

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL BREAST CENTER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 23, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Memorial Breast Center which is located in Long Beach, California, upon its 10th Anniversary on March 30th. In its short history, this center has already achieved national acclaim. It was named by *Self Magazine* in October, 1997, as one of the ten best breast centers in the United States.

The center offers comprehensive and coordinated care to every woman, emphasizing early and accurate diagnosis. Every mammogram is read by two specially trained radiologists. That is a rare service. Informed patients participate in their treatment options. The multidisciplinary approach features the latest technology along with a well trained and caring staff. During 1998, the center will perform its 200,000th imaging examination.

At the 10th Anniversary Celebration several members of the past and present professional staff will be honored for the devotion of their talents and energies in building the Breast Center. Internationally noted radiologist Lazlo Tabar, M.D., will receive a special recognition award that evening. Dr. John S. Link, M.D., the Medical Director of the center, will receive a special contribution award, along with others who have been essential to the success of the center: Cathy Coleman, RN, OCN; Arthur B. Diamond, M.D.; Eldon B. Hickman, M.D.; Julio A. Ibarra, M.D.; Cary S. Kaufman, M.D.; Claudia Z. Lee, MBA; Gainer S. Pillsbury, M.D.; Lowell W. Rogers, M.D.; Susan Roux, M.D.; Wendy Schain, Ed.D.; A.M. Nisar Syed, M.D.; James H. Wells, M.D.; and Robert G. Wells, M.D. These individuals represent radiology, pathology, surgery, medical oncology, nursing, and psychological and social services. They are well deserving of this recognition for the outstanding center which they have helped to build. We are very fortunate to have this facility in California. It serves not only Long Beach, but the entire Southern California region.

Mr. Speaker, breast cancer is a major scourge of this nation. Congress has provided billions of dollars for needed research in the field. Such research is vital. Facilities such as the Memorial Breast Center at Long Beach are where that research is applied. But its patients and talented medical staff are also the basis for new research and a variety of cancer treatment strategies which might result in saving the lives of many women in the years ahead.

TIME TO PAY OUR U.N. DUES

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 23, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, it is time to pay the dues that we owe to the United Nations.

A number of us have worked hard to try to get needed reforms in the United Nations. Those efforts are being undercut by our continued failure to pay our past bills. We are alienating our allies and eroding our ability to lead in the world by our refusal to pay our debts.

I ask permission to include in the RECORD a letter from a wide variety of organizations calling on Congress to take action to pay the United Nations what we owe that organization.

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DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to work actively with your colleagues and the Administration to insure that the United States government meets its legally binding financial obligations to the United Nations in full this spring. It is time for Congress to affirmatively settle the issue of U.S. arrears.

Public opinion polls consistently find that a large majority of Americans supports both the U.N. and a strong, continuing role for the U.S. in the U.N. Recently, 83% indicated that strengthening the U.N. should be a priority for the U.S. (Pew Research, 1997). We, the organizations listed below, with hundreds of thousands of members, constituents, and congregations across the country, represent a significant portion of this broad, bipartisan consensus.

The payment of U.S. arrears to the U.N. is currently being blocked by an unrelated, highly controversial issue which has been linked to passage of the U.N. arrears supplemental appropriations request (proposed restrictions on the activities of private voluntary organizations that administer international family planning programs). An impasse has resulted from the continuing political stalemate over this unrelated issue.

We urge you to call upon the congressional leadership to separate these two unrelated issues before more damage is done to the credibility of the U.S. government in world affairs. Just as Congress would not allow an unrelated, controversial political issue to block government payments on the public debt, so Congress should not allow this issue to block the fulfillment of the U.S. obligation to the U.N. In either case, the credibility and trust in the U.S. Government would be at risk. Such is the case now for the U.S. in world affairs.

We are deeply concerned that the U.S. government's failure to pay its U.N. dues has already soured U.S. relations with its allies and the broader community of nations. Further, we are concerned that this failure to pay has undermined respect for the rule of law in international affairs, exacerbated the U.N.'s financial crisis, and undermined the organization's valuable work.

The U.N. is an indispensable organization for advancing U.S. interests in world affairs. It provides a mechanism through which the

U.S. can work cooperatively with other countries to address issues that no single country can address alone—such as preserving international security, advancing human rights, containing the spread of infectious diseases, caring for refugees, prosecuting war crimes, protecting the global environment, and promoting international development. The U.N. provides the U.S. with an essential burden-sharing mechanism, whereby U.S. taxpayers do not have to pay the entire cost of addressing global problems.

Our country and the world community need your leadership now. The U.S. government must meet its legal obligation to the U.N. The cost of further delay could be significant—both for the achievement of U.S. foreign policy goals and for the future of international cooperation. If you lead, the public will support you, and Congress will follow.

Africa Faith and Justice Network, American Baptist Churches USA, National Ministries, Americans for Democratic Action, American Friends Service Committee, Campaign for American Leadership Abroad (COLEAD), Campaign for UN Reform, Church of the Brethren, Washington Office, Church Women United, Columban Fathers' Justice and Peace Office, Demilitarization for Democracy, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Fund for New Priorities in America, International Religious Liberty Association, The League of Women Voters of the United States, The Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office, Methodists United for Peace With Justice, Mennonite Central Committee, National Audubon Society Population and Habitat Campaign, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, and National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States.

Peace Action, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Presbyterian Church (USA), Psychologists for Social Responsibility, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 20/20 Vision, Union of Concerned Scientists, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, United Church of Christ, Office of Church in Society, United Methodist Church, Women's Division, United Nations Association, National Capital Area, United Nations Association-USA, Veterans for Peace, Washington Office on Latin America, Women Strike for Peace, Women's Action for New Directions (WAND), Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, World Federalist Association, and World Learning.

SUPPORT GROWS FOR CREDIT UNIONS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. LATOURETTE, and I are pleased to announce that support for H.R. 1151, the Credit

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