

Electronic Filing: The IRS should develop a plan to make it convenient for virtually all taxpayers to file electronically. We should not be spending taxpayer dollars on antiquated processing.

Restructuring: The IRS should be realigned by types of taxpayers: individuals, small businesses, large corporations, and excise taxes. Now, the IRS is separated into collection, processing, service, and auditing—divisions that don't work well together.

Amnesty: Taxpayers should not be liable for IRS mistakes. When the IRS gives taxpayers bad advice, they should not be penalized for following it.

CONCLUSION

The IRS is facing serious management problems and needs a comprehensive overhaul. Taxpayers have a right to demand more from the IRS. Talk of eliminating the IRS is largely political: as long as the federal government requires revenue, we need a way to collect it. But the IRS should be fair and efficient, and Congress must move forward on major IRS reform.

HONORING DR. MINA BISSELL

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Mina Bissell of Berkeley, CA, who will be honored this month by the Department of Energy. On April 18, 1997, Dr. Bissell will receive the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award for her pioneering contributions to our understanding of the extracellular matrix and microenvironment in differentiation, programmed cell death, and cancer.

Dr. Bissell's outstanding dedication as the director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Life Sciences Division has resulted in tremendous scientific discoveries. Among these was identifying the extracellular matrix, a network of proteins that surrounds and supports breast cancer cells as a crucial regulator of normal and malignant breast cancer cells.

Dr. Bissell was born in Iran, where she was the top high school graduate in the country and received a scholarship to study abroad. She came to the United States and studied chemistry at Bryn Mawr College, before transferring to Radcliffe College.

After earning her Ph.D. in microbiology and molecular genetics at Harvard University, she came to the University of California at Berkeley to conduct post-doctoral research. Since joining the Berkeley Lab in 1972, Dr. Bissell has worked tirelessly to increase our knowledge of cancer in the hope of someday finding a cure.

Dr. Bissell's tremendous success is largely due to the unorthodox approach she used in her research. Rather than searching for new cancerous genes, as most cancer researchers were doing, she focused on studying the changes cells go through as they develop, aiming to precisely define normal cell behavior.

This research led to many important conclusions about malignant cells that were considered heretical at the time but have since been shown to be correct. Today, thanks to Dr. Bissell's persistence and initiative, it is widely accepted that the extracellular matrix plays an

important role in the spread of cancer and other abnormalities.

A driven researcher, Dr. Bissell motivates her collaborators and students with her passion for science. These traits have made her an effective leader as well as an accomplished scientist. Through her decades of dedication, Dr. Bissell has earned the respect and admiration of the cancer-research community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today in honoring the invaluable achievements of Dr. Mina Bissell and in wishing her continued success in her research.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUDIO CRAFT CO., INC.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the achievement of Audio Craft Co., Inc., a specialty retailer of home entertainment and mobile electronics which recently was a finalist for the National Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics from the Better Business Bureau.

Audio Craft Co., Inc. employs 75 people in Cleveland, OH. The company was established in 1954 and has set a standard for customer service ever since. Audio Craft regularly exceeds its customer's expectations through rigorously training its staff and by standing behind its guarantees. Audio Craft offers a 30-day, no questions asked return policy. It empowers its employees to make decisions regarding repair and replacement. Audio Craft has an excellent repair shop. Audio Craft's advertising is factual and well designed.

For the past 12 years, Audio Craft has been the recipient of the coveted Audio/Video Best Retailer Award and the Better Business Bureau of Cleveland, OH honored the company with a top place award for customer commitment in 1995.

Audio Craft is actively involved in the support of the Northeast Ohio Alzheimer's Association through the Albums for Alzheimer's Program, which was created by Audio Craft and has grown to become a national and international program.

To become a finalist for the Torch Award, a company must have demonstrated a commitment to ethical practices in the marketplace; high standards of behavior toward customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders, and their communities; truthfulness and accuracy of advertising and sales practices; and training and communications programs designed to assist employees in carrying out established ethics policies.

AMERICAN FAMILIES DESERVE TAX RELIEF

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, Americans should keep more of their own money. They should keep more so that they can invest in their children's future, or purchase a home, or start a small business.

Yesterday, the Tax Foundation—as it has done for the past 25 years—announced that the average American will have to work 128 days for the Federal Government before he or she can begin to work for themselves and their families; 128 days, Mr. Speaker. That means that they still have 3½ weeks to go before May 9—the day they stop working for the Government.

A lot of folks talk about the different ways to achieve tax reform or tax simplification—many of which I support. But it seems to me that the best thing for the American people is to just give it back. Instead of new programs and new bureaucracies, give back to the American people some of their hard earned dollars.

This is not a new idea at all. John Kennedy did it in 1962, and so did Ronald Reagan in 1981. It is not a difficult concept. When you give back to the American people what already belongs to them, they reward the economy by investing and spending more.

This is easy, Mr. Speaker. American families deserve tax relief. Support House Resolution 109.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. ORTMAN FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE ENVIRONMENT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to one of my constituents, David E. Ortman, who stepped down in February as director of the Northwest Office of Friends of the Earth to become director of the Seattle-based Wise Use Movement. On this first day of Earth Week, it is most appropriate to recognize his career dedicated to the protection, restoration, and rational use of our planet's natural ecosystems and precious resources.

Mr. Ortman began working for Friends of the Earth in 1975 through the Mennonite Voluntary Service program. His endeavors for Friends of the Earth encompassed a broad array of environmental and humanitarian issues. During the late 1970's, he worked with the Alaska Coalition in urging Congress to designate Federal land in Alaska as national parks and wildlife refuges. He participated in the United Nations Habitat Conference in Vancouver B.C., as well as the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament in New York.

In the 1980's David's work on wetlands and coastal issues culminated in the establishment of the Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Washington.

In the 1990's, David organized the Seattle Citizen Host Committee for the 1993 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation conference, working with labor unions, environmental organizations, and human rights groups to develop and publicize new approaches to international trade policy.

Mr. Ortman has testified before congressional committees many times during the past 21 years addressing such diverse matters as trade, forest habitat, wetland and coastal ecosystems protection, oil spill prevention, and the Panama Sea Level Canal. He authored a number of position papers for Coastal Zone Management conferences, served on the Department of the Interior's Outer Continental