

government backing, and are not enforceable.

The U.S. negotiators announced an estimate of expected increases in sales of auto parts under the agreement. Incredibly, the Japanese negotiator then specifically disavowed the United States estimate. He said the United States estimate was shared "neither by the minister himself nor by the government of Japan."

Mr. President, it makes one wonder, who were we negotiating with? One report this morning states that some Japanese officials "expressed amazement that the U.S. accepted the final deal."

Is this the "specific, measurable, concrete" deal the President promised?

If the estimated increases in parts purchases fail to occur, there are no consequences. If the number of dealerships does not increase, Japan faces no penalties. If the United States estimates in any of these categories do not materialize—well, the Japanese never acknowledged those United States estimates in the first place. And a joint United States-Japan statement adds the ultimate qualifier: Both sides agreed to recognize that "changes in market conditions may affect the fulfillment of these plans."

Mr. President, the bottom line is that this agreement does very little, if anything, to address the continuing problem of market access in Japan. After this agreement is in place, Japan will remain the most closed major industrial economy in the world. Japan will remain a sanctuary economy with the lowest level among all industrial nations of import penetration across numerous industry sectors.

This agreement does nothing to address the continuing problem of Japanese cartel-like behavior in their home market. It does nothing to address the restrictive business practices that effectively block United States companies from penetrating the Japanese market. And it does nothing to encourage, not to mention require, the Japanese Government to take any action against those practices.

Mr. President, we went to the brink of a trade war with one of our most important trading partners and would up with vague promises that cannot be enforced. I hope this is not a model for future efforts to get tough against closed foreign markets.

HEARINGS REVEAL CLINTON DRUG STRATEGY FAILING

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, Congressman BILL ZELIFF has just held 2 days of outstanding hearings on the President's national drug control strategy. I think those hearings were very important, and the American people ought to know what Congressman ZELIFF and his National Security Subcommittee discovered.

You may remember that it was BILL ZELIFF who invited Nancy Reagan and a number of other drug experts from

around the country to testify in March of this year, and who held an all-day hearing in April with Dr. Lee Brown, the White House drug czar.

Mrs. Reagan testified that we have to get back on track, and she was right. The fact is that drug use fell each year of the Reagan administration, and up until 1992, it continued to fall. For example, monthly cocaine use dropped from 2.9 million users in 1988 to 1.3 million in 1992. Overall drug use dropped from 22.3 million users in 1985 to 11.4 million users in 1992.

Drug use has gone up with 17 and 18 year olds, 15 and 16 year olds, 13 and 14 year olds. Now we are spending less on drug interdiction programs in this administration.

But, as Congressman Zeliff's hearings highlighted, drug use since 1993 has been steadily rising. A 1994 survey of 51,000 kids showed use of LSD, non-LSD hallucinogens, stimulants, and marijuana all up. Cocaine street prices continue to fall, while cocaine emergency room admissions are at historically high levels. In 1994, twice the number of 8th graders were experimenting with marijuana than in 1991, and daily use by seniors was up 50 percent between December 1993 and December 1994.

During his hearings, Congressman Zeliff also turned up these disturbing facts:

First, the head of DEA, Administrator Constantine, admitted that exploding drug use in this country and international drug cartels should be seen as our No. 1 national security threat. Administrator Constantine also admitted that rising casual drug use among U.S. kids is a timebomb waiting to explode.

Second, the President's interdiction coordinator, Admiral Kramek, admitted that his office, which is supposed to coordinate the whole Nation's drug interdiction effort, has just six full-time employees—and that the administration's interdiction effort has been cut for 3 straight years.

Third, officials at the DEA, the President's interdiction coordinator, and the head of U.S. Customs all suggest that President Clinton's drug strategy is not fulfilling stated expectations.

Fourth, the General Accounting Office has released a report confirming that the administration's anti-drug strategy in the source countries is badly managed, poorly coordinated among agencies, and holds low priority in key embassies, including the U.S. Embassy in Mexico—despite the fact that 70 percent of the cocaine coming into the United States comes over the border with Mexico.

Mr. President, I want to commend Chairman Zeliff for convening these important hearings. The hearings are a wake-up call to all of us in Congress that we must regain the offensive and renew our commitment to the war on drugs.

AMERICA'S 219TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, next Tuesday, in homes, neighborhoods, and communities across the country, Americans will celebrate Independence Day.

And since the Senate will not be in session on America's birthday, I wanted to take a minute today to share some very meaningful words with my colleagues.

The words are not mine. Rather, they were first written in 1955, as a public relations advertisement for what is now the Norfolk Southern Corp. The words have been updated slightly since that time, and they eloquently encompass what America is all about.

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the Nation . . .

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea, and in the steaming jungles of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat fields of Kansas, and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the west, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific . . . my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii. Three million square miles throbbing with industry. I am millions of farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages—and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 110,000 schools and colleges, and 330,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein, and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers, and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Jonas Salk, and Martin Luther King.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

Yes, I am the Nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and, God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom, and a beacon of hope to the world.

Mr. President, I know all Senators join with me in wishing America a happy 219th birthday.