

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 701

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 701.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,
APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

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Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name withdrawn as a cosponsor of H.R. 701.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

REAPPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN
FOLKLIFE CENTER IN THE LI-
BRARY OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 4(b) of Public Law 94-201 (20 U.S.C. 2103(b)), and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following individual from private life to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House:

Mr. William L. Kinney of South Carolina.

There was no objection.

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER
TREATMENT ACT

(Mrs. MYRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I urge the leadership to schedule a vote on

the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act on the suspension calendar before Mother's Day. This legislation is really vital to provide treatment for low-income, uninsured working women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. Giving States the option of providing Medicaid coverage for these women if they are screened by the CDC's early detection program and found to have cancer will help save thousands of lives.

The program currently provides screening for the cancer, but it provides no treatment options, no funding for treatment options for these women. So they have no option to be cured of their cancer, which is a harsh reality. I am currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer, but I am very fortunate because I have insurance.

The funding for this bill was included in the budget resolution that we passed in the House last week and so there really is no reason not to have it passed on the floor by Mother's Day.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION:
BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the story of Jeff and Ludwig Koons, a father and his son who have been forced apart because of a country's refusal to abide by the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

Jeff Koons' son, Ludwig M. Koons, was born in New York and was abducted from the family residence to Rome by his mother. Mr. Koons was awarded custody in the United States, but the Italian courts refused to accept any American jurisdiction. Mr. Koons won custody in Italy, but the ruling was overturned.

Two investigations were started internally within Europe and within Italy, but they were abruptly stopped when the Italian Supreme Court awarded his ex-wife custody, therefore covering up the tremendous injustices done to Mr. Koons and his son. Their ruling was based on the amount of time Ludwig had been kept in Italy since his abduction. Jeff has been allowed only strictly supervised visitation in Italy.

Mr. Speaker, this 1 minute is not just about Jeff and his son, Ludwig. It is about the 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries. These children, and the parents they were taken from, are suffering. This House must work together to solve this problem and bring our children home where they belong.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK GIARRIZZO

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

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor of the House today to

commend the extraordinary work of Frank Giarrizzo in his efforts to alleviate hunger in Africa.

Ten years ago, Frank served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi. Frank witnessed firsthand the despair brought on by the "hungry season." This is the time when the people run out of the food they have grown, and do not have the money to buy anything until their next crop is ready.

Rather than succumb to the hopelessness of the situation, Frank used it as motivation to solve the problem. He established a program in Malawi known as VEZA, or Village Enterprise Zone Associations. This nongovernment organization works in conjunction with local member associations to help farmers increase production. He helps erect silos in which locally grown grain will be stored until there is a food shortage, such as in the hungry season. The money received for the grain will help to refill the silos after the next harvest. These and other initiatives are all a part of VEZA's aim to alleviate hunger.

It is important to understand that thousands of people in Malawi are alive today thanks to Frank's determination. It is a living example of how one person can truly make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I want to thank Frank Giarrizzo for his selfless efforts to improve the lives of others.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SHAYS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER
TIME

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time previously allotted to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPACE
RESEARCH TO OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like this afternoon to talk about NASA and the recent report regarding the Mars program, as well as a