

February 8, 1999

A RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
PRESENTATION OF THE DE-  
FENSE BUDGET TO CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PACKARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 2, 1999*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of the men and women who protect our freedom around the world. The military budget proposed by President Clinton is woefully inadequate and we must work together to ensure that Congress corrects its failures and shortcomings.

The increasing instability around the world threatens America's allies as well as American interests. Even as I speak, our sons and daughters who serve are targeted by Iraqi missiles and scores of terrorist forces abroad. Today, the Administration is contemplating further troop deployments in Kosovo.

America's military is now spread further around the world than at any time in our history. Yet the President still fails to provide our soldiers with the resources they need to protect freedom and even to protect themselves. The President's military budget proposal is long on rhetoric and short on correcting the many gaps in readiness that have developed over years of neglect under his administration. While the President's budget hands out billions to government bureaucracies and bloated federal agencies, it falls well short of any serious attempt to provide for the safety of our troops.

The truth is, we aren't keeping our promises to those who serve. You can look no further than our military personnel retention rates to see what years of grossly under-funded budgets have done to morale throughout the service. Highly trained men and women are leaving the military in record numbers. The Navy's loss of aviators, many of whom are stationed near my district in San Diego, has reached a critical level. In some cases, we no longer even have the necessary personnel to staff our carriers.

Mr. Speaker, our military personnel are the finest in the world. The readiness and safety of those who protect freedom should not be sacrificed for the personal legacy of a self-absorbed President. It's time we provide them with the best equipment and training available. Anything less is unacceptable.

RECOGNIZING 1ST SERGEANT MI-  
CHAEL HAYES FOR OUT-  
STANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 8, 1999*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to come before the House today to honor the long and distinguished record of service of Marine First Sergeant Michael Hayes. Whether serving his nation in the Marine Corps or providing for the needy during the holidays here at home, Sergeant

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Hayes has set a record of achievement that we can all be proud of.

Even while serving the Marine Corps faithfully here in New Haven, Sergeant Hayes went above and beyond the call of duty and worked diligently to involve his staff and Marine cadets with the community. Of all his accomplishments, the most impressive and the most touching has been his work on behalf of numerous "Toys for Tots" campaigns. His commitment has brought more than thirty thousand toys to needy children in the Greater New Haven area, putting a smile on the faces of so many of New Haven's kids on many Christmas mornings.

At the end of this year, Sergeant Hayes will leave the Marine Corps, retiring with the United States Armed Forces Meritorious Service Medal, a honor he most certainly deserves. His generosity and dedication to the needs of New Haven residents will not be forgotten.

ROCSAT-1 LAUNCH FROM SPACE-  
PORT FLORIDA A GREAT suc-  
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**HON. DAVE WELDON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 8, 1999*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of bringing to the Members' attention the fact that Spaceport Florida has successfully launched its second satellite. On Tuesday, January 26, 1999, I was pleased to personally observe as an Athena rocket left Florida's Spaceport to deploy the ROCSAT-1, the first satellite launched by the Republic of China, Taiwan. I am proud of the success of the government of Taiwan, Spaceport Florida, and involved commercial companies in this endeavor.

The launch of ROCSAT-1 was accomplished with the cooperation of Taiwan's National Space Program Office, Lockheed Martin and the Spaceport Florida Authority. This is only the latest example of the Spaceport Authority's ability to successfully launch payloads into space and at a competitive price. I am hopeful that this successful endeavor between the Republic of China and Florida will lead to more exciting and profitable ventures that will benefit both parties. This is a proud moment for Taiwan and Florida.

After personally viewing the historic launch, I can also say that I firmly believe that Florida's first rate launching capabilities are advancing and will strengthen our competitiveness. I am also pleased that Taiwan chose Florida as the place for launching their satellite. Florida has a proven track record of dependable launches and we added to that number on January 26. I hope this will be the first launch of many.

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A BILL TO EXCLUDE FROM GROSS  
INCOME REWARDS RECEIVED BY  
REASON OF PROVIDING INFOR-  
MATION LEADING TO THE CON-  
VICTION OF A CRIME TO THE EX-  
TENT THAT THE REWARD IS  
USED TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS  
OF CRIME

**HON. AMO HOUGHTON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 8, 1999*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague from New York, Mr. McNULTY, as well as a number of other colleagues, in introducing a new bill to effectively exempt from taxation the proceeds of the Federal government's reward of \$1 million paid to Mr. David Kaczynski for information leading to the conviction of the Unabomber.

We introduced a similar bill late last session, which was passed by the Senate but, due to procedural and content changes, was not considered in the House before adjournment. We believe we have addressed the content concerns of the proposal and are reintroducing a more general bill to be considered through the regular legislative process.

As you may remember, in the fall of 1995 Mr. David Kaczynski provided invaluable assistance to the FBI. As a result of Mr. Kaczynski placing the health and safety of American citizens ahead of family loyalty, Federal authorities were able to apprehend his brother Theodore, the infamous Unabomber.

The Federal Government had offered a \$1 million reward for information leading to the conviction of the Unabomber. Not wanting to profit personally from the tragedy caused by a deeply troubled member of their family, David Kaczynski and his wife pledged to distribute the net proceeds, after taxes and attorneys' fees, to his brother Theodore's victims and their families. However, because this income was considered taxable they were only able to direct \$534,150 to a community based foundation to be used to benefit the victims of violent crime. If this reward had been tax-exempt, David and his wife would have had approximately \$200,000 more to distribute.

Accordingly, we are reintroducing the bill today, which would permit the full reward to be tax-exempt and allow the amount, otherwise used to pay taxes, to ultimately benefit the victims and their families. We invite our colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and assist us in closing this chapter of the Unabomber saga and bring some sense of justice to the Unabomber's victims and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN R. KASICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 8, 1999*

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record a vote by electronic device on Roll Number 9. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Number 9.