

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MORLEY FRASER OF ALBION, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and remember H. Morley Fraser, a wonderful friend of mine and the beloved Albion College coach and mentor to generations of students, alumni and colleagues, who lost his struggle with cancer June 28, 2004 at the age of 82.

A native of Milwaukee and a graduate of Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and Michigan State University, Morley was a Navy captain during World War II. He began his coaching career in the high school ranks in 1947, coaching for 2 years in Kansas prior to moving to Newberry, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. At Newberry High School, he compiled a 22–0–1 record in football and had 3 conference championships in 3 years. His Newberry track team earned the 1951 conference title and regional championship. Morley then moved to Lansing and in a 2-year stint at Lansing Eastern High School, he moved a last-place team to a second-place finish in the school's 5–A conference. He moved to Albion in 1954.

As Albion College's head baseball coach for 18 years, Morley won 6 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships. But he will be best remembered for the 14 years he prowled the sidelines as Britons' head football coach. During that era, Albion won 5 MIAA championships, compiled an 81–41–1 record, had 5 MIAA Most Valuable Players, recorded 2 undefeated seasons, and had a winning streak of 15 consecutive games. The school's football field is now named after him.

After leaving coaching, Morley joined Albion's administration and was executive director of the Albion College Conference Center from 1973–1989. He was chosen for the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Champions, the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame and received the Lifetime Leadership and Athletic Hall of Fame award from Albion College.

Although he was best known for his work at Albion, Morley was also known throughout the State as a motivational speaker, routinely giving 200 speeches a year. Among his many engagements, University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr invited him to speak to his team before a game every season. He was a mentor to generations of athletes and coaches throughout the Great Lakes region.

Morley was also involved in several organizations locally and nationally. In addition to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he was a member of the Albion Rotary, the Jackson Kiwanis, and served as the longtime Sigma Nu fraternity adviser at Albion College. He was also a member of the Albion First United Methodist Church for 50 years. Morley Fraser loved people, his community, and his country.

Coach Fraser was a man whose dedication for coaching was only exceeded by his love for his players themselves. He demanded nothing less than the best and he always saw the best in everyone. Morley had a preternatural ability to not only teach offense and defense, but also responsibility, loyalty, civility, and virtue. Most importantly, he lived the values, virtues, and lessons that he taught. To balance his tenacity on the athletic field, he was a gentle, compassionate, and loving husband, father, and friend.

On behalf of the United States Congress, we offer our condolences to Morley's beloved wife of 57 years, Elizabeth, his daughters, Diane and Kathy, his sons, Morley Jr. and Douglas, his 11 grandchildren, and his 2 great-grandchildren. Morley was passionate for his causes and was a role model for all of us who seek to improve our communities and our country. We offer our thanks to Morley for all he did for countless students, alumni, colleagues and his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote Nos. 326 and 327. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both.

I was also unavoidably detained during rollcall vote Nos. 355, 356, 357, and 358. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on No. 355, "no" on No. 356, "no" on No. 357, and "no" on No. 358.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday due to severe weather that prevented me from arriving in Washington, DC from Connecticut in time for House business. Due to the storm, I missed a series of votes (rollcall Nos. 359–362) on the FY 2005 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 359, "no" on rollcall No. 360, "aye" on rollcall No. 361, and "aye" on rollcall No. 362.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DALE KOROLUCK OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dale Koroluck, an exceptionally bright young man who has been awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence for 2003.

Dale is an inquisitive, high energy, intelligent student who will be entering the eighth grade at Amelia Earhart Middle School in the fall. He excels academically among his peers and also consistently demonstrates the motivation, initiative, integrity, leadership qualities and exceptional judgment that set him apart from his fellow students.

Although Dale's favorite subjects are math and science, he truly enjoys engaging in debate and public speaking. He hopes that his budding litigation skills will someday prove useful while attending law school. Dale also likes to play football and basketball, and he has trained to earn his first degree-black belt in Taekwondo.

On behalf of the United States Congress, we offer our congratulations to Dale for earning this prestigious academic award and applaud him for his tenacity to learn. Dale is passionate in all of his endeavors and serves as a fine role model for his peers.

We also extend our compliments to Dale's wonderful parents, Kay and Daryl, and his brother Dillon. I suspect that it is very likely that Dale and Dillon will follow in the family tradition of being involved in public service and possibly someday run for public office.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on July 12th, I missed four rollcall votes numbered 359, 360, 361 and 362.

Rollcall No. 359 was a vote on agreeing to the Holt Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall No. 360 was a vote on agreeing to the Hefley Amendment. Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall No. 361 was a vote on the Sherman Motion to Recommit H.R. 4755. Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall No. 362 was a vote on final passage of H.R. 4755. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

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TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CEPHUS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorraine Cephus of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and to celebrate her outstanding achievements as a runner.

Lorraine was an avid high school athlete, playing softball and running track. She only began running seriously in her 30s after her two children were born and while her husband Louis, an Army colonel, was stationed in Germany.

At 74 years old, the grandmother of two runs an astonishing six miles everyday. She has completed countless marathons, logging over 100,000 miles. Since 1976, she has completed 28 consecutive Marine Corp Marathons, the only women to ever accomplish this feat. While she competes in other races around the country, the Marine Corp Marathon has special significance to her, as the race passes Arlington National Cemetery where her beloved husband Louis is buried. Every year as she runs past the cemetery, Lorraine salutes and says a prayer for her late husband.

People in her community know Lorraine not only for her extraordinary athleticism but for her friendly nature and sunny disposition. May she continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us to live a healthy and active lifestyle for many years to come.

I congratulate Lorraine on her spectacular accomplishments, and wish her the best of luck as she trains to compete in her 29th Marine Corps Marathon this fall.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON ESTABLISHING NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 646, a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the Congress should establish a National Community Health Centers week. I want to commend my good friend and colleague from Chicago, Congressman DANNY DAVIS, for introducing this resolution, to recognize the vitally important work that community health centers do in both urban and rural areas in this nation.

Community, migrant, and homeless health centers play an absolutely critical role in providing quality health care services to the poor and uninsured citizens in this nation. In Illinois generally, and Chicago, especially, these centers provide the only access that some of our citizens have to health care. The providers in these facilities are in the trenches each and every day and our constituents are served well by their dedication and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that I take a moment while we are debating this issue to commemorate the life of one of the leaders in community health care in the state of Illinois.

Mr. C. Michael Savage, 51, the Chief Executive Officer of the Access Community Health

Network was killed while white water rafting in Alaska while attending a conference on June 24, 2004: all in the Chicago community are mourning his loss.

Mike's dedication, drive and devotion were responsible for turning around Access Community Health Network and making it the largest community health provider in the country. Access is based in Chicago and provides health services to the residents of the First Congressional District and the metropolitan Chicago area. But Mike's work and his impact with Access has been felt all over the country. The Access network is a model for other community health centers around the nation, and much of that reality is because of Mike's unwavering commitment to the challenge of improving health care delivery in this nation.

When I introduced legislation earlier this year designed to make affordable prescription drugs available to low income residents of the First Congressional District, Mike was there. When I created a community-based task force to examine the health care challenges my constituents face everyday, Mike was there. When providers come to Washington every year to urge the Congress to increase funding for community-based health centers, Mike was always there.

Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2004, not only did Illinois lose a caring, dedicated and supremely empathetic health care provider whose compassion for the poor was unparalleled, but so did the nation. He will be sorely missed.

LUNDY FOUNDATION'S WORK WITH VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN EAST AFRICA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lundy Foundation (Colorado) for its work, in partnership with Africa Bridge (Oregon), Godfrey's Children (Tanzania) and the Executive Council of Idweli (Tanzania), in building and operating a Children's Center in Idweli, Tanzania.

Idweli is similar to many rural villages in East Africa in that a significant portion of the population consists of children affected by HIV/AIDS. In fact, more than one-third of Idweli's children have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. As their top priority, the children of Idweli identified building a children's center where orphaned and vulnerable children can feel loved and cared for. The Children's Center has now become a reality. The Center will provide temporary shelter for children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as provide adequate food, healthcare and primary education for orphans and other vulnerable children.

The Idweli Children's Center complex will consist of a small hall with a kitchen, dining room and a space for community gatherings, two dormitories that will provide housing for 48 children and four adults, two lavatories and space for recreation, health care, and education. There is also land available for cultivating vegetables and other crops. Skilled laborers in the village are building the Center by hand. All land used for this complex was donated to the Children's Center by the village of Idweli.

While \$70,000 in private funds has been raised for construction and operation of the complex, \$81,000 is still needed to complete the project. A matching grant of \$35,000 has been pledged, if \$50,000 can be raised from other sources. Additionally, grants have been submitted to the Tanzanian government and USAID for matching grants to cover ongoing costs of operating the Center.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is particularly serious in Africa as millions of children and adults are living with the disease without adequate support or resources. I would like to commend British Airways and First Data Western Union Foundation for their support of the project and expression of social responsibility. It is vital that public and private funding from the United States continues in order to slow the spread of this epidemic in Africa, while ensuring those infected with the disease receive proper care.

I would like to praise the Lundy Foundation for its tremendous efforts in East Africa. It has not only financial resources to the project, but also project management and organizational development expertise. Through its work, the Lundy Foundation has been able to support the partnership in managing change, resolving conflict, and encouraging effective communication, as bridges are built between two different cultures.

The Lundy Foundation has achieved a great deal not only in East Africa, but throughout the African continent. I know that the Lundy Foundation will be successful as it continues in its quest to make the world a better place.

THE ACCUTANE SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleague, Congressman BART STUPAK of Michigan, to introduce legislation that will help improve the safety and health of thousands of Americans who may be using the acne medication Accutane.

Accutane has been documented as causing severe birth defects and miscarriages in pregnant women using the drug, and its side effects can result in the onset of depression, psychosis, and even suicide. Four years ago, my colleague and friend Mr. STUPAK had to endure the tragic suicide of his teenage son, who was using Accutane at the time.

Despite the fact that the significant and serious side effects associated with Accutane are well known, the Food and Drug Administration has yet to mandate a program to better monitor the use of this drug and to document its effects in patients, despite the fact that such a registry has been recommended by FDA advisory panels on two separate occasions.

The Accutane Safety and Risk Management Act is common sense legislation that will build upon a safety plan first proposed by the makers of this drug themselves. It will still permit doctors to prescribe Accutane, but will also institute several additional patient safety and protection measures and ensure patients and their families know the full risks before beginning treatment.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation we propose will permit physicians to prescribe Accutane only

for "severe, recalcitrant nodular acne" that has been unresponsive to other forms of treatment. Severe acne is the condition for which Accutane was originally approved to treat. For patients with severe acne, Accutane may be the only medication that can successfully treat their affliction. But in far too many cases, Accutane is prescribed in an overly cavalier manner, and patients are being placed at risk to the drug's side effects for no medically valid reason. Many teenagers suffer from acne, and doctors and patients need to be cautious and not treat this drug lightly.

The legislation will also register all doctors, physicians, and pharmacists who prescribe and dispense the drug, and institute an education campaign to ensure these providers are well-informed about the potential risks associated with Accutane. All patients will also be educated and be required to receive similar information before starting treatment with Accutane and throughout the treatment regimen.

Prescriptions will only be written for 30 days and will not be permitted via the telephone, Internet, or mail. Female patients will also have to undergo a monthly pregnancy test before receiving a renewal on their prescription, and all patients will be required to take a monthly blood test.

The makers of the drug and all practitioners who dispense Accutane will also be required to file prompt reports with the Department of Health and Human Services anytime they learn of a negative reaction, including a death.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me just add that I commend my good friend BART STUPAK for having the courage and fortitude to turn a heartbreaking family tragedy into an effort to spare others from suffering a similar loss. I look forward to working with him to advance this important, common-sense health reform.

TRIBUTE TO THE FINALISTS IN
THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
AWARDS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge four extraordinary young people and their teacher for becoming one of eight teams competing nationally as finalists in the Christopher Columbus Awards. The four students, Emily London, Renee Millar, Alexandra Macho, and Sara Weaver, are all eighth-graders who attend River Bluff Middle School in Stoughton, WI. Coaching the team is dedicated teacher Breinne Carroll. Through this team's efforts, they have discovered a way to change their community by using science and technology.

The students from River Bluff were concerned about blind pedestrians in their area and the risks that were involved when blind pedestrians crossed the street. The four students developed a raised strip that rests in the middle of crosswalks in order to help blind pedestrians walk in a safe manner from one side of a street to the other. The team calls their idea the "Uni-Bump."

The team has plans for the future as well. They have applied for a provisional patent, which will give the team a year to get a proto-

type designed and built before a "plant patent" can be granted. Also, a company based out of New Jersey, Trellborg Engineered Systems, has even offered to develop the first functional prototype for the team.

With imagination, teamwork, and the will to do kindly unto others, I am proud to say the team from River Bluff Middle School has not only made an impact on those in their own community, but will subsequently make a positive impact for others across the Nation.

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON
TITANS BASEBALL TEAM ON 2004
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION DIVISION I
COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a strong supporter and co-sponsor of H. Res. 704—a bill to congratulate the California State University, Fullerton Titans baseball team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, College World Series.

Many of the Titans' student body live in my district, and they must be equally proud of the Orange and Blue.

The Titans' defeat of the Texas Longhorns, ranked No. 1 in the country, was just the latest victory in the school's history of overcoming the odds. The Titans have never had the resources of the great Big West teams, but they've made up for it in their spirit, drive and determination.

Special kudos go out to Coach George Horton for his third career award as Big West Coach of the Year, and to Kurt Suzuki and Jason Windsor for being named "All Americans."

Coach Horton and his team have set a high bar for future Titans baseball teams, but I'm sure that they will be up to the challenge, in the best tradition of Cal State Fullerton athletics.

TRIBUTE TO THE CALLOWAY
COUNTY LADY LAKERS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge a group of high school students from my District congratulate them on winning the State of Kentucky Fast Pitch Softball Championship. The Calloway County Lady Lakers won their first state softball championship this year when they defeated Owensboro Catholic by the score of 3 to 2 on June 13th. This was only the second State Championship in the school's history.

I would first like to recognize the team, beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, James Pigg, and Assistant Coaches: Eddie Morris, Tom Fox, Troy Webb, Pat McMillen, and Cija Vaughn. Your hard work

and dedication is admirable and greatly appreciated. Your team is celebrating this accomplishment today because of your efforts.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. The players are: Whitney Hendon, Kaysin Hutching, Traci Rose, Kalyn Fox, Aimee Dial, Ashley Chadwick, Chelsea Morris, Marcy Boggess, Danielle McMillen, Megan Starks, Carrie Radke, Jessica Greer, and Jessica Dial. Congratulations on this impressive athletic achievement. Your will and determination are obvious, especially since you were playing the championship game at 2:00 in the morning. This is a honor for your families, your team, your school, and the First District of Kentucky.

Congratulations Lady Lakers, and I wish you continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HARRY AND
DAVID COMPANY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to a wonderful company whose roots are deeply immersed in the history of southern Oregon and our nation. Harry and David, a mail-order food-gift company located in Medford, Oregon, is celebrating its 70th anniversary, a milestone that speaks to America's enduring fondness for Harry and David products and services.

Well-known nationwide for their direct marketing of gourmet food and fruit gifts, the Harry and David Company is also known as a valuable member of the southern Oregon business community. Countless southern Oregon families have worked for Harry and David over the years and have helped shape their successful growth as a company.

Mr. Speaker, over the years the Harry and David Company has expanded from its initial gourmet gift fruit offerings to include fine chocolates and confections, as well as baked goods, meats, snack foods and home décor items. Today Harry and David ships more than 7.5 million gifts each year, including a staggering 4 million packages during the holiday season.

When you look back and consider the company's history, its accomplishments are even more impressive. After inheriting their father's Medford, Oregon, orchard in 1914, brothers Harry and David Holmes established a successful business shipping their signature fruit, the Royal Riviera Pear, to the grand hotels and restaurants of Europe. For 15 years, the brothers' business expanded as demand for their luxury fruit grew until the Great Depression impacted the market. Through extraordinary perseverance, the Holmes brothers pushed on and in 1934 built the foundation for the famously successful company we know today.

Mr. Speaker, Harry and David has truly grown to become one of the crown jewels of Oregon, and I am proud to offer my congratulations to the Harry and David Company on its 70th anniversary. Oregon is fortunate to host such a magnificent enterprise, and I am confident the next 70 years will bring the company continued success.

EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT OF 2004

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Extremely Hazardous Materials Transportation Security Act of 2004", a bill to improve safety within our system of transporting dangerous chemicals by rail, truck or other vehicle as part of daily commerce in the United States. The bill is cosponsored by Reps. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Rep. GRIJALVA of Arizona, Rep. CASE of Hawaii, Rep. OWENS of New York, Rep. LEE of California, Rep. TIERNEY of Massachusetts, and Reps. JACKSON-LEE and GONZALEZ of Texas.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have led to significant changes in the level of attention paid to safety and to anti-terrorist measures in this country. Nevertheless, every day tank cars pass through our urban centers that carry enough chlorine to kill 100,000 people in half an hour. Although some of these shipments must travel the routes they are currently using, others could easily be safely rerouted.

We already know that these shipments are attractive terrorist targets. An Ohio-based Al Qaeda operative has already been arrested and pled guilty for plotting to collapse a bridge in New York City or derail a train in DC. And in April, just north of downtown Boston, a railroad tank car carrying 20,000 gallons of hydrochloric acid started to leak close to the Sullivan rapid transit station and just yards away from I-93, causing major chaos to the morning commute. Had that incident been a successful terrorist attack rather than an accident that harmed no one, many lives could have been lost.

The bill we are introducing today would require additional security measures for all shipments of extremely hazardous materials, and also calls for the re-routing of extremely hazardous materials shipments going through areas of concern if there is a safer route available, and if the shipment's origination or destination is not located within the area of concern.

Specifically, it would require:

- physical security measures surrounding shipments of EHM such as extra security guards and surveillance technologies
- pre-notification of EHM shipments for law enforcement authorities
- coordination between Federal, State and local authorities to create a response plan for a terrorist attack on an EHM shipment
- the use of currently available technologies to ensure effective and immediate communication between shippers of EHM, law enforcement authorities and first responders
- re-routing of shipments of EHM that currently travel through areas of concern (as defined by the Secretary) only if there is a safer route available, and only if the shipment's origination or destination is not located within the area of concern
- training for employees who work with EHM shipments
- whistleblower protections for those disclosing violations of security rules or regulations

civil and administrative penalties for those who fail to comply with the regulations

I am attaching a letter of support for this bill from Chief Carter of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Police. While this letter addresses a particular hydrochloric acid spill that occurred April 14 in the Boston area, it is indicative of the difficulty and danger that extremely hazardous chemical shipments can pose to our first responder community wherever they live and work. It has also been endorsed by Greenpeace, Clean Water Action, Friends of the Earth, National Environmental Trust, the Public Interest Research Group, and 14 chemical companies.

I urge my colleagues to join me in seeking to upgrade our defenses in this area so that none of our constituents are ever exposed to a catastrophic chemical release simply because we failed to take these simple steps.

MBTA POLICE,

Boston, MA, July 12, 2004.

Re H.R. _____, *A Bill to Direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to Issue Regulations Concerning the Shipping of Hazardous Material Within, Through, or Near Regions Designated by the Secretary as Areas of Concern*

Hon. EDWARD MARKEY,

House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MARKEY: Thank you for inviting me to review and comment upon the proposed H.R. _____ which would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to draft regulations concerning transportation of hazardous materials through or near geographic areas of concern. I offer my full support for the bill.

The proposed bill provides a critical framework to strengthen the security of the now extremely vulnerable hazardous material shipment process. Its passage would create reasonable regulation over who is transporting dangerous shipments, how they are transported, and where they are allowed to travel. This bill is but one part of a larger, ever developing process of securing the safety of our citizens and protecting our municipalities.

Public mass transit and cargo transport are the most critical systems of commerce in the United States of America. In Boston, Massachusetts alone, every day, over six hundred thousand persons utilize the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) system of buses, subways, commuter rail, water shuttles, and para transit services. Each of those persons, and many who do not use mass transit, live, work and travel in close proximity to modalities which constitute hazardous material transport in the form of freight trains, rail tankers, tractor trailers, and harbor bound ships. Each of those forms of transport poses a unique and disturbing challenge to public safety agencies in preventing either an accidental or intentional discharge of dangerous cargo into the local environment.

For example, on April 14, 2004, a railroad tanker car carrying twenty thousand (20,000) gallons of hydrochloric acid developed a leak while passing quite literally within yards of the Sullivan Square MBTA subway station. This accident required the immediate response of virtually the entire resources of the MBTA Police Department's working officers to monitor pedestrian and vehicle traffic in and around the station. Also, the resources of the Boston Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services were put to the test in managing traffic, containing the leak, off-loading the remaining cargo, and identifying persons who may have been injured by exposure. For

virtually the entire day, the transit infrastructure and most critical city services were critically impeded. Perhaps the most troubling part of that incident is that every day similar cargo is transported on the same rail cargo line, immediately adjacent to commuter rail lines and roadways with no regulation or prior warning of the potential hazard.

Amazingly, no one was injured or killed as a result of the April 14 leak, but the incident pointed to a threat to the safety and lives of our citizens. Every day, across our nation, local residents are exposed to potential harm by passage through their communities of unknown and unregulated cargo, chemicals, and hazardous materials. Mass transit modalities share rail lines with dangerous cargo trains; highways and urban centers routinely see cargo trucks and tankers alongside cars, school buses, and public buildings; and working harbors, like Boston and New York, receive huge tankers of liquefied natural gas or similarly volatile cargo. There is, however, no framework to uniformly identify and secure the extremely vulnerable hazardous material shipment process.

In the shadow of the events of September 11, 2001, we in the law enforcement professions have had to refocus our efforts from crime prevention to include identification of weaknesses in local infrastructure that lends itself to either accidental or intentional harm. Part of the difficulty is that we are hardly ever forewarned, nor do we have the authority to control the hazardous substances that travel through our communities.

In closing, thank you for inviting my comments on this important issue. Please be assured of my continued support for your efforts on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH C. CARTER, *Chief.*

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the floor during rollcall votes 360 (Hefley amendment to H.R. 4755), 361 (Sherman motion to recommit H.R. 4755), and 362 (H.R. 4755 final passage), taken last night. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 360 and 361 and "aye" on rollcall vote 362.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2004, my flight was delayed due to inclement weather causing me to miss rollcall vote Nos. 359 and 360, the Holt and Hefley amendments to the legislative branch appropriations bill, H.R. 4755. The Holt amendment would increase funding for the General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish a Center for Science and Technology Assessment within the GAO. The Hefley amendment would reduce all of the discretionary appropriations in the bill by 1 percent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Holt amendment and "nay"

on the Hefley amendment. Please let the record reflect how I would have voted.

TRIBUTE TO MSGT BENJAMIN R.
McCLELLAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Master Sergeant Benjamin R. McClellan upon his retirement from the United States Air Force.

MSGT McClellan has served our Nation with honor and distinction for over 20 years, and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment. He entered into the United States Air Force in December of 1983, and attended his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX. He has served our country in many capacities through the years but has finished his career as the NCOIC of Wing Protocol for the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, MO.

MSGT Benjamin McClellan graduated summa cum laude from Friends University in Wichita, KS, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Organizational Management and Leadership. He is currently completing his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, Kansas City, MO.

MSGT McClellan's awards include the Air Force Meritorious Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing MSGT McClellan all the best. We thank him for over 20 years of service to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRUNDY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FAIR

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize both the 100th anniversary of the Grundy County Agricultural District Fair held each year near Morris, Illinois as well as the local agriculture community which has so strongly supported the Fair over the decades.

Founded in 1904 in the Village of Mazon, Illinois on the southern end of Grundy County, the Fair originally featured horse shows, baseball games and dinners served by the Mazon Congregational Church.

The Fair grew rapidly in popularity and soon became the center of entertainment for everyone in Grundy County with horse races, livestock shows, good food, dancing, talent shows and many types of plain, wholesome family fun.

As the years went by, automobile racing gradually supplanted the traditional horse races, especially with the advent of Midget auto racing which became very popular during the late 1930's and continues to this day. Auto race tracks grew larger and replaced horse racing tracks. Eventually, the Fair outgrew its Mazon, Illinois site and moved to its present location north of the City of Morris, Illinois where the Grundy County Speedway, a one-third mile paved oval track became part of the fairgrounds.

A century later, along with the auto racing, the Grundy County Agricultural District Fair still retains its agriculture and family oriented emphasis. Beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry along with field crops, fruit and vegetables still combine with country music, carnival rides and even the Miss Grundy County Fair Pageant to provide outstanding family entertainment.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me pay tribute to the generations of farm families, hard-working Fair Department Superintendents, dedicated County Fair Board members and outstanding volunteers who have built and nourished the Grundy County Agricultural District Fair through the past century. Their commitment has truly provided the Grundy County community with a century of wonderful family entertainment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GORDON
HILL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I solemnly rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of Gordon Hill of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Recently, Gordon passed away at the age of eighty-seven. He will be remembered for his dedication and service to our country as an officer during World War II, and as an employee at the Bureau of Reclamation. As his family and friends mourn his passing I would like to recognize his life and accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Gordon was born and spent much of his childhood in cities along Colorado's Front Range. After receiving a civil and irrigation engineering degree from Colorado A&M College, he went to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority. During the Second World War, he bravely answered his nation's call to serve and joined the United States Navy as an officer in the Civil Engineering Corps where he served in the Pacific Theatre. After the war, Gordon remained in the military as a member of the reserve corps.

After the war, Gordon began his work for the United States Bureau of Reclamation until his retirement in 1973. During his years at the Bureau, he held positions as a project planner, a construction supervisor and contract administrator. Working and living in several different towns throughout Colorado, Gordon provided leadership on the Colorado-Big Thompson dam and Ruedi dam projects. Gordon had a very large and loving family including several children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Upon his retirement, he moved to Glenwood Springs, which provided opportunity to be close to much of his family and a

nice environment for him to pursue his seasonal outdoor activities. These hobbies included: golf, hunting, skiing, gardening, fishing and swimming.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to share with you the legacy of Gordon Hill. His love for his family, his country, and the outdoors were all apparent, in his life and his deeds. He was a dedicated servant toward the betterment of this nation, and I ask my colleagues to join me in sending my condolences to Gordon's family and friends.

HONORING SANDRA FELDMAN ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
TEACHERS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring Ms. Sandra Feldman upon her retirement from the presidency of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). She is stepping down from this position at the AFT's annual convention later this week. Ms. Feldman has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of teaching in our schools.

Ms. Feldman was born in New York City and is a product of its public schools. She is a former 2nd and 3rd grade teacher at PS 34 in Manhattan. She began her career advocating for children and better learning outcomes during the 1960's civil rights movement. Ms. Feldman was elected to the presidency of the United Federation of Teachers, the New York City affiliate of the AFT, in 1986. She subsequently was elected to the presidency of the AFT in 1997.

Ms. Feldman has brought this diverse background and her valuable experiences together to be a force for education reform. Ms. Feldman's leadership at both the UFT and AFT helped define national education reform efforts as they developed and grew in the 1980s and 1990s. Her work helped shape the standards movement and brought accountability for results back to education.

Ms. Feldman is probably best identified as being a stalwart champion of increased teacher quality. Better than anyone, Ms. Feldman knows the importance of a highly qualified teacher, especially for the most disadvantaged children. While improving the working conditions and benefits of her membership, she also asked for better results and higher qualifications. A well qualified teacher is the most important element in a successful learning experience. Sandra Feldman's leadership at AFT has only reinforced this important fact.

Despite her retirement, I am confident that her services will continue to be sought after on numerous panels and task forces to improve educational outcomes. Very simply, her service to both her membership and the children of America has been immeasurable.

The resolution I am introducing today honors Sandra Feldman on her retirement from the presidency of AFT. Despite her leaving this position, I am confident that her expertise and skill will continue to positively impact teaching and learning for years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EIGHTH
STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Pueblo, Colorado. For many years, the church has been spiritually uniting members of the Pueblo community, and I am privileged to join my colleagues in recognizing its positive impact on the community before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church has been a place of worship and friendship for members of Pueblo for well over a century. The church's roots can be traced back into the 1870's, but the exact date of its inception is unknown as a result of a flood destroying the documentation. Many early members of the congregation can be identified as freed slaves, relocating in Pueblo to establish a new life with new opportunities. Now, many members of the community find comfort in the Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church. Recently, the church announced plans for a new building to house the church to better serve its members.

Mr. Speaker, the Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church remains an important part of the lives for many community members. The church has a century old record of bringing people together and creating a strong community. I thank the leadership and the members of Eighth Street Missionary Baptist Church for their service to the community, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, because of an emergency in my district, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 359, 360, 361 and 362. If present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 359, 361 and 362 and "nay" on rollcall vote 360.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN
WILLIAM SOMRAK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the life and memory of John William Somrak of Gunnison, Colorado. "Johnny," as he was affectionately known, recently passed away, and he will be remembered as a pillar of his community. As his family and community mourn his passing, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his life before this body of Congress and this nation.

Johnny was born and raised in Crested Butte, Colorado. After losing his father at a young age, he went to work for Colorado Fuel

and Iron's Big Mine when he turned seventeen to help support his family. This responsibility taught him a strong work ethic early in his life. Harry's personal loss of his father to a mining accident inspired him to become active in workplace safety at the mine, and join a team to compete in Colorado's Industrial First Aid and Accident Prevention competitions. When the coalmines closed he went on to work as a Forest Service technician, a job that required him to be a man of many talents. He did everything from providing the necessary maintenance of campgrounds to acting as a supervisor for the summer work crews.

A devoted family man, Johnny was married to Frances Starkovich, for over fifty years. In his free time, he enjoyed dancing with his wife and cultivating flowers in his garden. In addition to those passions, his love for skiing kept him active throughout the winter.

Mr. Speaker, the Gunnison community will sorely miss John Somrak. He will be remembered as a dedicated worker and committed family man. I wish to express my deepest condolences to Johnny's family and friends in this difficult time of bereavement.

HONORING THE JOHN MERLO
SPORTS PROGRAM

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to recognize the contributions of the John Merlo Sports Program for its tireless efforts in providing sports programs and other activities for children and senior citizens in the Lakeview Neighborhood of Chicago, on the occasion of its 23rd Annual Awards Dinner.

The annual Sports Program Dinner, hosted again at Chicago's own Wrigley Field, is an opportunity to recognize both the great work the Sports Program has accomplished in the past year, as well as the achievements of so many members of our community who help make Lakeview one of the best neighborhoods in the City of Chicago. This year, I am pleased to congratulate Senator Emil Jones, Andy McPhail, and Paula and Peter Fasseas on being recognized for their unwavering commitment to Chicago.

The John Merlo Sports Program has consistently demonstrated its commitment to providing the Lakeview community with a variety of excellent athletic programs as well as funding for the renovations of Chicago Park District Playlots. Its fundraisers, programs, and honorees, are an integral part of the success of the program, and I thank everyone in attendance for their assistance and dedication to this outstanding program.

Founded in 1981, the John Merlo Sports Program is a charitable organization named after the late John Merlo, a beloved former Alderman, State Representative, State Senator and Democratic Committeeman, who represented the Lakeview community for nearly 30 years. Mr. Merlo, a staunch advocate for the benefits of participating in sports, felt good sportsmanship, and the ability to interact with others were important skills that everyone should possess.

This year's awards are led by the Civic Leader of the Year, Senate President Emil

Jones, Jr. Senator Jones has been serving the people of Illinois as a state legislator for more than 30 years. Throughout his career, he has been a dedicated supporter of education and the disadvantaged. A life long resident of Chicago, Senator Jones has provided a passionate voice for Chicagoans as the leader of the Illinois State Senate.

President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago Cubs, Andy MacPhail has a long connection with the Lakeview Neighborhood, first working for the Cubs in 1977. As one of the most successful executives in Major League Baseball, Mr. McPhail has also worked for the Houston Astros and the Minnesota Twins, a team that won two World Championships while he was at the helm. Under Mr. McPhail's management, the Cubs were the National League Central Division Champions last year, and are again fighting for the pennant. Accordingly, I applaud the selection of Mr. McPhail as Business Leader of the year.

Last, but not least, I congratulate Paula and Peter Fasseas on being selected as the Business Leaders of the Year. Metropolitan Bank Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Peter Fasseas and Vice Chairman Paula Fasseas have been involved in all facets of the Lakeview community since purchasing North Community Bank in 1978. The number of civic organizations that have been touched by the Fasseas is too numerous to mention, but I am particularly proud of their work with Pets Are Worth Saving (PAWS), the non-profit organization founded by Mr. and Mrs. Fasseas in 1998 dedicated to encouraging pet adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the leadership of The John Merlo Sports Program, its founder Bernie Hansen, and current President Mike Quigley on the incredible work they are doing for Chicago's youth and seniors. I would also like to commend the tremendous leaders being honored this year, and wish the program continued success in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAREN
GREEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Karen Green, of Aspen, Colorado. Karen is a talented teacher that motivates students to study our nation's history. Her dedication to learning inspires students in many ways, and I am privileged to acknowledge her before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Karen has been an educator for twenty-two years and has also taught in Glenwood Springs, and Cherry Creek in Denver. This year Karen was the only Colorado educator to be awarded the inaugural Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award. The newly established national award program was created by first lady Laura Bush and is co-sponsored by the Preserve America Foundation and Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. In addition to her award Karen was also complimented with a one thousand dollar donation to the High School, 20 history books, multimedia, copies of primary documents and some meaningful works of literature and philosophy in original form.

Karen is obviously a phenomenal teacher as this is not the only award that she has received. Last year she was awarded the Most Inspirational Teacher Award and a ten thousand dollar donation from the Basalt community where she used to teach from 1993 to 2003. Most recently, she qualified for a weeklong seminar at Stanford University with Pulitzer-Prize winning historian David Kennedy. She was one of only thirty teachers invited.

Mr. Speaker, Karen Green has devoted her career to expanding the minds of Colorado students and her colleagues. She is a dedicated teacher who demonstrates a strong passion for learning and I am honored to recognize her accomplishments before this distinguished body of Congress and this nation today. Congratulations on your award Karen, and thank you for your many years of service.

PUNJAB GOVERNMENT CANCELS DEAL THAT ALLOWED DIVERSION OF WATER TO OTHER STATES; LEGISLATURE ASSERTS SOVEREIGNTY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the Legislative Assembly of Punjab recently annulled a long-standing agreement that allowed the diversion of water from Punjab to other states.

According to the Tribune of Chandigarh, whose article I will be inserting in the RECORD at the end of my remarks, the Legislative Assembly asserted the sovereignty of Punjab in doing so. The newspaper reports that the bill passed by the Legislative Assembly says that "as a sovereign authority [Punjab] considered it its duty to uphold the Constitution and the laws and to protect the interests of its inhabitants."

Apparently, all parties supported this measure. We congratulate them on taking this step forward to protect the interests of the people of Punjab. I urge them to continue claiming, promoting, and establishing the sovereignty of Punjab.

Mr. Speaker, we know that the people of Punjab have been severely oppressed by the tyrannical Indian government. Over a quarter of a million Sikhs have been killed since 1984, according to the Punjab State Magistracy. The Movement Against State Repression reports that 52,268 have been taken as political prisoners, held without charge or trial, some as long as 20 years. According to the Punjab Human Rights Commission, about 50,000 Sikhs have simply been made to disappear by being arrested, tortured, killed in police custody, declared "unidentified bodies," and secretly cremated, without their remains even being given back to their families.

Similar repression has been visited on Christians, Muslims, and other minorities. Yet India continues to say that it is the world's largest democracy.

If India is truly a democracy, it will allow the will of the people to be carried out in regards to the diversion of water. It will allow the people—Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and everyone living under Indian rule—to enjoy the full

range of human rights. And it will allow self-determination for these sovereign states.

Until that happens, Mr. Speaker, we should not provide any aid to India. And we should take a stand for self-determination, which is the cornerstone of democracy, by supporting a free and fair plebiscite on independence in Punjab, Khalistan, in Kashmir, in predominantly Christian Nagaland, and everywhere that people seek their freedom from Indian rule. The assertion of sovereignty by the Punjab Legislative Assembly is a good first step. They should act to claim their sovereignty by severing their ties to India. We should take a stand by letting them know that when they do, we will be there with them.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned before, I would like to insert the Tribune article into the RECORD.

[From the Tribune (Chandigarh), July 13, 2004]

PUNJAB ANNULS ALL WATER PACTS: CONG, AKALIS JOIN HANDS ON ISSUE

(By P.P.S. Gill)

CHANDIGARH, July 12.—A special session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha today unanimously passed the Punjab Termination of Agreements Bill, 2004, thereby "knocking down" the very basis on which the Supreme Court had passed its order on construction of SYL—Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal on June 4, last. This Bill annuls the December 31, 1981, agreement between Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan signed by the three Chief Ministers in the presence of the late Ms Indira Gandhi and also all other agreements relating to the water of the rivers, Ravi and Beas. This, the Bill says, was done in "public interest". The annulment has come after 23 long years with two staunch political rivals, the Congress and the Akalis, joining hands to protect the state's riparian rights. Immediately after the Bill was passed, the Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, accompanied by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, PPCC president, Mr H.S. Hanspal, Ms Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, Mr Partap Singh Bajwa and a team of legal experts went to Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor, Justice O.P. Verma (retd.), to request him to give his assent to the Bill, as the dead-line for compliance with the Supreme Court order was July 15. The combined delegation spent an hour with the Governor. The Raj Bhavan sources said, "The Bill is being examined."

Capt Amarinder Singh told TNS that he had not discussed the Bill with Ms Sonia Gandhi. "Why involve her? When I go to Delhi, I shall brief her".

Presenting the Bill to the House, Capt. Amarinder Singh made an emotive speech giving facts, figures and background to the entire issue of sharing of river waters and steps taken in the recent past to protect and safeguard the interests of Punjab, particularly the farmers and save nine lakh acres going dry and barren, which would affect the livelihood of 1.5 million families.

The Bill says that Punjab was proud of its position in the Indian union, felt equal concern for its neighbours and as a sovereign authority also considered it its duty to uphold the constitution and the laws and to protect the interests of its inhabitants.

Under the 1981 agreement, flow series were changed from 1921-45 to 1921-60, which had the result of increasing the availability of Ravi-Beas waters from 15.85 MAF to 17.17 MAF. The allocation of water made to the states concerned under that Agreement was as under:

Haryana (non-riparian)	3.50	MAF,
Rajasthan (non-riparian)	8.60	MAF, Delhi

(non-riparian) 0.20 MAF, Punjab (riparian) 4.22 MAF and Jammu and Kashmir (riparian) 0.65 MAF. Under clause IV of this agreement, Punjab and Haryana withdrew their respective suits from the Supreme Court. But the controversy rages on. The issue has become emotive.

Referring to the broad clauses of the proposed Bill, Capt Amarinder Singh maintained that riparian and basin principles were ignored all along and allocation of the Ravi-Beas waters had always been affected by "ad hoc decisions and agreements, dictated by prevalent circumstances". Here was a typical case involving "emotive" issue of impending transfer of water from "deficit" Ravi-Beas basin to the "surplus" Yamuna basin.

Never any reliable and scientific study of hydrological, ecological and sociological impact of such large scale trans-basin diversion from Punjab to Haryana and Rajasthan had been undertaken. Besides this transfer, diversion was even contrary to the National Water Policy guidelines, he added.

Capt Amarinder Singh pointed out, "Non-riparian and non-basin states of Haryana and Rajasthan are not only not entitled to any Ravi-Beas waters, even their current allocation and utilisation is totally disproportionate to the areas alleged to be falling in the Indus basin. Therefore, Punjab, as a good neighbour, has accepted such utilisations by Haryana and Rajasthan as 'usages by sufferance' but not as a matter of any recognition of their rights".

He supported this hypothesis, when he posed the question, "Does Punjab have surplus water and do the claimants of our water a legal right to it?" Then, he paused for effect, "The answer to this question is a resounding 'no'", and went on to give the following picture:

All three rivers, the Ravi, the Beas and the Sutlej, flow through the present Punjab and none through either Haryana or Rajasthan. No part of territories of these states fall within the basin areas of the Ravi and the Beas, although, according to un-substantiated report of the Irrigation Commission, only 9,939 sq. kms. within Haryana fall in Indus basin, against 50,305 sq. kms. of Punjab.

Again, the present utilisation by Haryana was about 5.95 MAF, about 4.33 MAF from Sutlej and about 1.62 MAF from the Ravi-Beas water, through the existing systems. Also out of 17.17 MAF of "surplus" Ravi-Beas water, only 4.22 MAF was allocated to Punjab, a riparian state, against higher quantities to Haryana and Rajasthan. From the total surplus availability of 11.98 MAF of the Beas water, Punjab has been allocated 2.64 MAF.

Therefore, justifying the annulling of the December 31, 1981, agreement and all other agreements relating to the Ravi and the Beas, the Bill seeks to present the fact that ground realities have since undergone a sea change from that date and Punjab settlement of July 24, 1985, under the Rajiv-Longowal Agreement. Therefore, this had made the implementation of that 1981 agreement "onerous and injurious" to the public interest.

The availability of the Ravi-Beas water, 1717 MAF, as on December 31, 1981, has been reduced to 14.37 MAF, as per the flow series of 1981-2002. Haryana has been given 4.65 MA under the Yamuna agreement of May 12, 1994, which will be further augmented by the Sardar-Yamuna link. In the meanwhile, irrigation requirements have increased in Punjab. "The Punjab settlement, except one para 9, relating to allocation of the Ravi-Beas water, has remained unimplemented in letter and spirit, to date."

In these circumstances, the terms of 1981 agreement were "onerous, unfair, un-reasonable and contrary to the interests of the inhabitants of the Ravi-Beas basin, who have law-full rights to utilise water of these rivers". Is the Bill justified? Will it tantamount to contempt of the court? In his well prepared speech, Capt. Amarinder Singh has addressed such questions, as well.

Armed with the House resolution of June 15 that aims to protect the rights of Punjab, legal opinions and all-party resolution of June 12, the Chief Minister said.

"This mandate enables the government to find ways and means to protect the people from adverse consequences of the Supreme Court judgment of June 4. The state had been advised that the obligations arising from an agreement or the contract did not fetter the powers of the legislature to enact a law in public interest.

"We have been further advised that it is a well settled law that the legislature is competent remove or take away the basis of judgment by law and thereby it does not encroach upon the exercise of the judicial power of the judiciary and the legislative action within its competence, do not commit a contempt of court. However, final decision in all these matters lies in the court, as any law enacted by this august House is subject to a judicial review".

When the Bill had been introduced, Mr Parkash Singh Badal stood up to express the collective anguish of the opposition that on such an important item, involving the question of "life and death" had been treated lightly by the government and till noon today "we had no idea of what the agenda was all about nor we had received copy of the Bill or what it was all about".

Mr Badal said the traditions and conventions of the House were being eroded, day-by-day. "It was also a disgrace that even the information inviting us to meet the Governor after the House had passed the resolution was sent by the Congress president, Mr H S Hanspal, who was not involved in this in any which way. How can we discuss anything at such a short notice? We are against political confrontation and are available 24-hours for any thing related to the interests of the state and are willing to support the government".

Thereafter, the Speaker, Dr Kewal Krishan said he had received a resolution sent by four Akali MLAs, Mr Parkash Singh Badal, Capt. Kanwaljit Singh, Mr Gurdev Singh Badal and Mr Manpreet Singh Badal, for the consideration of the House.

Then, he ruled that since a comprehensive Bill was being presented, they could express their views while speaking on that. Mr Manpreet Singh Badal and Capt Kanwaljit Singh suggested that certain provisions, including Clause 78, in the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, be also annulled. BJP's Tikshan Sud, said though a "belated step", the Bill was a welcome and offered full co-operation but rued that the Opposition be given due place and respect.

On this the Captain had stated in his reply that whatever steps were required to be taken to protect Punjab's interests would be taken in consultation with the legal experts.

The speakers, including Mr Bir Devinder Singh and Mr Jeet Mohinder Singh spoke in the context of historical background, stressing time and again on the riparian principles. Mr Bir Devinder Singh recalled how even the British Government had sought a certificate from Punjab that it will protect its own interests under the riparian rights while selling water to Rajasthan.

Mr Bir Devinder Singh even cautioned to be prepared following the enactment of the Act, terminating 1981 and other agreements since new situation would develop. Mr Jeet

Mohinder Singh wondered if the Bill would stop the construction of SYL. He was for adding a new amendment in the form of a clause in the Eastern Punjab Canal and Drains Act, 1873 that permission of the state Assembly should be mandatory to dig or construct any canal that carries water beyond the boundaries of the state.

RARE BONHOMIE IN HOUSE

The discussion on the Bill was, however, not without the usual political punches and colour. There were moments when some ministers and opposition members took pot shots blaming either side for having failed Punjab and messed up the water issue.

Some Opposition members said had such a Bill been brought forward 23 years ago, Punjab would have been spared the agony. Even the Bill says that in the wake of large-scale militancy, the Punjab settlement was reached, which however, had remained unimplemented in letter and spirit.

For once, the House was in a serious mood. There were no political skirmishes, though usual jibes were heard. The Governor's and Speaker's galleries were packed.

But it was the Captain's day all the way. Having worked overtime to get this Bill prepared, presented and passed by the House, he responded to the collective anguish of the opposition, expressed by Mr Badal, with utmost humility and courtesy, acknowledging all what Mr Badal had said. But then he point by point not only explained the unusual circumstances, including race against time, under which the Bill in as prepared and thus could not be circulated earlier, giving the members a chance to prepare themselves.

Capt. Amarinder Singh was apologetic and said so repeatedly taking the wind out of the sails of the Akalis. He showed faint starchiness in his voice, when he responded to some of the observations of Capt. Kanwaljit Singh, saying, "We are together here for an important task, not for rhetoric and emotive outbursts. We cannot allow Punjab to go back into the grip of violence".

Warming up, he concluded, "We will resort to all legal and constitutional means to seek justice. Already enough bloodshed has taken place. Even all the bodies have not been counted, so far. We shall fight to the end but within the parameters of laws, rules and the constitution. I will be willing to resign, if need be, for the sake of Punjab. The time is not for blame game. We have all made mistakes in the past. We are rectifying the same after 23 years. Come, lets join hands, close ranks. I appreciate the Opposition's co-operation".

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONNIE FLUKEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Connie Flukey, of Grand Junction, Colorado, who has committed herself to a lifetime of volunteer service. Connie is a caring individual who inspires citizens to follow in her benevolent steps. She is a valuable member of her community and it is an honor to recognize her service before this body of Congress and this nation.

In recognition of her service, Connie was recently honored by the White House with the President's Call to Service Award for more than four thousand hours of volunteer service

and also by the Points of Light Foundation for serving more than five hundred hours in one year. Only one thousand people in the entire country are expected to receive such a prestigious award this year. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the award program to recognize Americans whose example of dedication inspires others to volunteer. Connie definitely fits the mold as she was instrumental in the founding of an organization that helps to coordinate searches for missing children across the country including involvement in the high profile Elizabeth Smart case.

Mr. Speaker Connie Flukey is a dedicated public servant that goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve her community and her nation. I am proud to acknowledge the achievements of a person who encourages her fellow Americans to volunteer and help out in their towns and cities. It is the efforts of people like Connie that help build strong and caring communities. Thank you for your service Connie and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT"

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in the late 1990s, the Government Reform and Education and Workforce Committees, held oversight hearings to examine the barriers to telecommuting and federal agencies' development and promotion of telework programs. It was then thought that the primary benefits of telecommuting were reducing traffic congestion and pollution, improving recruitment and retention of employees, reducing the need for office space, increasing productivity, and improving the quality-of-life and morale of federal employees.

These continue to be compelling and valid reasons for implementing agencywide telework programs. Representative FRANK WOLF is to be commended for moving legislation that pushes agencies to increase the number of federal employees who telecommute.

Today, post 9-11, we are again holding hearings on telecommuting. We have another, very compelling reason to push federal agencies, and ourselves, to develop and implement the infrastructure and work processes necessary to support telecommuting. They are emergency preparedness and the continued threat of terrorism.

The question we must ask ourselves is this: In the event of an emergency, are we—this Committee, our staffs, and federal agencies—prepared to serve the American people, if in an emergency situation, our primary places of work are no longer available to us?

You only have to read the General Accounting Office's (GAO) April 2004 report entitled, "Human Capital: Opportunities to Improve Federal Continuity Planning Guidance," to know that the answer is no.

The GAO report notes that the government is better prepared to handle an emergency than it was before 9-11, but there is room for improvement. Federal agencies' continuity of

operations plans (COOP) address securing the safety of all employees and responding to the needs of personnel performing essential operations, but essential personnel make up only a small portion of the total federal workforce.

Neither the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) nor the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the agencies responsible for providing emergency preparedness guidance in COOP, have addressed workforce considerations related to the resumption of broader agency operations. While COOP efforts should give priority to the safety of all employees and address the needs of those who directly support essential operations, the resumption all other operations is crucial to achieving mission results and serving the American people.

The GAO report states that, "Given that the majority of employees would be associated with resumption efforts rather than essential operations, considering this segment of the organization is an important part of continuity planning." According to GAO, continuity efforts should be guided by two key workforce principles: the demonstration of sensitivity to individual employee needs and the maximization of all employees contributions to mission results.

I introduced H.R. 4797 to push agencies to do just that. The legislation would require the Chief Human Capital Officer Council to conduct and evaluate a 30-day demonstration project that broadly uses employees' contributions to an agency's operations from alternate work locations, including home. The outcome of the demonstration project would provide agencies and Congress with approaches to gaining flexibility and identifying work processes that should be addressed during an extended emergency situation.

This Congress experienced a prolonged emergency situation when, in 2001, congressional office buildings were closed from 2 weeks to 3 months due to the threat of anthrax contamination. Congressional staff stayed home, or they were hastily relocated to nearby federal office buildings. A Congressional Research Report on congressional continuity of operations stated that although alternate office accommodations were in place, office computer and hard copy files in the closed offices, in many cases, were inaccessible.

The number and types of potential emergency interruptions are unknown and we must be prepared, in advance of an incident, with the work processes and infrastructure needed to reestablish agency operations.

In a world where anything is possible, we must be prepared for all the possibilities.

ACT APPLAUDS EFFORTS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF FEDERAL OPERATIONS THROUGH TELEWORKING

The Association for Commuter Transportation applauds Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL) in his effort to ensure continuity of Federal operations in the event of an emergency, natural or manmade, by making effective use of telecommuting. The legislation introduced today by Congressman Davis will show that establishing effective telework programs for the Federal Workforce will allow for continuity of federal operations in the event of an emergency.

The events of September 11th showed us that the Federal government needs to be better prepared to operate in the event of an emergency. However, an act of terror is not the only event that prevents the federal gov-

ernment from operating effectively. Recent events such as the anthrax incident, the tractor incident, numerous weather related events, and the events surrounding the passing of former President Reagan have all but shut down the National Capital Region. Despite this fact, the government has a need to function day to day processes even in the event of an emergency.

ACT feels that the legislation introduced today will serve as a test bed on how to operate in the event of such emergencies and provide a pilot for emergency preparedness in the context of natural disasters in other regions as well. The legislation will leave us better prepared to face the next event, and will also highlight the many benefit of telecommuting and will teach us what we need to do better.

ACT urges the Government Reform Committee and the full Congress to pass this legislation into law. We believe that the Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, Tom Davis (R-VA) is true champion of teleworking and we hope that he will align himself with this legislation.

ACT looks forward to working with Congress and with Congressmen Danny Davis (D-IL) and Tom Davis (R-VA) to see passage of this important bill.

The members of ACT represent a broad coalition of organizations—from major private-sector businesses and institutions to transportation agencies—but we all have one thing in common . . . We are all working cooperatively to make transportation work better by making it more efficient and less costly. ACT members understand that addressing the nation's transportation challenges requires investment in a comprehensive multi-faceted approach—not just the way we build our transportation systems, but the way we use our transportation system. Through programs and services that enhance and promote real transportation choices, ACT members and their partners are developing innovative solutions designed to ensure personal mobility, maximize the performance, security and safety of transportation facilities.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL SMITH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Dr. Paul Smith and thank him for his work as Associate Chief of Staff for Community-Based Care. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant are certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. As Paul celebrates his retirement, let it be known that I, along with my fellow Coloradans are grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Paul received his degrees from the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Colorado Northwestern University Medical School before going on to join the U.S. Army as a physician in 1991 and completed his Family Practice residency at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Paul became Board Certified in Family Practice and then served for four more years as an active duty Family Physician at Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Paul entered private practice in Pueblo, Colorado in 1998 and enjoyed a busy practice

until 2000 when he joined the Veterans Affairs Department as a staff physician at the Pueblo VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in August. He is a member of the National Academy of Family Physicians and a 2001 graduate of the VA's Health Care Leadership Institute course.

In addition to his strength as a doctor Paul also excels in administration, as he was appointed Acting Chief of Staff of the Southern Colorado Health Care System (SCHCS) in 2000 and became Acting Director in 2002. Through his guidance and coordination of the integration of the SCHCS with the Denver VA Medical Center it has become a stalwart model of exemplary healthcare. This experience led to his current position as Associate Chief of Staff for Community-Based Care, overseeing seven Community Based Outpatient Clinics throughout the Eastern Colorado Health Care System.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Dr. Paul Smith has been an invaluable resource to the Colorado Health care. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Paul. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Community-Based Care Program and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, I returned from my fifth trip to Iraq since the President declared an end to major combat operations last May. I was able to visit with our brave men and women in uniform, many of whom still endure daily rocket strikes. Their resolve and ability to maintain good spirits in the harshest of environments is a testament to the caliber of our armed forces and their dedication to their jobs.

Last week I learned of the death Lance Corporal Michael Torres, a young man from my district who was killed by enemy fire in Fallujah. A high school scholar, athlete, and young Texas State Guardsman, Lance Corporal Torres joined the Marine Corps to serve his country and his fellow Americans. His pride for our Nation and his willingness to serve is an inspiration for El Paso and our country.

Yesterday, along with my colleagues SOLOMON ORTIZ and GRACE NAPOLITANO, I joined Congressman LANE EVANS in touring the Rock Island Arsenal, located in his district. Congressman EVANS invited us to visit this premier facility of which he is so proud and to which he offers much support. At Rock Island, we were able to see armor kits being made for Humvees, and talk with the employees who have been tirelessly working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to produce armor kits for our Humvees that are in theater in Iraq. Having seen some of these armor kits being installed in Kuwait, and having talked to soldiers both installing the kits and receiving armored vehicles, I wanted to pass on their gratitude to the workers.

When our men and women in uniform initially crossed the burm in Iraq, fewer than 40 percent of their vehicles were armored. Today, thanks to the hard work of the men and women like those at Rock Island Arsenal, we are well on our way to having every vehicle armored. Since December 19th of last year, Rock Island has produced more than 2,500 full armor kits for Humvees that were sent to Iraq—many of which were installed in theater by the very men and women who built the armor. Our Nation owes great thanks to the men and women of Rock Island Arsenal. Their hard work and dedication is giving soldiers protection and enabling them to return home to their families.

While I am pleased that we are on our way to successfully armoring our vehicles, it does not make up for the fact that many, many men and women in uniform died when they could have been protected by properly armored vehicles. I am pleased that the House Armed Services Committee has been able to work in a bipartisan manner to give our soldiers and marines in theater better force protection measures, but this should not have had to happen after our soldiers were already in theater. When we use our forces, we need to ensure that they have adequate equipment, the best information and technology, and the best training possible.

Our men and women in uniform, like Lance Corporal Torres was, are among the best and the brightest that our Nation has to offer. They are our sons and daughters, our fathers and mothers, our friends and neighbors. As a veteran and as a proud American, I pledge to offer my continued support to ensure that our men and women in uniform have what they need to do their jobs and return home safely.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE FORRESTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Debbie Forrester and recognize her for her outstanding achievements playing handball over the years. She is an amazing handball athlete with a very impressive history of tournament play and it is with great satisfaction that I am able to acknowledge her accomplishments before this body of Congress and nation today.

Debbie started playing handball twenty-two years ago and since then has been national runner-up several times in both singles and doubles before winning the national championship last year. Debbie was ranked seventh in the world in the "open" division, and won three national titles in that division. As a long-time resident of Western Colorado, Debbie has used her handball skill to make friends and build community relationships among her fellow citizens. Debbie's husband, Kim, was also a nationally ranked handball player as well at one point, and the two of them entered many doubles tournaments together.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Debbie Forrester is an exceptional handball player,

who uses her talents to educate and entertain interested citizens. Helping kids to get involved in sports is fundamental to a healthy childhood and I greatly appreciate Debbie's role in that process. It is my privilege to honor Debbie for her handball achievements and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate today the 100th anniversary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Wilmington is known, thanks to our local chamber, as the "Heart of the Harbor," and is our nation's gateway to the Pacific and beyond. The business members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce serve one of our country's most vital economic engines, the Port of Los Angeles. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce enhances the local business environment and helps to improve the quality of life in our community.

The chamber's work builds on a long and auspicious history for the local community. When Phineas Banning founded Wilmington in 1858, he could hardly have imagined the impact that this small community would eventually come to have on the rest of the world. The second post office in Los Angeles County was opened here, and Wilmington was the lifeline to 215 army posts scattered throughout Arizona and New Mexico during the Civil War. Wilmington was no less important during the Second World War, when Navy ships were built on Terminal Island and contributed to winning the war in the Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce on 100 years of remarkable service to the Wilmington community and the nation. I wish the Wilmington business community many more years of success.

COMMENDATION TO RACHEL HEATH

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to extend my warmest commendation to Rachel Heath for her nearly 22 years of service to the Borough of Franklin, New Jersey.

For the past 22 years, Rachel has worked for the people of Franklin in various capacities—as Welfare Director, Accounts Payable Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and, for the past eight years, Borough Clerk and Administrator.

Though the job titles varied, all of the positions shared one element in common: service to the citizens of Franklin. As Welfare Director,

Rachel aided residents in obtaining much-needed assistance to help them through difficult times. As Accounts Payable Clerk, Rachel helped ensure that the borough's finances ran smoothly. And during her time in the borough Clerk's office—first as Deputy Clerk and then as Borough Clerk and Administrator—Rachel handled everything from pet licenses to marriage licenses, birth certificates to death certificates, voting registration to elections oversight.

While all of these accomplishments are certainly noteworthy, perhaps the most remarkable tribute to Rachel is that she did these things while raising four children and being a wife to her husband of almost 35 years, Thomas. In and of itself, the work of a wife and mother goes well beyond a full-time job, yet Rachel found the strength and ability to serve both her family and her community.

As Rachel concludes one chapter of her life and commences the next, I applaud her past service and wish her a future filled with continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SANDY AND BUTCH LONGMORE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise to pay tribute to Butch and Sandy Longmore of Montrose, Colorado. For many years, they have been taking foster children into their home and providing a positive influence in the foster children's lives. As foster parents, they have shown tremendous compassion and commitment to the Montrose youth. I am honored to acknowledge this exceptional couple before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Over the last twenty-two years, the Longmores have taken in over 150 foster children. Depending on the circumstances, the foster child stays for a period ranging from a week to several months. In seven different cases, the Longmores have adopted one of the children they were temporarily housing. In addition to their seven adopted children, the Longmores have four children of their own. In recognition of their efforts, the Colorado State Foster Parent Association recently honored the Longmores as the May recipients of the Colorado Foster Parents of the Month. Butch and Sandy are compassionate and caring individuals that obviously take great interest in providing care to young individuals that have difficult situations to overcome.

Mr. Speaker, Butch and Sandy Longmore have truly distinguished themselves as outstanding individuals. They understand the community's commitment to raising the next generation of citizens, and, in assuming that responsibility, have positively changed foster children's lives. I thank Butch and Sandy for their hard work and dedication and I wish them the all the best in their future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 19

2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine certain aspects of the new Medicare law aimed at assisting seniors of modest and low incomes, including principally the full drug benefit scheduled for 2006, and the ongoing prescription drug card transitional assistance.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Neil McPhee, of Virginia, to be Chairman, and Barbara J. Sapin, of Maryland, to be a Member, both of the Merit Systems Protection Board.
SD-342

JULY 20

9 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies, focusing on those enacted in the Homeland Security Act, specifically their implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities.
SD-342

9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SR-253

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine detours and disengagements regarding the road map to peace.
SD-419

Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-226

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 2590, provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Pro-

gram, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems.
SD-366

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho.
SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine performance and outcome measurement in substance abuse and mental health programs.
SD-430

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine the prospects for advancing democracy in Albania.
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2:30 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve.
SH-216

JULY 21

9 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Vocational Education Act, S. 2158, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, S. 2493, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to protect the public health from the unsafe importation of prescription drugs and from counterfeit prescription drugs, H.R. 3908, to provide for the conveyance of the real property located at 1081 West Main Street in Ravenna, Ohio, S. Res. 389, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information, S. Con. Res. 119, recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority, and certain pending nominations.
SD-430

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine combating multilateral development bank corruption, focusing on the U.S. Treasury's role and internal efforts.
SD-419

10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure.
SD-538

Finance
To hold hearings to examine bridging the tax gap.
SD-215

Governmental Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-342

Indian Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans.
SR-485

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.
SD-226

2 p.m.
Armed Services
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine the Pentagon and States' response to the needs of guard and reservists families.
SD-430

Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the proposed reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.
SR-485

2:30 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
International Trade and Finance Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Islamic banking.
SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 738, to designate certain public lands in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 2221, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Oregon, S. 2253, to permit young adults to perform projects to prevent fire and suppress fires, and provide disaster relief, on public land through a Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps, S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in the State of Montana, and S. 2622, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico.
SD-366

JULY 22

9 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the United States, and whether the pharmaceuticals from foreign sources are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, focusing on the extent to which

U.S. consumers can purchase dangerous and often addictive controlled substances from Internet pharmacy websites and the procedures utilized by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as the private sector to address these issues.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine media ownership.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine preparations for possible future terrorist attacks.

SD-430

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the demographics of health care, focusing on evidence regarding declining rates of chronic disability and assess the best opportunities for further health promotion.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-181).

SD-366

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine space exploration of Saturn.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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