

morning, we are very grateful for your having joined us here, some for a semester, some of you for a year, but for your time and your dedication in helping to serve the House of Representatives.

I think, if nothing else, you have written many eloquent words about what you have seen and what you have not seen and what you have experienced here. But, if nothing else, I hope that it instilled within you this idea the United States had of self-government still does work, that you put together people who are not experts, not trained to be parliamentarians, put us all together and give us the information and still, in a very cumbersome process, we can come up with the right answers and with solutions.

Man can govern himself.

Through all the years that I have stayed involved in politics, first in the State legislative system and then here in Congress, I still come back to that one belief: The system of self-government does work. People can govern themselves.

And that is the positive element that I hope you take with you back home as you return from this experience here in Washington, D.C.

So the pages who are here, the pages who are still part of the program and not here this evening, we are thankful for you. We are grateful for you. We hope you have had a wonderful experience, and we hope you take back some kind of thrill of the idea of participating in government with you as you go back to your homes and continue on with your education.

Mr. KILDEE. If I might add, that among all of your accomplishments here, one thing the pages have done, you and your predecessors have really seen at least one unit of the House that is totally nonpartisan. We work together so closely because of our concern for you that we always arrive by consensus at the decisions we make in the Page Board. Our concern for you is that great.

I consider ROB BISHOP one of my very special friends. We don't always vote alike on other things, but we always reach agreement when it comes to the pages to help us realize that we should come together on those things that are extremely important, and there are probably some other things we can probably do that on, too.

Thank you very much. God bless all of you.

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Ella Davis-R  
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Adidoreydi Gutierrez-R  
Caroline Hill-R  
Rebecca Jacobson-R  
Audrey Knickel-R  
Elizabeth Matenkoski-R

Denee McKoy-R  
Caroline Miller-R  
Parker Mortensen-R  
Andy Nguyen-R  
Nathan Pike-R  
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Leah Jones-D  
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#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

#### DROUGHT IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to discuss what continues to be pernicious drought conditions that affect the people of the San Joaquin Valley, those in my district and my colleague's district.

I hope that most of the Members, if not all of you, recognize that we are now in three continuous dry year conditions in the San Joaquin Valley that is not only affecting the richest agricultural region in the United States, in California, but the entire State as well. A drought caused by Mother Nature, expanded and impacted by numerous judicial decisions and legislative changes, has very, very much devastated the economy of the valley I represent.

Water is the lifeblood of the agricultural communities in my district, supplying over a \$20 billion industry in the