PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 1995—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–198)

SPEECH OF

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, today we will vote on whether to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act which this body passed on November 1, 1995. The House voted overwhelmingly to ban this procedure, however, despite these earlier votes, this procedure is still being carried out today.

After many months of testimony and debate on this issue, and after seeing and hearing the grizzly details of this procedure, Congress voted to end its practice.

Dishearteningly, the cries of the children and those of their parents were ignored by the President when he vetoed this bill. Since the time of that veto, I have received over 2,000 letters and postcards from my constituents. All of these letters expressed the shock and sorrow they felt that the partial-birth abortion procedure was not brought to an end. These letters asked, pleaded, begged, and prayed that this Congress, that this House—the people's House—vote once again on this issue. They asked us, their representatives in Government, to vote again and override the President's veto. They asked us to ban partial-birth abortions.

I had hoped that we would not have had to vote on this again. I had hoped that the President would have joined this Congress to ban the cruel procedure that my colleagues here have so clearly described. Unfortunately, the President did not join with this Congress, nor did he join with the people of this great country in banning this procedure—he vetoed this bill. So, it is with a purposeful will and a compassionate heart that I ask my House colleagues to vote yes on this vote and override the President's veto and ban this callous act of partial-birth abortions.

SITUATION IN CYPRUS

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, the recent shootings of two young Cypriots and a Turkish Cypriot soldier highlight the need to demilitarize Cyprus as a first step toward achieving a just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem. Last fall, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for demilitarization, and its was subsequently approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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Unfortunately, demilitarization will not occur unless Turkey demonstrates the political will to compromise. In order for that to happen, the United States and its European allies must make a concerted effort to convince Turkey that an end to the division of Cyprus is in everyone's security interest.

I urge all Members to consider the following letter to the editor submitted by Andrew J. Jacovides, the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus and respected colleague. Mr. Jacovides makes a compelling case in support of a strong effort toward Cyprus reunification and the protection of human rights on the island. It appeared in the Washington Post on September 9, 1996.

[From the Washington Post, Sept. 9, 1996]

CYPRUS: THE PROBLEM IS SOLVABLE

(By Andrew J. Jacovides)

The editorial ''Cyprus: Try Everything'' [Aug. 26], though well intended and timely, particularly in the wake of the recent brutal murders of two unarmed young Greek Cypriots who were peacefully demonstrating their justifiable feelings against Turkish occupation, miscasts some of the main relevant issues.

The recent events demonstrate that the status quo of occupation and forcible division is unacceptable and is indeed a source of tension and instability as well as the cause of grave injustice and much human suffering. In fact, there is much more in common that can unite Greek and Turkish Cypriots than the differences that at present divide them (though, of course, this does not hold true for the Anatolian settlers or the ''Grey Wolves'' imported from Turkey).

The Cyprus problem is solvable, and the basis for its solution lies within the parameters defined by U.N. resolutions, voted for also by the United States. In addition to the prospect of Cyprus's accession to the European Union highlighted in The Post's editorial, the demilitarization of Cyprus is a key element. In a resolution overwhelmingly adopted by the House of Representatives last September, Congress ''considers that ultimate, total demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus would meet the security concerns of all parties involved, would enhance prospects for a peaceful and lasting resolution of the dispute regarding Cyprus, would benefit all of the people of Cyprus, and merits international support.''

There has been no lack of prominent diplomats engaged in the search for a Cyprus settlement, including Richard Holbrooke, Richard Beattie and, most recently, U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright. We certainly welcome such engagement. What is lacking, however, is the political will and the flexibility necessary to make a breakthrough toward a compromise solution on the part of Ankara, which has long held the key to such a solution through its military, economic and political dominance of the occupied northern part of Cyprus since 1974. Regrettably, the current regime in Turkey does not hold much promise that this will happen soon, unless there is a concerted international effort directed toward Ankara.

A just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem is to the benefit of all parties concerned and is in fact crucial to improved relations between Greece and Turkey. For the United States, which has excellent relations with Cyprus as highlighted during the recent visit of President Glafcos Clerides to Washington, such a solution enjoys bipartisan support and is in the national interest. It can be achieved with active U.S. engagement and will be a foreign policy success for the United States and indeed for any administration.

The issue is not to just ''try everything'' but to take all appropriate and effective steps to end the division of the island and safeguard the security and human rights of all its people in a demilitarized, federal Cyprus within the European Union.

BROOKSIDE AMERICAN LEGION 50TH YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the American Legion Brookside Post 837 on its 50th anniversary. In commemoration of this special event, it is my pleasure to bring the history of this post to the attention of my colleagues.

The dedication of the members of Brookside Post 837 and its many members have brought it to this proud moment. Fifty years ago in 1946, a group of World War II veterans from the Brookside and North End sections of Wilkes-Barre gathered to begin plans to organize a chapter of the American Legion. Contact was made with Commander Renfer of District 12. He advised the group and provided charter application information. The application was submitted with only 20 signatures and the charter was granted. An election of officers was conducted, and the group chose Nick Maliborsky as the first commander.

Over the years the membership declined and the charter was in jeopardy. A reorganization of the post began. Paul Makuch was elected second commander of the post. Commander Makuch's resilience and good leadership were instrumental in bringing a number of members back to the post. There are now approximately 185 members.

Brookside Post 837, ''The smallest Post that does the most,'' is known for its support of Legion affairs such as; military wake services and funerals, parades, community sponsored activities, and strong comradeship.

Their history would be incomplete if not for the dedication of the women of the Ladies Auxiliary. These ladies must be acknowledged for their tireless efforts on behalf of the post and their spouses.

Mr. Speaker, the beginning years were difficult for this post, but due to the solid foundation of loyal members past and present, Brookside Post 837 now proudly celebrates 50 golden years of dedicated service to God, country, and the community. I am pleased to have been asked to be a part of this milestone celebration and send my best wishes to these proud Legionnaires for a prosperous future.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. McCREE

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 29th anniversary of Rayburn Underground Garage Attendant Dave McCree's employment on Capitol Hill. On Monday, September 30, 1996, Dave will retire from the ''Hill,'' where he has worked for nearly three decades. In recognition of his years of service to this great institution, I am pleased to rise today to wish him a wonderful retirement and to thank him for his year of service to the United States House of Representatives.

For the past 29 years, Dave's has been one of the first faces Members and staff encounter upon entering the Rayburn garage on C

Street, S.W. If your battery failed, Dave has been there for all of us with the portable recharger. If your problem was a flat tire, he has been there to repair your flat. And if the problem was a bothersome little clink under the hood, he has been there to offer advice and to occasionally tinker under the hood until the problem was resolved. In every instance, Dave has rendered this service with a smile, and with a sincere willingness to help.

Dave began his career on Capitol Hill on September 24, 1967. For the past 29 years, he has risen before most of us to make the trip from his native Baltimore to work on Capitol Hill. Among his most cherished memories I am told are the many dignitaries he has met, especially the renowned actors Kirk Douglas, Telly Savalas, legendary football great Rosie Grier, and the actress we all know as Wonder Woman, Linda Carter.

A man of few words, Dave has—I am sure—witnessed many changes on the ''Hill'' during the past 29 years. He has done so with dignity, and with a resolve to discharge his duties with the same high degree of excellence and dedication that have served as hallmarks of his career with the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who have been here for many years can look with pride to the character and service of people like Dave McCree. He has been a loyal and dedicated employee whom we shall miss. Please join me in extending our heartfelt thanks to him for his years of service to this institution, and in wishing him and his family of five adult children continued happiness and success in the future.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, corporate downsizing and layoffs continue to heighten the anxiety of the American worker.

In the new economy of the 1990's American workers can expect to change jobs seven or eight times throughout their careers.

No one can guarantee American families job security—however, American families can be protected from the destructive consequences of economic change—such as families losing health insurance and losing pension protection. We can also offer job training to increase the skills of our workers facing a rapidly changing job market.

Both President Clinton and the Democratic families first agenda call for initiatives to solve these problems, as well as to promote worker retraining and put people on the path of reemployment and higher wages.

But Government cannot solve the problem of worker anxiety alone—Corporate America must take responsibility, as well.

The following essay by noted social commentator Paul Harvey directly addresses the issue of corporate responsibility. Mr. Harvey, in his unique style, discusses Aaron Feurstein, president of Malden Mills, who continued to pay his employees even after his plant burned down.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Feurstein's actions—it is this type of commitment that builds security, trust and commitment between our Nation's workers and their employees.

[From the Paul Harvey News, Apr. 27, 1996]

NONE OF MY BUSINESS

Any business begins with an idea and grows by selling that idea. It sounds simple. It is not.

Retirement areas are studded with cheap grave markers. Pa and Ma, recently retired, have always enjoyed meeting people. Why not take their life savings and invest in a small retail business?

Buying and selling sounds like fun.

But Pa and Ma and their business are likely to suffocate under an avalanche of tax forms and other government required documents.

You'll see this cruel rise and fall repeated many times in any shopping mall. This next relates to that, however, distantly:

These days, for any business to keep going requires further investment in tax accountant, lawyers, bookkeepers and sales staff.

And on the way to incorporation on a large scale, the business is likely to accumulate redundant layers of bureaucracy and to leave its ''heart'' behind.

You have sometimes been amazed at how some big corporation will invest millions of dollars a year in ''public relations'' then—with one heartless massive layoff of workers just before Christmas—the corporation shoots itself in the foot.

A corporation has outgrown its britches when its bean-counters announce with pride ''record profits'' one week before its labor relations lawyers are scheduled to negotiate a new contract.

What has come to be called ''corporate downsizing'' is going to be a significant economic issue in the next election.

There is no way to streamline an overbloated business other than by shrinking the number of employees but unless corporate giants also practice ''the golden rule'' in their dealings with employees they are inviting a rude rebuke.

Enlightened management has already learned to weigh short-term profits and the obligation to stockholders—and balance those considerations against treating employees fairly, preserving customer loyalty and maintaining an affirmative public image.

Any CEO who orders layoffs in the name of cost-cutting while preserving his own multimillion dollar income intact is at least unfeeling.

Industries are going to need all the friends they can get next polling time.

One good example is worth a thousand admonitions: When Malden Mills burned last December, its President Aaron Feurstein vowed to rebuild and to keep all his workers on the payroll.

This icon of corporate decency has been rewarded with three divisions already running again and 80% of all employees back at work.

It cost Malden Mills ten million dollars to pay those workers while they are idle but, back at work, both quality and efficiency are better than ever. At one plant production has doubled!

Mr. Feurstein says, ''To discard responsibility to our workers and to think only of profit in the long run will profit no one.''

HONORING TELAMON ELECTRONICS

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dynamic small business in my district. Telamon Electronics will celebrate the opening of its expanded facility in Chino, CA, on October 1. Located 35 miles of Los Angeles, the growth of Telamon Electronics—a subsidiary of Telamon Corp. in Indianapolis—is having a significant impact on the economy of California's 41st District.

Telamon Corp.—working with suppliers and customers, including Nortel and Pacific Bell—has been providing high-technology telecommunications products and services to the telecommunications industry since 1984. Telamon was founded by Albert Chen, who built the company with the vision that a highly creative company poised to support one of the world's fastest growing industries could gracefully combine financial success, corporate growth, employee satisfaction, the highest quality products, and services in the industry, as well as customer satisfaction.

Over the years Telamon's range of capabilities has increased, as its reputation for creative solutions with uncompromising quality has become widely recognized. This has resulted in enormous growth—from sales of $400,000 in 1985 to sales of $108 million in 1995.

In 1989, Telamon Electronics was established as a value-added supplier of material management, preinstallation assembly, and other support services to Regional Bell Operating Cos., independent telephone companies, and government agencies located in the Western United States. Under the leadership of Michael Shen, president and Allen Vick, vice president, Telamon Electronics has achieved great success, which it has passed along to the city of Chino, the county of San Bernardino, and the State of California. As the highest sales tax generator out of 2,100 businesses in the city of Chino, Telamon Electronics added almost $1 million in tax revenue to the economy of California's 41st District.

Tax revenue is only one part of Telamon Electronics' impact on the local economy. Telamon provides employment for many people in the inland Empire. The number of employees has grown to over 35 in 1996. To foster employee growth, Telamon Electronics offers profit sharing, suggestion rewards, scholarships for employees' children, and education grants for professional growth.

It gives me great pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Albert Chen, Michael Shen, Allen Vick, and all the employees of Telamon Electronics for making a real difference in our local community.

THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

HON. TILLIE K. FOWLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring the attention of my colleagues to an event of great historical significance which will be occurring in my district on October 13, 1996. On that date, Trinity Episcopal Church of St. Augustine—Florida's oldest Protestant Church—will celebrate its 175th anniversary.

Established in 1821 by a missionary priest from St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, Trinity has had a long and distinguished history. It was one of five churches in