

wonderful purpose: it helps people to help themselves. It is not a handout, but rather a helping hand for anyone who had had a tough break, and wants to take charge of their future. Providing training opportunities is the best way to educate our work force, and help assure them better jobs and better lives.

Unfortunately, retraining is not always as attractive as it should be. The job placement rate for retrained TAA recipients is only 79 percent. The wage for those who do find jobs is only 81 percent of their previous salary in the first year. Under these circumstances, it is hard to convince a displaced worker that he or she is better off investing in a retraining program when getting a job in a new field appears to be a gamble, and a gamble with a low reward at that.

The shame of this situation is that the long-term prospects for retrained workers are much better than initial outcomes would make it appear. While the Department of Labor does not compile systematic data on job outcomes, state placement agents say that both wages and job stability are greatly enhanced within two to three years of retraining. What workers need is a bridge across that initial rocky period when wages are low and job placement is uncertain. That bridge leads to a better future, if only we can help them cross it.

This bill would create that bridge. It would implement an income tax credit equal to the Social Security payroll tax—OASDI—for both employers and employees, after workers have completed training through TAA. Both employees and the companies that hire them could claim the credit for the first year of employment for any worker whose salary is below \$60,000.

This bill would provide a crucial incentive for companies to hire retrained workers. Tying the income tax credit to the amount of the payroll tax makes the cost savings easily identifiable and attractive to businesses. At the same time, workers would get a badly needed salary supplement. This bill would make the prospect of retraining much more attractive for someone who has lost his or her job: they would know that businesses would be looking to hire them, and at a salary that is worth seeking.

I have always believed that the surest way to help our workers, and to help our economy, is to give people the best possible opportunity to compete and improve their lives. This bill helps businesses to invest in people, and helps people to invest in themselves.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSIDER
TRADING FULL DISCLOSURE ACT

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation, the Insider Trading Full Disclosure Act of 2002. This measure would ensure that consumers have adequate information about affiliate security transactions made by officers, directors, and board members with public companies.

As we have learned through the recent Enron collapse, it is critically important that in-

vestors have sufficient information about trades made by officers and directors of companies. With this information, investors will better understand the fiscal health of public companies in which they are investing.

Under current law, these insider trades can be disclosed many days after a transaction has occurred. I believe we must act to reduce the time frame in which these disclosures are made to the public. In fact, some of these transactions can be reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission up to 45 days after the calendar year in which the transaction occurred. In this Information Age, we should require better, real-time disclosure of these transactions.

My legislation would require these specified individuals to electronically file their disclosures one day after the transaction into the electronic database maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). This database called EDGAR will be searchable and would permit investors to quickly ascertain whether officers and directors are making trades related to their public company. These disclosures include all types of affiliate security transactions, including stock sales by an officer and inside trades of securities by an officer to their respective company. With better warning, I believe that the public will be better served and we will be able to restore investor confidence in public companies.

Yesterday, the Securities and Exchange Commission proposed new steps to reform corporate governance rules. As a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee, I believe it is necessary for the Congress to act to make these requirements mandatory. Without required disclosures, I believe many officers and directors will simply wait to inform the public about the transactions made on their own behalf.

In order to prevent conflict-of-interest actions, we need to provide full disclosure about affiliate security transactions to protect investors and restore investor confidence in our public companies. I urge my colleagues to support this effort to require new timely disclosures of affiliate transactions related to public companies.

MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DARLENE LUTHER, WHO
PASSED AWAY JANUARY 30, 2002

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I want to express our family's most sincere thanks to the hundreds of people who have sent cards, flowers, memorials, e-mails and so many other demonstrations of sympathy. This tremendous outpouring of affection and love for Darlene has genuinely touched us and we deeply appreciate all of the memories, feelings, and prayers that help to make this difficult time more bearable.

This outpouring of affection has, I believe, also been appreciated by the public at large, people who maybe didn't know Darlene but who have seen the news coverage. We con-

tinue to get comments from people who never knew her but are obviously struck by the way in which a public official can be admired, respected and loved.

I often said that to meet Darlene was to immediately like her, and to get to know her was to love her. The truth of that became so clear in talking with the many people at the visitation and funeral. Everyone loved Darlene and they let me know it. It really was a wonderful, wonderful outpouring of love and support.

Losing a cherished member of a family is something all of us have in common and the shared experience of grief unites us as human beings. Darlene would probably be embarrassed by all of the attention she has received. She was both a private person and a public servant, but she would be pleased that so many different people form all political persuasions have honored her. It would be her hope that this would be a small step forward in her life-long effort to unite people.

Our family has lost a daughter, sister, mother, and wife. Our lives, though they will never be the same, have been tremendously enriched by having Darlene with us for as long as we did. In fact, out of all of the campaigns for office in which I've been involved, my favorite was when Darlene was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives. I was in the Minnesota State Senate then, which included the district where she was running, and I was also up for reelection. While campaigning, people would tell me, "I just love your wife," and of course, the best part of the campaign was when she got more votes than her husband. I always joked with her that if she ran against me, it would certainly end my political career.

Darlene was especially blessed with a generous spirit. Her favorite time of the year was the holidays because that gave her an additional reason to give gifts. She always had a little something during the holidays for anyone who touched our family during the year. We would tease her when we heard a car drive by that they must be coming for their Christmas gift. But her generosity encompassed so much more than gift giving. Darlene was generous with her smile, with her time, and with her love for her family, friends and her community.

God gave Darlene the gift of physical beauty, but she possessed other qualities even more lovely within her—kindness, generosity, a passion for justice and a commitment to helping others. Darlene was truly a beautiful person in every sense of the word. Her life has impacted so many people, and I hope and pray that her example continues to touch and guide each of us.

As we look to the future it is my hope that we will all remember the things that Darlene's life was truly about—family, friends, faith, the pursuit of opportunities for all and the understanding that a life committed to public service is one of the highest callings. Losing Darlene is immensely difficult, but we know that we do not grieve alone. Our state has lost a genuinely compassionate public servant—someone who was absolutely committed to helping those who need help and to creating equal opportunities for all.

There's a saying: "It matters not how long a star shines, what is remembered is the brightness of its light." Our children, Alex and Alicia, and I thank everyone who helped make Darlene's light shine very bright.

AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER
PREVENTION ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. CHRIS SMITH, Mr. JONES, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. LANTOS to introduce the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. This bill will prevent the cruel and senseless slaughter of American horses simply to satisfy the culinary desires of consumers in Canada, Europe, Japan, and elsewhere. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 55,776 horses were slaughtered in the United States last year for their meat, which was then sent overseas for human consumption. Thousands more were shipped live across the borders to Canada and Mexico for slaughter there.

The American public is largely unaware that our horses are slaughtered for human consumption, and the three foreign-owned slaughterhouses operating on U.S. soil would like to keep it that way. As Canadian slaughterhouse operator Claude Bouvry said, "People in the horse-meat industry don't like talking about slaughtering horses for food because of the horse's almost mythical place in Western culture."

Horses have played an important role in American history, and continue to do so through their use in agriculture, transportation, law enforcement, military service and as companion animals. American culture is peppered with famous equines, including Paul Revere's Brown Beauty, General Robert E. Lee's Traveler, and General George Armstrong Custer's horse, Comanche—the sole surviving member of Custer's 7th Cavalry at Little Big Horn. Other cultural icons of the equine persuasion include the Pony Express, the Lone Ranger's faithful mount Silver, Roy Rogers' Trigger, famed Triple Crown winners Citation and Secretariat, Flicka of My Friend Flicka and Mr. Ed, to name a few.

Pet horses, workhorses, thoroughbreds, Premarin® foals (who are a byproduct of the female hormone replacement drug industry), old and unwanted horses, horses purchased under false pretences and federally protected wild horses go to slaughter. Most arrive at the slaughterhouse via livestock auctions where, often unknown to the seller, they are bought by middlemen working for the slaughter plants.

These so-called middlemen better known as "killer buyers" travel from one auction to the next collecting young, old, sick and healthy animals until their trucks are full. Some are shipped for more than 24 hours at a time without food, water or rest. Increasingly, stolen horses are included on the killer-buyers' trucks. As the article *Horse Theft: A Victim's Story* so aptly puts it "Rustling horses is quick, profitable and dirty work. Most horse thieves swiftly unload their stolen animals at auction, where most of the creatures end up at slaughter."

While the transport of horses to slaughter is itself horrific, callous handling at the slaughterhouse often results in additional suffering. Improper use of stunning equipment, designed to render the animal unconscious, means that horses sometimes endure repeated blows to the head, and remain conscious through the

last stages of slaughter, including throat slitting.

There are human health reasons to be concerned about horse slaughter, too. Because they are not raised for food or fiber, the flesh of many horses going to slaughter is likely to be contaminated with medications and other substances unfit for human consumption.

Americans do not eat horses. We do not raise them for food. The vast majority of Americans, when told that our horses are being slaughtered for dinner in Europe, are horrified. In fact, a recent survey indicated that the American public would overwhelmingly support a ban on the slaughter of horses for human consumption.

The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act is a strong bill, which will end the slaughter of our horses for human consumption for good, rather than simply sending the practice over the border. This bill has the support of the American public, the animal protection community, horse owners and prominent members of the horse industry. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the Year of the Horse I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important and long-overdue legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO SANTA CLARA
BRONCOS WOMEN'S SOCCER
TEAM, 2001 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 14, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2001–2002 Santa Clara University women's soccer team. The SCU Broncos, headed by coach Jerry Smith, took home the first-ever national title in women's sports for Santa Clara University.

Santa Clara University's athletic program, under the leadership of Athletic Director Cheryl Levick, has a rich history of dedicated and talented athletes, who work hard on and off the field, and always maintain a strong commitment to teamwork. Santa Clara University has a strong reputation in the athletic and academic fields, has proven successful in recruiting student athletes, and has provided these athletes with an excellent education and a great athletic experience. Santa Clara's student-athlete graduation rate is the highest in their league.

Though the SCU women's soccer team has been a dominant force in women's collegiate athletics, the 2001 season has proven to be their best. In 2001, with a season record of 23 wins and only 2 losses, they went on to defeat North Carolina for the national title in a 1–0 victory on December 9, 2001, in Dallas, Texas.

Santa Clara University, through its educational and athletic programs, fosters the development of scholar-athletes into outstanding leaders. The leadership skills that these scholar-athletes develop through the mentorship of Head Coach Jerry Smith, Assistant Coach Rich Manning, Assistant Coach Eric Yamamoto, and Assistant Coach Sean Purcell was strongly evident during the championship game and throughout the season. Players Danielle Slanton and Aly Wagner both took the initiative to provide their team with the

calm and confidence that only a peer can provide. Aly Wagner has earned the distinction of being named 2001 Female Collegiate Athlete of the Year by the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

It is with great pleasure that I honor all of the members of the Santa Clara University Women's Soccer team: Erin Sharpe, Taline Tahmassian, Zepeda Zepesa, Alyssa Sobolik, Kerry Cathcart, Jaclyn Campi, Aly Wagner, Anna Kraus, Lana Bowen, Leslie Osborne, Jessica Ballweg, Emma Borst, Devlyn Hawkins, Bree Horvath, Katie Sheppard, Allie Teague, Danielle Slanton, Chardonnay Poole, Kristi Candau, Holly Azevedo, Erin Pearson, and Ynez Carrasco. The teamwork and dedication of these athletes has made the Santa Clara University community, and the entire State of California, proud. I would also like to acknowledge the Santa Clara University Bronco's Athletic Staff, Lisa Eskey, Carrie Rubertino, Jonathan Clough and Cheryl Levick.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commend and congratulate the Santa Clara University Women's Soccer Team, 2001 National Champions. Go Broncos!

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM
ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2356) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform:

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Chairman, last night, the House passed H.R. 2356 as amended, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

I would like to speak today to provide guidance to the Federal Election Commission regarding its future interpretation of one of the provisions of H.R. 2356.

H.R. 2356 sets forth a definition of "electioneering communications" in Title II. Certain exceptions to this definition are set out in Section 201(3)(B) of the bill, and include (i) news distributed by broadcast stations that are not owned or controlled by a candidate, (ii) independent expenditures, (iii) candidate debates and forums and (iv) "any other communication exempted under such regulations as the Commission may promulgate . . . to ensure appropriate implementation of this paragraph."

Specifically, I wish to address some questions that have been raised about the purpose of the fourth exception.

The definition of "electioneering communication" is a bright line test covering all broadcast, satellite and cable communications that refer to a clearly identified federal candidate and that are made within the immediate pre-election period of 60 days before a general election or 30 days before a primary. But it is possible that there could be some communications that will fall within this definition even though they are plainly and unquestionably not related to the election.

Section 201(3)(B)(iv) was added to the bill to provide the Commission with some limited discretion in administering the statute so that