

time and a half of that 80 hours would be the time and a half factor accumulation of 240 hours that you cannot decide when you are going to take, and the employer will have 12 months in which to decide when to give it to you. That is not flexible time. That is a diminution of quality time with your family, that is working without compensation for a promise of compensatory time off 12 months hence.

The tragedy also is that for many workers, overtime compensation at time and a half is what they depend on to be able to pay for the expenses and make ends meet. So to have a bill that will take this away would be truly a hurtful kind of legislation.

The problems with comp time also go to the whole bankruptcy issue. Compensatory time off is not wages, and therefore it does not go into the computation of Social Security benefit time earned. And if the company goes bankrupt because the company truly was in distress, and files bankruptcy, as an employee owed compensatory time, not wages, you will not get any priority payment whatsoever.

This is a bill fraught with a great deal of potential harm and damage to working families, and does not meet, absolutely does not meet, the promise of flex time and family first, which the Republicans are touting.

As a worker I want to have my Saturdays and Sundays off, and if I am required to work either an extra 2 hours or so during the week or on weekends, I want to have the absolute right to decide whether I want it in wages or whether I am willing to take it as compensatory time off, and the time off should be at my option.

If the bill can be drafted to make those assurances, I am sure that most

of us will find a happy circumstance in joining with the Republicans. But as I see it, the misfortune of so many workers under this legislation would be forced employment, no wages, and compensatory time off at the will of the employer after a 12-month period.

That I think is unfair, unjustified, and I do not want to see the Fair Labor Standards Act protection of workers' 40-hour week, and time and a half compensation, which is attributable to Social Security credits and to bankruptcy protections and all other means for determining benefits, being jeopardized under a comp time concept.

So this debate this week should be very, very lively, and I look forward to the minority side having an opportunity to debate it and to advance our objections to this proposal.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my special order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Hawaii? There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. ROGAN) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CANADY of Florida for 5 minutes each day, on March 18 and 19.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

(The following Member (at the request of Mrs. MINK of Hawaii) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LANTOS.
(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ROGAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. QUINN.
Mr. COMBEST.
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
Mr. HYDE in two instances.
(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MINK of Hawaii) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TOWNS.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Mr. KANJORKSI.
Mr. LEWIS of California in three instances.
Mr. WALSH.
Mr. BONIOR in two instances.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 18, 1997, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports and amended reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized by various committees, House of Representatives, during the 4th quarter of 1996 in connection with official foreign travel, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 1996

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Charles Rangel	12/12	12/15	China								
Commercial airfare											1,909.98
Committee total											1,909.98

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

BILL ARCHER, Chairman, Feb. 12, 1997.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 1996

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
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Hon. Jim Kolbe	12/7	12/9	Hong Kong		776.00						776.00
	12/9	12/13	Singapore		1,092.00						5,321.95
Hon. Joe Skeen	12/5	12/6	United States		135.00						135.00
	12/8	12/9	New Zealand		238.00						238.00
	12/9	12/16	Australia		1,501.50						1,501.50
	12/15	12/18	United States		510.00						510.00
Commercial airfare											7,743.65
Frank Cushing	12/6	12/13	New Zealand		950.00						950.00