

S. 1898. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building".

S. 2032. An act to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled bill on Thursday, May 8, 1998:

H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HON. JOHN BALDACCI, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Judith A. Cadorette, office manager for the Hon. JOHN BALDACCI, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 19, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER. This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule L (50) of the rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena duces tecum issued by the United States District Court for the district of Maine in the case of Desrosiers v Runyon, No. 97-CV-391-P-C.

I will make the determinations required by Rule 50 in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

Sincerely,

JUDITH A. CADORETTE,
Office Manager for John Baldacci.

ON CHINA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, just when we think we have heard it all, yesterday China asked the United States for this, and get this, permanent most-favored-nation trading status. It seems that the Chinese feel that our annual congressional reviews are an obstacle, a roadblock to improved relations between the United States and China. Did my colleagues catch that? It is Congress' fault that our countries are not closer.

Mr. Speaker, several obstacles to better U.S. China relations come to mind, but none of them are the fault of the United States Congress. It was 9 years ago this week that China cracked down on pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square; 250 people are still jailed as a result of that protest. China has been implicated in a scheme to funnel money to the DNC. This administration placed business issues over U.S. national security by approving the

transfer of highly classified missile technology to the Chinese. Now the CIA says that China has at least 13 nuclear-tipped missiles pointed at the United States.

Most-favored-nation status? My foot.

SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, when Serbian President Milosevic promised to work with Albanian leaders in Kosovo, the White House lifted sanctions on Serbia. Milosevic then proceeded to slaughter thousands of ethnic Albanians, many of them helpless women and children.

Milosevic is a liar, Milosevic is a brutal killer, and ethnic cleansing has reared its ugly head once again. Milosevic must be challenged. The United States should reimpose strict sanctions on Serbia, and it is time for Europe to stop coddling this bum. I believe Milosevic must be made to understand that Albanian children are God's children, too.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2604, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND CHARITABLE DONATION PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor and strong supporter of H.R. 2604, the Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act. This legislation, which will be on the floor later today, will provide churches and charities with equal protection under this Nation's bankruptcy laws.

Under current law, local churches and charities could be forced to return a contribution if the donor filed for bankruptcy. Imagine what would happen to the financial structure of one's church if a major donation made 11 months earlier and already spent was forced to be returned. Churches run on tight budgets and retroactively forcing them to return gifts is wrong. This practice might even be okay if we applied the same standard to restaurants, hotels or casinos, but we do not. Churches and charities are singled out.

Mr. Speaker, right now our bankruptcy code places casinos above churches. This is wrong, and I look forward to passage of H.R. 2604 later today.

SUDAN

(Mr. HALL of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from a visit to Su-

dan's killing fields. As we all know, a civil war in that country has raged for 15 years and slavery is alive and well in this last dark corner of our world. But the situation is more desperate today than it has ever been.

During my 4-day visit to the famine-stricken areas, I saw vultures pick clean the bones of people and their cows. They are slaughtering people and livestock alike, seizing human beings as slaves.

One picture all the way over there, these are terrible, awful pictures, but we have a lot of pictures like that, that were just slaughtered and vultures just picking their bones.

I also saw hundreds of survivors at aid stations. Many had lost their families along the way, and many will not survive. This little boy is one of them.

I have not seen anything like what I saw in Sudan last week since I first saw Ethiopia's great famine in 1984, not in Rwanda, not in Somalia, not in North Korea, not anywhere. Today, 700,000 people like this are facing starvation in Sudan. If help does not arrive in the coming weeks, the planting will not be done and the crisis will continue into next year.

This House, this country, indeed this world must do more to help these people. They are innocent. They are absolutely destitute, and they are being starved and slaughtered.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, some of the most important laws we pass in this body are those that strengthen America's families. For that reason it is imperative that the House move immediately to curtail activity which undermines a relationship so vital to the future of this country: the parent-child relationship.

The Child Custody Protection Act, legislation which makes it a Federal offense to transport a minor across State lines for an abortion in order to circumvent that State's parental involvement laws, does just that. This act supports laws already in place in 22 States, States that reinforce the authority of parents, requiring parental or judicial notification before a young girl seeks an abortion.

Mr. Speaker, while the pregnancy of a young girl is an extremely difficult situation, these young women are exactly those who parental consent State laws are in place to protect.

Those who wish to undermine parental authority are aiding in the breakdown of the family. This cannot be allowed to continue. Congress has a responsibility to support laws that strengthen, not weaken families.

CALIFORNIA ELECTION RESULTS

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, before I give my one minute, I just would like to publicly thank our colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) for his trip to Sudan and calling attention to a tragic, tragic situation. I thank him.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in the California elections, the people of California rejected a cynical attempt to stifle the voices of working families in America, to stifle the voices of concerned nonprofit organizations.

Proposition 226 was an effort by the Republican leadership and the Republican Party to lash out at working families and to deny members of unions the ability to participate in the political process in this country, a right that they are guaranteed under the Constitution. It was cynically dubbed the Paycheck Protection Act. It had nothing to do with protecting people's paychecks. It had everything to do with trying to get back at organized labor in this country for the very effective campaign they ran in the last national elections on behalf of President Clinton and on behalf of many Members of the Congress where they told the truth about what the Republican leadership and majority was trying to do in this House of Representatives in denying people the rights and fundamental basic ability to raise their family.

ON CHARACTER

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, in many foreign countries it is difficult to do business without a payoff or a bribe. Just slide some money across the hand and doors open. It happens in many countries that do not have high moral standards of right and wrong. But it is not acceptable in America. Not until now. It appears something has changed.

Our high moral standards driven by character and a strong sense of right and wrong now seem to have sunk to a new low of a mere political contribution and doors open. Just a few lucrative political donations from the Communist Chinese and a big U.S. corporation will change export policy and doors will open.

The administration has taken high-tech satellite export waivers from the Department of Defense and the State Department and given it to the Commerce Department, making it easier for doors to open. Now an American company may have exported high technical information that jeopardizes our security, our national security.

It may happen in other countries, but it should never happen here.

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 226

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the voters of California for rejecting Proposition 226. Republican leaders in the House were supporting this initiative in order to silence the voices of American workers and America's working families. And by voting down Proposition 226, California voters stood up for their right to participate in the political process.

Right now, working families do not have enough say in our political process. In 1996, wealthy corporations and business representatives poured more than \$650 million into campaigns, 11 times what labor unions, the representatives of working Americans, were able to spend.

We need to pass genuine campaign finance reform that increases the participation of average working families and limits the role of wealthy special interests. We need less money in our political process. We need to restore Americans' faith in our political process. We need to pass meaningful campaign finance reform today.

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DIABETES

(Mr. CUMMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, diabetes is a disease of national impact. According to the American Diabetes Association, there are an estimated 15.7 million people who suffer from this disease. The frightening fact is that there are over 5 million people that have it and are unaware of it.

Medical technology has not yet discovered a way to prevent this disorder. Only treatment is available. It is known as the silent killer because it seldom gives any warning of its presence. Many people are unaware that they have diabetes until they suffer from one of its life-threatening complications, blindness, kidney disease, nerve disease, amputations, heart disease and stroke.

The African-American community is nearly twice as likely to suffer from this disorder that can cause the body to not produce enough insulin or not properly use it. Over 2.3 million African-Americans have been diagnosed and over half are unaware that they have this silent and deadly disorder.

I urge this Congress to reduce the number of Americans suffering from diabetes and increase funding for biomedical research.

TEA 21 RESTORATION ACT

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 3978) to restore provisions agreed to by the conferees to H.R. 2400, entitled the "Transportation Equity Act

for the 21st Century", but not included in the conference report to H.R. 2400, and for other purposes, and that the bill be considered as passed.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Pease). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, if I could, just to embellish a little bit on my reservation, the bill that passed Congress last week had a provision that had a major impact on southeastern Wisconsin. This was a provision that was not contained in the original House version of the bill nor was it contained in the bill when it passed the Senate. However, during the conference committee, there was an amendment added to the conference committee report. That amendment basically gives the Governor of the State of Wisconsin unilateral authority, from my perspective, as to how \$241 million should be spent for transportation projects in Wisconsin, money which was by agreement originally set aside for southeastern Wisconsin. The reason that we heard from the State and from others that this provision was in the bill was because of the concern that the State of Wisconsin would lose this \$241 million. It is my belief that at this point, that is no longer a danger. And so what I am going to propose to the chairman of the committee in just a moment or two is unanimous consent for an amendment which would return the language to what I perceive to be the original agreement between the parties. If I may, Mr. Speaker, the conference report language, section (n) Substitute Project, Section 1045 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 has several sections to it. My amendment would strike the second paragraph and would insert the following two paragraphs:

Paragraph 2. "Notwithstanding paragraph (1) and subsection (c) of this section, upon the request of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, submitted after consultation with appropriate local government officials by October 1, 2000, the Secretary may approve 1 or more substitute projects in lieu of the substitute project approved by the Secretary under paragraph (1) and subsection (c) of this section."

"(3) Funds available for 1 or more substitute projects under paragraph (2) shall be used for transportation priorities associated with the East-West Corridor Project in southeastern Wisconsin."

That would be the amendment that I am going to ask the gentleman for unanimous consent for. The reason I am doing this, Mr. Speaker, is that I believe that this is a fight, and it truly is a fight, in the State between State officials and local officials as to how this money should be spent. There was a delicate balance of power that had been achieved in the prior language that had been agreed to on a bipartisan