

our community's seniors through the construction, development, and property management business she and her late husband John Raiser built during their 37 year marriage. She has been a dedicated board member of numerous non-profit organizations, and a talented chair of many fund-raising events. This year Helen Raiser chairs the Very Important Volunteer Dinner for the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County and has chosen "The Love of Reading" as the theme. She understands the critical role reading plays in people's lives, especially in the lives of children.

Since coming to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1960 from British Columbia, Helen Raiser has dedicated herself to bettering her community for everyone. Mr. Speaker, Helen Hilton Raiser is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being honored as the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County's Very Important Volunteer.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, Social Security represents the single most commitment to the elderly and the disabled that has been made by our society. It is a great testament to our nation's dedication to assuring a floor of security for workers and their dependents.

Yet, due in part to the aging of baby boomers, this vital program will be unable to fully honor its benefit commitments as of the year 2029. Forecasts of future Social Security insolvency, and suggested remedies, are being discussed more and more in the media and at kitchen tables all across the country. Americans want to learn more and share their views with their elected officials.

We need to take a long, hard, thorough look at Social Security, and the sooner we do so, the sooner we will be able to make decisions that will not be precipitous—but that can be developed in prudent and constructive ways. We must take advantage of a timely and rare opportunity, this era of budget surpluses, to find a solution which treats causes, not symptoms. We must be open to fully explore structural changes which may be critical to the long-term stability of the system, as well as to our economy.

We are obligated to protect Social Security and to stabilize it, not just for the near-term, but for the long run. This complex program, which affects the lives of so many Americans in unique and different ways, needs to be closely scrutinized by an independent panel of experts, like the one on which I served under Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Along with Mr. Kasich—Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Mr. Bunning—Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I am introducing legislation which includes the creation of a Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform.

One thing for certain in our life is change. I used to think, growing up, that you ought to be able to have everything in one little niche and

you could come back year after year and it would always be there. I have found that isn't the way life is. Social Security has evolved and adapted to change over the years since it was created in 1935. We need to take the time starting now, to carefully deliberate on proposed solutions. We must not leave any stone unturned. And no matter what we do, we have got to ensure that the solutions are inter-generationally fair. I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation.

IN MEMORY OF JEAN KLETZKY

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Jewish community leader, Jean Kletzky. Jean Kletzky was known throughout the community as a woman who truly loved her community and made a lifelong commitment to community service. When she retired to Florida in 1979 from New Jersey, she became immediately active in supporting humanitarian causes in South Florida.

Jean Kletzky will be remembered as a listener, a teacher, and a person whose understanding of people and things is admired. Her companion of 18 years, Daniel D. Cantor, regarded her as an intelligent, alert, and strong woman who was responsible for helping fulfill his aspirations and dreams. Together they built the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, Florida. The center provides senior citizens more than 65 daily functions including a food service, an Alzheimer division, an elderly division, a wandering garden, support networks, and myriad cultural activities. The belief behind the center is that life begins at 65 and people who participate at the center realize that being elderly does not make them old. The Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center offers people a place that gives them life, happiness, and more hope than they would normally have outside the center.

Among her many philanthropic accomplishments, Jean Kletzky served as an administrative assistant to the director of the Retired Teacher's Union of Florida for ten years. She also shared her wonderful sense of style and interior decorating with her friends and family to help them create beautiful homes. And, she was responsible for successfully directing the fund-raising campaign for the construction of the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center.

Jean Kletzky was a member of the National Women's League for Israel, Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO), City of Hope, National Council of Jewish Women, Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and was an Endowed Lion through the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

The people of Broward County will sorely miss Jean Kletzky. Throughout her life those who knew her regarded her as a driven leader, a humanitarian, a friend, a wonderful bridge player, a mother, and a wife. Now, she is remembered as a heroine to the residents of South Florida.

OPPOSING H.R. 3310 IN ITS CURRENT FORM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I understand that under House rules it is too late to withdraw as a cosponsor of H.R. 3310, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998, which is to be considered by the House tomorrow. However, new information has come to light about H.R. 3310, which compels me to declare that I can no longer support the legislation as it is drafted.

I share with many of my colleagues the desire to streamline unnecessary and onerous regulatory requirements. Small businesses should not be overburdened by government regulations in this highly competitive economy. It is with this goal that I signed onto H.R. 3310. Unfortunately, I have learned that this bill will have unintended consequences that go far beyond paperwork reduction.

H.R. 3310 throws out the wheat and the chaff. Besides addressing technical violations of reporting requirements, it also creates disincentives to report information vital to public health, workers safety, the environment, and to the smooth running of our economic markets. To cite just one example, this bill creates disincentives for businesses to file reports with the Food and Drug Administration about the adverse affects of new drugs and products.

I join the Administration, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and numerous labor and environmental groups in opposing H.R. 3310 in its current form.

TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2870) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests:

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Chairman, today the House passed H.R. 2870, the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. Building on President Bush's Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, this legislation will help protect globally outstanding tropical forests around the world in a fiscally responsible manner. This legislation is the result of a lot of hard work by many organizations and people. I would like to take a minute to thank them.

I have already talked about the committee leadership—in particular, Chairman GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON and Mr. BEREUTER. I would also like to thank committee staff, particularly Mark Kirk, Elana Broitman, Maria Pica and Dan Parks.

The environmental community has spent many hours helping us to develop this legislation over the past two years and to generate