

Arkansas. From an early age, he always felt a need to heal the physical pain of others.

Because his family was poor, he could never afford to attend medical school. Instead, at the age of 16, Havis became an orderly at our Davis Hospital. Over the next 20 years, Havis did what he could to relieve the physical pain of patients. He did this work as a ministry, and with such good humor and professionalism that he earned a promotion.

In 1970, Havis ran unopposed as coroner of Jefferson County. Building on his desire to mitigate the physical pain of patients, he sought to soothe the emotional pain of those left behind. He also fought to end drug abuse by helping to start the Drug-Free Jamboree.

Now, after his 28 years of heart felt public service and compassion, I want to personally thank Havis for sharing his light and goodness with the people of Jefferson County, Arkansas.

SUPPORT H.R. 835, MAKING THE R&D TAX CREDIT PERMANENT

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to call on this Congress to pass legislation to make permanent the Federal Research and Development Tax Credit. I am a strong supporter and an original cosponsor of H.R. 835, which really is a bipartisan piece of legislation sponsored by Representatives JOHNSON and MATSUI to make it permanent. It is also one of the top issues of the new Democratic coalition for this Congress.

The R&D tax credit provides an essential incentive for companies to increase their investment in U.S. research and development. The R&D tax credit is important to the Research Triangle Park and the rest of my district in North Carolina, which happens to be the home for 3,100 information technology establishments and over 195,000 technology employees, and with a payroll of \$5.1 billion.

This tax credit is so important because it provides a base amount, but North Carolina has an amount tied to that that will make a difference, and if the Federal is lost, so will be the State. We need to make it permanent this year.

Unless companies can consistently depend upon the combined Federal and State tax credit year in and year out, we risk the ground-breaking research that is provided for job placement.

SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, a moment on Social Security. I

think we are moving ahead very quickly. The challenge is still that the Democrats and the Republicans should not demagogue our efforts to try to save Social Security.

A decision was made last week with the Republicans that we are going to set aside 100 percent of the Social Security surplus.

I have a bill that I introduced last January. I invite the cosponsorship of Republicans and Democrats. Let me just briefly tell my colleagues what that bill does.

It says that we are going to lower the public debt. We are going to pay off the debt to the public for every dollar that comes in in surplus from Social Security until we use that money, the Social Security surplus, to save Social Security. It is important that we move ahead, and it is important that we work together in a bipartisan effort.

PRIVATIZING MEDICARE

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the National Commission on the Future of Medicare is poised to recommend to the President and the Congress that one of our Nation's best government programs, Medicare, be delivered to the private insurance market. There is nothing new here. Conservative newspapers like the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Times, and conservative Republicans, have been trying for years to privatize Medicare. Privatize, they say, in order to save it.

This is a critical time for Medicare. The program faces significant financial difficulty, in part because of the impending retirement of baby boomers and the fact that people are living longer. The Republican answer has been to move Medicare beneficiaries into managed care and create Medicare medical savings accounts. Privatize the program in order to save it.

Medicare is a fundamental part of the fabric of our country. Thirty-three years ago, before Medicare, half of the elderly of this country had no health insurance. Today, virtually everyone over 65 is covered by Medicare.

Meanwhile, the private insurance industry leaves 43 million Americans uninsured. That is why our public institutions like Medicare and Social Security are so important. We must keep Medicare the successful public program that it is.

NEW TITLES FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATS

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration announced once that it was committed to reinventing government. But according to a new Brookings Institute study released yesterday, it sounds like the administration is just reinventing job titles.

Yesterday the Brookings Institute released a study, detailed in the Washington Post, that discussed this phenomenon of title creep. It stated, This administration has created as many new job titles during its 6 short years than the past seven administrations created over the preceding 33 years. Listen to some of the more inventive titles they came up with: Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, and my personal favorite is Principal Deputy to Deputy Assistant Secretary.

The Federal Engraving and Printing office must be working overtime on these new business cards, Mr. Speaker. It is amazing they can even fit the title on one small card.

What does all this mean to the average taxpayer? It means more layers of bureaucracy, more delays, and more interference. It is hard to imagine that the American taxpayer is getting anything out of these extra layers of bureaucracy except perhaps a big headache.

But in the true spirit of the Clinton vision of reinventing government, I have decided to take a new title for myself. Imagine my new impressive business card, when it says, RICHARD K. ARMEY, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., M.C., Principal Deputy Underspeaker of the House of Representatives for the United States of America.

A TRADE WAR ON BANANAS THAT AMERICA SHOULD NOT BE IN

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the United States is in a trade war with the European Union. It is in a trade war about bananas. We do not grow any bananas in the United States. How did we get into this trade war? One man, Carl Lindner, has triggered a trade war, Carl Lindner of Chiquita Bananas.

How did this happen? It is very simple. The European Union has a relationship with the Eastern Caribbean. The European Union that was once the colonizers, when they left independence to the colonies, they created a relationship so that these colonies could sell their bananas and be independent.

Carl Lindner cannot compete with the Eastern Caribbean, and our Trade Representatives, starting with Mickey Kanter, and before, Charlene Barchefsky, who promised we would not get into this trade war, took this issue before the World Trade Organization. They made the case on behalf of