

we have heard tonight very forcefully spoken by other Republican freshmen Members that the rights of the victims should also be heard as well in court-rooms across this land.

Mr. Speaker, I see that our time is drawing to a close. As a simple comment to sort of bring closure to this discussion, the Founding Fathers recognized that each of us has been given a God-given right, the right to life and to liberty and to the pursuit of happiness. Violent acts that are committed by unrepentant criminals directly violate these God-given inalienable rights. I think it is good of us to take a moment as we did in this last week to focus on the innocent victims of crime and I think we need to continue to speak out not just tonight in a special order but we need to speak out all across this country and not just those of us in this body or not just those back in State legislatures or State senate chambers, or not only in the Governor's mansions around this country but I think it is incumbent on each of us to do our part, whether it is part of a neighborhood watch program or whether it is marching for the victims of crime, for their rights, or in any of these volunteer organizations that we talked about tonight, whatever we can do to help promote and restore the fabric of our society and our community. It is a problem that there is no easy answer to but one that I think we need to continually focus on.

Again I thank the Speaker for allowing us, the 32 Members on the GOP side of this body, to bring to light this problem and some solutions that have worked.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of family illness.

Mr. DEUTSCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of back pain.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of weather-related transportation problems.

Mr. HOEKSTRA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness in the family.

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 Members (at the request of Mr. SUNUNU) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, on April 24.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on April 24.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POMEROY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. WEYGAND.

Mr. MANTON.

Mr. MOAKLEY.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. KLECZKA.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. STARK.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. FOGLIETTA.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

Ms. SANCHEZ.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. DICKS.

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. ROGAN.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. MCINTOSH.

Mr. HYDE.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. GILMAN, in two instances.

Mr. HORN.

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

Mr. FLAKE.

Mr. UPTON.

Mrs. EMERSON.

Mr. PACKARD.

Ms. SANCHEZ.

Mr. DREIER.

Mr. CASTLE.

Mr. SHERMAN.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On April 18, 1997:

H.R. 1003. An act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 24, 1997, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized by various committees, House of Representatives, during the 1st quarter of 1997, a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker authorized trips during the 4th quarter of 1996 and 1st quarter of 1997, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, as well as reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized by various miscellaneous groups in connection with official foreign travel during the calendar year 1996 and the 1st quarter of 1997, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 1997

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. F. James Sensenbrenner	2/16	2/24	Germany		496.00		4,508.05		1,078.17		6,082.22
			Russia		690.00						690.00
			France		648.00						648.00