

If the federal government weren't already carrying out a certain program, would it be created today?

Can we pay for whatever we decide the government ought to do?

Do states have sufficient resources and capability to resume the full role under the Constitution?

What should be the balance between the private sector and the public sector?

If we undertake this effort, I think we will be getting at the core of what bothers American about government and its performance. And we would be undertaking a comprehensive, objective review of the federal government that is clearly long overdue. We might not only get better government, but also government that is more broadly supported by the American people.

FEARLESS JACK'S WAR ON "NON-CRIMES"

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OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, the following Mike Royko column appeared in the Indianapolis News on June 8, 1995.

Apparently we should still seek the distinction between headlines and substance.

[From the Indianapolis News, June 8, 1995]

FEARLESS JACK'S WAR ON "NON-CRIMES"

(By Mike Royko)

If any criminal mastermind in Chicago has been planning a big-time caper, this might be an excellent time to get it going.

I've never given advice to a criminal before, but why shouldn't a newspaper try to be of service to all of its readers?

There is good reason to believe that the time is right. It can be found in a list of cops, prosecutors and investigators who are said to be working on the case of U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-Ill.

This list was provided to defense lawyers, as the law requires, by the office of Cook County State's Attorney Jack "Fearless Jack" O'Malley.

It is an impressive list. It appears to be almost as long as a college football roster.

On it are 10 Chicago police detectives and their supervisors.

There are 24 detectives from the state's attorney's investigative office.

And 10 assistant state's attorneys are listed as helping the two lead prosecutors assigned to the case.

We shouldn't forget the O'Malley publicity specialists, who show up in court for every Reynolds hearing and whisper advice to TV reporters on how to best extract a thrilling sound bite from that day's proceedings.

All of this manpower is devoted to proving beyond a reasonable doubt that U.S. Rep. Reynolds did indeed have a go at a woman, now 19, who says that she willingly hopped in the sack with him when she was 16.

The woman since has recanted her charge, but that hasn't discouraged Fearless Jack O'Malley. He's determined to prove that Reynolds did the dirty deed and persuaded the woman to change her story.

And that's why this army of investigators and prosecutors is scrambling for any information that could be used to nail Reynolds—or at least generate TV footage that makes him appear to be the most dangerous fiend since Vlad the Impaler, which he very well might be.

Only last week, O'Malley's office trotted out Reynolds' disgruntled former secretary,

who screamed at the TV cameras that Reynolds beat his wife.

The wife since has indignantly denied being beaten and says the ex-secretary is a nasty, politically motivated liar. But what does a mere wife know about such matters?

Of course, this is a noble pursuit of justice. I can't think of anything that could make the streets of Chicago and its suburbs safer than a successful proof that Reynolds frolicked with a consenting young bimbo. We finally could return to the good old days, when we didn't have to lock our doors at night.

It is comforting to know that investigators are out there knocking on doors and asking every female to whom Reynolds ever has said "howdy-do" if he ever leered, pinched, oggled, drolled or breathed heavily in her presence.

And Fearless Jack is to be commended for his devotion to duty. Not only commended, but touted for higher office, which is the highest praise a Republican prosecutor can get for skinning a Democratic congressman.

But it is obvious that if you have limited manpower and payroll and you assign a dozen fulltime prosecutors, two dozen investigators, your publicity experts and political sex scandal—as earth-shaking as it might be—they can't find time to be gathering clues in Chicago's many cases of murder and mayhem.

Not that I believe for one minute that murder and mayhem and heavy dope dealing are as terrible a threat to the delicate fabric of our society as Reynolds allegedly having a tryst with a consenting tart who now says she doesn't give a hoot.

But as humdrum as murder, mayhem and other crimes can be, they still have to be dealt with. Even if the killers, maulers and dope profiteers beat the raps, as many of them seem to do, O'Malley still has to go through the motions. We can't have judges sitting around in empty courtrooms telling each other doctor jokes.

And who knows, some of the accused killers, maulers, dope profiteers and other lesser-known felons might have even more serious skeletons rattling around in their closets.

It's very possible that when you investigate a gangbanger for blowing away a rival, you also might discover that the nasty fellow has been doing you-know-what with a 16-year-old gun moll.

Ah, then you are really on to something. So the Reynolds case might only be the beginning of something really big.

Today Reynolds.

Tomorrow jaywalkers.

Go get them, Fearless Jack.

MEMORIAL DAY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House to speeches written by some young students at Alpine Elementary School in my district. Jessica Herold, Kimberly Shoemaker, Tasha Voeltzel, and Travis McGrath have written what Memorial Day means to them and their words are something we can all be proud of. I ask that their speeches be submitted into the RECORD.

(By Jessica Herold and Kimberly Shoemaker)

Good morning Congressman Hunter, Mr. Miller, Teachers, Guests, and students.

We were asked to write about our flag or Memorial Day. We found it difficult to separate the two because both of these represent our nation and its beliefs.

We are a country because we wanted our rights and freedom. Many wars have been fought to keep us a free nation.

Students in the past have said the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, today we continue to say the pledge. When we make this pledge, we are saying we believe in our country.

On Memorial Day, we salute the men and women who have fought for our freedom. It is our hope that each time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you remember its meaning and that you take the time to think about the men and women that have fought to keep us one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WHY MEMORIAL DAY IS IMPORTANT

(By Tasha Voeltzel)

Good morning Congressman Duncan Hunter, Mr. Miller, staff, and students.

I think Memorial Day is important because it is a day that we need to salute to the people who have died, trying to save our country so we could be free. My dad fought in the Vietnam War while he was in a wheelchair, even though he didn't get hurt, I still salute him being that brave, and having the courage to fight for our country. I will always remember Memorial Day and look back to the wars and giving everyone who is dead or alive, the salute for freedom.

MEMORIAL DAY; A DAY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE TO KEEP AMERICA FREE

(By Travis McGrath)

To us kids, Memorial Day weekend has come to mean several things. Sure it's a three day weekend. One more day added to the weekend that gives us the extra freedom to go on a picnic, to visit a special friend or relative, to go to the beach, the river, or the mountains. Freedom to relax, freedom to play.

Many Americans take to the road on Memorial Day. They sometimes drive hundreds of miles to visit a theme park, a national monument, another country or special place. Memorial Day has also come to signify the time of a special once a year event, like the Indianapolis 500.

For whatever reason Memorial Day may be significant to us all, let us not forget the real reason that this day is celebrated. Memorial Day is the day we honor and remember the men and women of the armed forces who have given their lives in the defense of liberty and freedom, home and abroad. From the battlefields of Bull Run to the sands of Iraq and Kuwait, brave Americans have fought for this Monday in May and all the days of the week to keep us safe and America free. So today, let us not forget that the freedoms we enjoy on this holiday and all year long have been paid for by Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,
SEBEWAING VFW POST 4115

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there are debts that our country owes, and chief among them is the debt owed to our veterans. If it were not for the sacrifice made by many in the name of freedom and democracy, we would not be able to stand here and enjoy the wonders provided by our great Nation. I want to call special attention to the fact that Saturday, June

10, the Sebewaing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4115 celebrated its 50th anniversary as a chartered Post.

There is a proud tradition of military service among the residents of Sebewaing and Huron County. They have always responded to Uncle Sam's call, demonstrating time and time again how great the people of this community are. This Post which currently has 97 members who meet the requirement of military service on foreign soil or in hostile waters in a campaign for which the United States Government has authorized a medal. They proudly continue to serve their community with several annual activities, including teen dances, participation in the annual sugar festival, participation in a scholarship program, the poppy sale in support of the Veterans' Hospital, and its ceremonial drill team.

As many of our colleagues know, the Veterans of Foreign Wars works to promote the welfare of veterans, patriotic activities, and to positively influence veterans' legislation. The strength of any organization depends upon the commitment of its members, and it has been by experience that VFW members, including those of Post 4115, are among the most committed and concerned people I have ever met. They know duty and obligation. They know loyalty. They fought for it. They demonstrated it. They deserve it. That is why I have said before and I will say again that veterans' programs are the wrong place to cut when we assess our Nation's spending priorities. One of the greatest threats to our way of life would be the creation of the impression that our Nation is not serious about taking care of the veterans who have taken care of our Nation.

Among the real sadnesses experienced by Post 4115 has been the loss of some of its members who have passed on to their eternal rewards. The memories that have been shared, the dependency on one another that has been exhibited in the height of battle will live on forever. I am sure that everyone of these veterans appreciated the valor of the current members of our Armed Forces who joined together in the best of traditions to effect the rescue of Capt. Scott O'Grady who had been shot down in Bosnia, and likened it to the demonstrations of courage they personally witnessed in their own participation in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the other conflicts to which our forces have been called. The loss of a friend is one of life's hardest demands, and the call to service is one of its most precious demands. Our veterans have the proud heritage of responding to both with honor and conviction.

As we remember our many veterans in this 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, I invite all of our colleagues to join me in this special thanks and tribute to the members of Sebewaing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4115. We owe you much.

FLAG DAY

HON. JAY KIM

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Flag Day and to express my strong support for the immediate passage of House Joint Resolution 79, a constitutional amend-

ment to protect this Nation's most valuable symbol—the American flag.

As a legal immigrant, I came to the United States in the hope of finding freedom, equal opportunity, religious tolerance and good will—all of which are symbolized by the American flag. It represents our place in the world, wherever Americans are around the globe. There is no other American icon more revered as the flag and it should be protected as such.

For more than 200 years, the American flag has been used to express all that is good and just about our Nation. Many have sacrificed their lives protecting Old Glory. It was unfortunate, therefore, that the Supreme Court ruled to reduce this great symbol to nothing more than a piece of cloth with could be desecrated at any time. We must do something to save our Nation's symbol of hope, which shines as a beacon to those around the world that this is the land of opportunity and freedom. Over two-thirds of our States have risen in support of our flag and this Congress must do the same.

In that regard, I call on all of my colleagues—Democrat or Republican—to join together in support of our Nation's symbol of truth. I look forward to passing House Joint Resolution 79 on June 28 to immediately place our Nation's symbol of truth out of reach from unnecessary desecration.

TRIBUTE TO WLEN RADIO ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NICK SMITH

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, this month, WLEN Radio in Adrian, MI celebrated their 30th anniversary.

I would like to pay tribute to the people of WLEN and their fine service to Lenawee County.

Lead by President Julie Koehn, WLEN, called the voice of Lenawee County, boasts the talents of Bob Butler who, with 32 continuous years on the air, is the county's veteran broadcaster. Additionally, WLEN's stable of stars includes: Angel Millet and Doug Spade.

WLEN's award-winning news department is headed by Mike Clement.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 30 years, the people of Lenawee County have been well served by the able people and programming at WLEN.

As a Lenawee County farmer, I look forward to another 30 years of excellent community service by WLEN.

Good communications are critical to maintain a vibrant democratic society. Congratulations, WLEN, on your 30th anniversary.

SAFETY AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM ACT

HON. CASS BALLENGER

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with over 60 of my colleagues, am intro-

ducing the Safety and Health Improvement and Regulatory Reform Act of 1995. The legislation will comprehensively change the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act. Few Federal programs are in need of change as much as this one.

Ensuring and promoting the basic safety and health protections for workers in this country is a moral as well as an economic imperative. Safe and healthful working conditions for our Nation's workers is not and should not be a partisan matter, nor is it exclusively the interest or responsibility of any one group or special interest. Society, through government, employers, and employees themselves, have responsibilities in helping to make sure that life and limb are not the price for being employed.

Mr. Speaker, I am an employer and a businessman myself. I know that for most employers, the phrase "our employees are our most valuable resource" is not mere rhetoric, but the way in which we view our businesses. For too long, the Federal Government, particularly in programs like OSHA, has viewed employers as adversaries, to be policed and watched over with all kinds of rules and penalties if those rules should be broken in any detail. I know that there are people in business who try to take shortcuts, and there are some who are just plain crooks. There needs to be enforcement. But heavy enforcement should be the last resort, not the first resort.

To be committed to worker safety and health does not mean to be committed to the way in which OSHA has been operating. President Clinton recently stated it quite well:

*** frankly sometimes the rules have simply become too complex, too specific for even the most diligent employer to follow, and that if the government awards inspections for writing citations and levying fines more than ensuring safety, there's a chance you could get more citations, more fines, more hassle, and no more safety.

That is the problem we are trying to address with this legislation: Too often OSHA has had too little to do with promoting basic safety and health for workers, and too much to do with promoting Government rules.

In my view nothing illustrates how OSHA has gone off on the wrong track more clearly than the fact that today few if any employers would ever call OSHA and ask for assistance or advice on workplace safety or health. That is not because employers don't want assistance, or are not aware of the importance and cost savings from avoiding workplace accidents and injuries. It is because OSHA's mission has become misdirected into a simply finding violations of regulations and issuing penalties.

We believe that a more fair and more effective workplace safety and health program would rely primarily on nonenforcement efforts, with enforcement reserved for those situations and employers where the circumstances show that enforcement is necessary and justified. Our bill reserves, after a 3-year phase-in period, one-half of OSHA's funds for nonenforcement efforts. Those funds would be used:

To expand the State consultation grants program which provides on-site assistance to small businesses in high hazard industries. In many States, the shortage of resources has meant waiting periods of up to 2 years for employers who seek these services.