

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.
Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. ORTIZ.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. JACOBS.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. HINCHEY.
Mr. MATSUI.
Mr. BENTSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROHRBACHER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.
Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. ENSIGN.
Mr. GUNDERSON.
Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.
Mr. ALLARD.
Mr. SCARBOROUGH, in three instances.
Mr. SHAW.
Mr. BILIRAKIS.
Mr. HASTERT.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 419. An act for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc, and

H.R. 701. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the city of Rolls, Missouri.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. NORWOOD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MCINTOSH, in two instances.
Mr. TATE.
Mr. BLUTE.
Mr. MCDERMOTT.
Mr. FARR in California.
Mr. PASTOR.
Mr. TORRES.
Mr. MURTHA.
Mrs. CLAYTON.
Mr. HOKE.
Mr. VENTO.
Mr. FIELDS of Texas.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. KOLBE.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

OMISSION FROM THE RECORD

The following was inadvertently omitted from the RECORD of Thursday, July 11, 1996, at Page H7447.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. WATERS].

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the so-called Defense of Marriage Act.

As I listen to the dire predictions, the "sky is falling" rhetoric and hateful pronouncements, I am reminded of one of the greatest declarations in our Nation's history: We have nothing to fear but fear itself. We have nothing to fear, Mr. Chairman. Same-sex marriage is legal in no jurisdiction in the United States. We have nothing to fear.

The Hawaii case, *Bare versus Lewin* decided 3 years ago and making its way through the appeals process, will not be finally resolved for some time. There is no crisis. We have nothing to fear. Eleven States have already invoked their unquestioned power and enacted laws, objected to same-sex marriage. There is no need for new laws. We really have nothing to fear.

Loving, long-term relationships between men and women or between same-sex couples do not threaten our children, our families or our communities. On the contrary, stable relationships enhance society's ability to raise healthy, engaged, and productive citizens. There is no problem. We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Many Members of this Chamber are simply afraid to face the changes that are taking place in our society. We cannot run away from change, Mr. Chairman. We cannot embrace fear and scare tactics as society advances and evolves. We have a responsibility to represent all Americans, as Members of the House of Representatives. Let us not be guided by prejudice, ignorance, and fear. Let us not use a segment of our population to employ a political strategy for this election year. Let us act with compassion, strengthen vision.

We have nothing to fear but fear, Mr. Chairman. Oppose this bill.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, to close for our side, I yield my remaining time to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS], my friend and colleague.

(Mr. STUDDS. asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, somebody may wonder why I or my colleague from Massachusetts [Mr. FRANK] have not taken greater personal umbrage at some of the remarks here. I was thinking a moment ago that there might even be grounds to request that someone's words be taken down because my relationship, that of the gentleman from Massachusetts and, I suspect, others in the House, was referred to, among other things, I believe, as perverse. Surely if we had used those terms in talking about anyone else around here, we would have been sat down in one heck of a hurry.

I am not taking this personally, because I happen to be able, I hope, to put this in some context. I would ask those, anyone listening to this debate this hour of the morning, to listen carefully to the quality and the tone of the words over here and the quality of the tone of the words over here. I would also ask people to wonder how in

God's name could a question like this be divided along partisan lines. There is nothing inherently partisan that I know of about sexual orientation. I do not believe that there is some kind of a misdivision of this question between the aisles, and yet there is a strange imbalance here in the debate and the tone and quality of the debate.

I want to salute some of the folks who have spoken over here, the distinguished gentleman from Georgia. We have talked about this before. I marched, although he did not know it at the time, with him in 1963 in the city with Dr. King. I was about as far from Dr. King as I am from the gentleman from Georgia when he delivered that extraordinary speech.

Two years later I marched, although the gentleman did not know it, behind him from Selma to Montgomery. A few years after that, when it was the first march for gay and lesbian rights in Washington in 1979, I was a Member of Congress too damn frightened to march for my own civil rights. Actually, I changed my jogging path so that I could come within view of the march. I thought that was very brave of me at the time.

But what I know is, because I had heard people like the gentleman from Georgia and because I am of the generation, and there were many, who were inspired by Dr. King is that this is, as someone has said, the last unfinished chapter in the history of civil rights in this country, and I know how it is going to come out. I do not know if I am going to live to see the ending, but I know what the ending is going to be. There is, as the gentleman said before me change, there has always been change.

As I observed earlier, the men who wrote the Constitution, to which we all swear our oath here, many of them owned slaves. Slavery was referred to specifically in the Constitution. People of color were property when this country was founded.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4118. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Management Official Interlocks Docket Number R-0907—received July 11, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4119. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting notice of final priority for school-to-work