

introduce legislation on their own behalf. There is one group of Americans who cannot protect themselves when they are under attack or under criticism in this body. That group of Americans are the Americans of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Mr. Speaker, in the name of all that is fair; in the name of the American sense of fair play; in the American quest for the perfection of democratic principles and the full implementation of representative democracy, the Americans of the Northern Marianas Islands deserve to be heard and deserve to have their points of view addressed in the context of this House.

I am a nonvoting delegate from the Island of Guam, and even though there are many restrictions attached to the nature of the office I hold, I am here and I can have the freedom of mobility and the freedom to use all the talents that I have been blessed with, and to use all the energy that the people of Guam continue to provide me with, to represent their interests in the pursuit of legislation which will benefit my people.

Unfortunately, there is one group of Americans who are not afforded this opportunity, and those are the people of the Northern Marianas Islands.

There are many issues attendant to the Northern Mariana Islands, including alleged labor abuses, which have attracted the attention of the national media and for which many Members of Congress are vitally concerned about, myself included. I too am vitally concerned about that. But those problems that may exist in the Northern Marianas Islands should not be an impediment to being allowed to represent themselves.

The principle of representative democracy stands before us as one of the core principles of the American creed. And it is ironic that today in the People's House, not all of the people that call themselves American citizens, that are blessed to be American citizens, are represented here.

So I call upon my colleagues to co-sponsor this legislation and to move this legislation so that all Americans can speak on their own behalf and represent their own best interests.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. GARY DENNIS AND MRS. SHARMAN DENNIS OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Gary Dennis, who is the new President of the National Medical Association, and his wife, Mrs. Sharman Dennis, who will head the Auxiliary to the National Medical Association.

They were both installed this week at NMA's annual convention and sci-

entific assembly in New Orleans. This is the first time in the history of the NMA that a husband and wife will serve simultaneously as heads of these partner organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the NMA is a 103-year-old organization which represents African-American physicians and the patients we serve. As I congratulate this outstanding couple and wish them well and Godspeed, I also want to commend the National Medical Association for its caring service for over a century.

As we approach a new century, we still face many of the challenges that were the impetus for its founding in 1895. Wide disparities in health status still exist for people of color.

Mr. Speaker, we know that Dr. Dennis, Mrs. Dennis, and the entire NMA stand ready to continue to meet that challenge.

#### INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ISSUES AND A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, before I begin my tribute this morning, I did want to acknowledge the tragedy in Africa that occurred just this morning and last night where a tragic bombing occurred in Kenya and Tanzania. The reports have it that thousands were injured, many were killed, and amongst those were public servants of the United States, members of the State Department who may have lost their life.

I would like at this time to offer my deepest sympathy to both the Americans and Africans who have lost their life for this random terroristic act, and to acknowledge that no one is immune from terrorism. But it is important that this Nation remains open to the world promoting democracy and claiming freedom.

I would hope that we would recognize that the African people do not hold to this mass destruction and that where there are a few that would try to destroy the relationship between the African people and this Nation, let me be one to say that it will not be destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, my prayers go out to the family members. Our flags now fly at half-mast, and I join the President of the United States recognizing that our fight is just beginning to ensure freedom and democracy on the continent of Africa, to join hands with the likes of Nelson Mandela and other leaders of democratic Nations to fight against terroristic acts and to find and prosecute all those who would commit such terrible and heinous acts.

#### WELFARE TO WORK

Mr. Speaker, I also congratulate those who joined the President this morning to acknowledge the signing of a wonderful new direction for welfare to work training where now we give

the opportunity for those who were on welfare, who have lost their jobs, to get the resources to choose their own destiny, to be able to select the kind of training they would like, to find out the kind of training institution they would like to go to. To have counselors and career advisors who would direct them into a new career.

Now it is in the hands of the American people. We will not give agencies money and they tell Americans what to do. This new job training bill, the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," will give the money directly to those in need and they will go back into the community and determine whether they want to get an undergraduate degree or go to a community college or want labor training or apprenticeship training. All of this is now provided with new leadership and job training and the new emphasis of moving people from welfare to work.

#### TRIBUTE TO CARL S. SMITH

Mr. Speaker, I now want to speak about a good friend of mine, and this is a tribute to Carl S. Smith, the Harris County tax assessor who lost his life and, of course, we lost him.

But Carl gave us 50 years of service and so I wish to say this afternoon, "Farewell my friend." For those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.

Carl Smith was that kind of servant. Henry David Thoreau once said, "The death of friends will inspire us as much as their lives \* \* \* Their memories will be encrusted over with the sublime and pleasing thoughts, as monuments of other men are overgrown with moss; for our friends have no place in the graveyard."

That is the testimony of Carl Smith's life. He served the State of Texas for some 50 years. He was an individual that was willing to take a chance when no others would. That is why Reverend McAdow indicated that in the early '50s Carl promoted the first black deputy clerk and he also helped in our segregated community of Houston, Texas, with bringing about race relations and interrelations.

Carl was not afraid of opposition. He was tall and stately and he recognized that his responsibility as a public servant, one which I greatly admire, was to serve the public. Nothing else.

Reverend Thompson who delivered his eulogy at the Bethany Christian Church said this about my friend Carl Smith: He was smart, insightful, unpredictable and, yes, he was a darned good Democrat. Dynamic, he was colorful, caring about all he served. And I personally know how Carl Smith walked the hallways of the tax assessor's office dignified as he was, but he would stop on those long lines for those getting their license plates or trying to pay the taxes on their property and he would individually share with them their concerns or questions.

Mr. Speaker, he was a bold and straightforward, astute man of integrity. As I close, principled, humble, faithful, confident, helpful, a consummate public servant. But most of all, Mr. Speaker, Carl Smith was a child of God.

Mr. Speaker, I say to our departed public servant, "Farewell my friend. We thank you for 50 years of service to Harris County, Texas, and the Nation."

#### CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1998 AT PAGE H7380

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MORAN OF VIRGINIA

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to modify the amendment to correct a small typo in the way that it was actually typed up. It was typed up quickly. And I think the correction is at the desk.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will report the modification.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment, as modified, offered by Mr. MORAN of Virginia:

Page 58, strike lines 6 through 10 and insert the following:

No Federal funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

A portion of the following was omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Thursday, August 6, 1998 at page H7381.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LARGENT

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment printed in House Report 105-679 offered by Mr. LARGENT:

Page 58, insert after line 10 the following: SEC. 151. None of the funds contained in this Act may be used to carry out any joint adoption of a child between individuals who are not related by blood or marriage.

#### 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 their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 3824. An act amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

#### A 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 August 6, 1998:

H.R. 1385. An act to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 114 of the 105th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 12 noon, Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 114, the House adjourned until Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 12 noon.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3625. A bill to establish the San Rafael Swell National Heritage Area and the San Rafael Swell National Conservation Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-685). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. GOODLING: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 4271. A bill to amend the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act; with amendments (Rept. 105-686). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 4005. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than September 11, 1998.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII,

Mr. WELLER introduced a bill (H.R. 4521) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the dollar limitation on the estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests shall not apply to interests in a business owned by a single family; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 20: Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 23: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. MCNULTY.

H.R. 326: Mr. HASTERT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. EWING, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. GOSS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. DREIER.

H.R. 628: Mrs. THURMAN and Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 773: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 1126: Mr. PAXON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 1766: Mr. MINGE, Mr. COX of California, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2670: Mr. BERMAN and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2754: Mr. FORD.

H.R. 2758: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 2828: Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 2953: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 3001: Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 3251: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 3436: Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 3541: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 3568: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3594: Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 3661: Mr. KLECZKA and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 3783: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 3792: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 3865: Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 3935: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 4006: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 4035: Mr. ROHRBACHER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JONES, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.R. 4036: Mr. CLEMENT, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JONES, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 4086: Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 4126: Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CAMP, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. METCALF.

H.R. 4127: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 4151: Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 4152: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H.R. 4181: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina and Mrs. KELLY.

H.R. 4183: Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 4184: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 4185: Mr. CONYERS and Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 4213: Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 4316: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FROST, Mr. FORBES, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. HILLEARY, and Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 4339: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. GILCREST.