

Rule is allowed to go into force on July 26, 1998, serious disruptions to our economy could result.

I am particularly pleased that during the delay in implementation of the Final Rule, this bill requires the Secretary of Commerce to issue a report to Congress on possible changes needed in this Act to account for the advances in quality techniques now common in the fastener industry. It is important that Congress gain a clear understanding of the impact this regulation will have upon our economy, the technological improvements that the fastener industry has made over the past eight years, and the improvements in quality that are likely to occur in the future as the result of further technological advances. It is probable that, as a result of this report, Congress will have to revisit the Fastener Quality Act to insure that the highest quality standards, either in place now or that will arise in the future, are not legislated out of existence.

Mr. Speaker, this is clearly a case of where the best intentions went astray. Although the concerns that prompted the adoption of the Fastener Quality Act were real, the solution proposed by this legislation actually threatens the very quality it seeks to insure. The clear problem with the Fastener Quality Act is that it attempts to legislate advances in technology. It is very difficult for anyone to see into the future and determine what tools will be available to industry in terms of their manufacturing processes and quality control. It is my hope that the Secretary of Commerce in his report to Congress will suggest ways in which changes to the law can be made to guarantee the quality and safety of critical fasteners, but in a manner that allows for, and promotes, both the technology of today and of the future.

Mr. Speaker, I again wish to thank the distinguished Chairman of the Science Committee and urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING DR. NANCY W. DICKEY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Nancy W. Dickey as she becomes president of the American Medical Association and to recognize the tremendous contributions she has made to the Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine and the nation's medical community. She will be honored at A Star for Texas dinner on July 24, 1998, benefiting the Dean's Excellence Scholarship Fund to increase scholarships for economically disadvantaged students.

On June 17, 1998, Dr. Dickey became the first woman to assume the presidency of the American Medical Association. She is also an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

Dr. Dickey joined the College of Medicine faculty in January 1996. In addition to teaching, she directs both the Family Practice Resi-

dency Foundation of the Brazos Valley and the Family Medicine Center in Bryan, Texas, which provides training for up to 18 family medicine residents.

Dr. Dickey assumed her first leadership role with the AMA in 1977 when she served as the first elected resident member of the Council on Medical Services. She was elected to the AMA Board of Trustees in 1989, serving as chair of the Board's Finance committee, as Vice Chair of the Board, and as later as Chair. She was AMA commissioner to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations from 1989–1995.

Dr. Dickey served as a member of the AMA's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs from 1980–1989 and as the Council's Chair from 1984–1987. She has been a powerful voice for the AMA in its opposition to physician-assisted suicide and is often called upon to testify regarding the national debate on medical policy and other issues. She was also instrumental in helping to create and launch one of the Association's newest initiatives, the AMA's Patient Safety Foundation.

Dr. Dickey received both her M.D. and her residency training at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where she was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. She also served as vice president of the Texas Medical Association from 1986–1987, is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and has been a certified Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice since 1994.

I commend Dr. Dickey on her numerous achievements and her contributions to the medical community, and I congratulate her on becoming President of the AMA. She is a caring physician, an excellent teacher, an expert on health care policy and medical ethics, a respected role model, and a pathbreaking leader. I have no doubt that the future will bring even greater accomplishments that will benefit the nation and the practice of medicine.

HONORING MENTAL HEALTH
ADVOCATES

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding mental health volunteers and professionals who are being honored by the National Mental Health Association at the 1998 Clifford Beard National Mental Health Conference. I urge my colleagues to join me in acknowledging these outstanding individuals for their efforts in the field of mental health. The Mental Health Association of Orange County, New York has shown great innovation in the field and were honored at this convention.

The National Mental Health Association is the only organization dedicated to addressing all aspects of mental health illness. NMHA works with a network of 330 nationwide affiliates to promote mental health and prevent mental health disorders, and achieve victory over mental illnesses through advocacy, education, research and service.

For their impressive innovation and creativity, the Mental Health Association in Orange County, will receive the NMHA Innovation in Programming Award. The Invisible Children's Program works to support parents with a diagnosis of a mental illness in their efforts to be the best possible parent and to keep the family unit together. Studied by researchers throughout the world, this program has served nearly 500 individuals, lessened hospitalizations, and decreased the numbers of children placed in foster care.

The Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. seeks to promote the mental health and emotional well-being of Orange County residents, working toward the prevention of mental illnesses and developmental disabilities. In partnership with consumers and their families, MHA strives to fulfill its mission through direct services, public education, advocacy and responsiveness in times of community emergency.

The MHA is a private, non-profit organizations which provided free mental health service to 22,000 Orange County residents by over 300 volunteers in 1997. Volunteers answer hotlines, provide companionship, direct services, and assist with fundraisers. The Orange County Mental Health Association is funded through state, county, and federal grants, and is a United Way member agency.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Orange County Mental Health Association. The members of this organizations has provided invaluable services to the residents of our county, and is deserving of the honor being bestowed upon them.

CONDEMNING THE BRUTAL
KILLING OF MR. JAMES BYRD, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the tragedy which occurred last week in Jasper, Texas, the violent death of Mr. James Byrd, Jr., and I thank Representative WATERS for her leadership in calling this evening's special order.

Mr. Speaker, we are at the end of the 20th century and three decades past the vicious acts of the sixties, and yet here we are in 1998 faced with the brutal reality that racism is not dead.

This crime on at least two counts—race and disability—is clearly a hate crime, as defined by Federal law. It was a heinous act that should alert the entire country that we as a nation do have a problem with differences, even today.

It is clear that racism still exists, and that it exists even in communities like ours where on the surface, different races, ethnicities and nationalities appear to be in harmony. As a member of the CBC, and a leader in the Virgin Islands, as well as the Nation, it is important that I re-commit my efforts to ridding our communities of all divisiveness, prejudice and intolerance. I call on all the leaders of this Nation, political or otherwise, to do the same.