." In my eight and a half decades of living I've had three poignant examples of unrestrained American patriotism. Of course, there have been many others, but what follows are the three that are most firmly imprinted in my memory.

The first was America's reaction to Pearl Harbor. Second, during World War II, on that day that General Dwight Eisenhower told us by radio that D-Day had begun and that there would be a large loss of lives, and, third, 9/11! The most essential ingredient in patriotism is love of country, which requires a commitment that we conduct ourselves in such a manner as to consistently do those things to make our country better.

The tragedy of "Enronics" is that these high-falutin' capitalists lowered themselves to a Marxian philosophy. Yes, their end was making money. Any means legal or otherwise, was justified because of their "ends!"

My reason for this essay is that I'm not angry—"I'm mad!" My father's daily plea was to me was to "have a sense of outrage at injustice." "Enronics." Gives just cause to understand outrage because it is unrestrained unpatriotism.

Here's another example of what I perceive to be unpatriotism. In the New York Times