

they merged the AFL and NFL, Houston was competitive each year.

Such great players as Dan Pastorini, Earl Campbell, and Billy "White Shoes" Johnson led our team to the brink of the Super Bowl.

Houstonians continue to stand by their team in good times and in bad, and now we are ready for the professional Houston Texans.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to the on-field debut of the Houston Texans in 2002. I am eager to resume our annual Governor's Cup with a victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, when we think of a day in the life of a child, we may immediately think of toys, playgrounds, and laughter. Rarely, if ever, do chemotherapy, hospitalization, and blood transfusions come to mind.

Yet, the harsh reality is that they will become just a routine part of the day for the well over 12,000 children who will become victims of cancer this year.

Cancer is the number one killer of children, and its incidence has been rising every year for the past 20 years.

Alexander Zimmerman, the 4-year-old son of my district director, is currently fighting a rare form of a brain tumor.

And we cannot forget Caroline, the daughter of our colleague the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. PRYCE), who recently passed away from her battle with neuroblastoma.

Pediatric oncology remains underrecognized and underserved, which is why Congress should fund what could be the largest children's oncology facility in the Nation, the University of Miami's Batchelor Children's Center.

We believe that if Congress does its part, things like playgrounds, toys, and laughter will once again become the daily routine.

We should also fund graduate medical education for pediatric hospitals, such as Miami Children's Hospital, which trains our Nation's leading pediatric oncologists.

This September, as we commemorate Childhood Cancer Month, I urge my colleagues to fund efforts toward pediatric cancer research because every child's life is precious.

TRAGIC PASSING OF ENSIGN KRISTOPHER KROHNE

(Mr. BILBRAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I come to the well of the House floor to

talk about a very sad case, the tragic death of a former intern of mine, Kris Krohne.

Kris was an honorable and ambitious young man who died pursuing his dream of serving this country as a Naval aviator. Last Wednesday, Navy Ensign Kris Krohne was performing his second solo flight at Vance Air Force Base when his plane crashed. Kris was only 24 years old.

As a parent who has lost a son, my heart goes out to his parents, both retired Naval officers, Theodore and Kay, and his brother Karl. I extend my sympathies from those of us in the entire San Diego community to them.

I remember Kris as a bright and personable student who worked hard while interning in my office in D.C. in the spring of 1998. I was saddened to hear of his sudden death.

Kris' spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone he touched. We will never forget the great contribution he made to our office and what a great and dedicated American he was to want to serve his country.

Our thoughts and our prayers go out to his family, and we will all be praying for them in their time of grief.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ISTOOK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material during further consideration of H.R. 4942.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Pursuant to House Resolution 563 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4942.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4942) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, July 26, 2000, pending was amendment number 23 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

The gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) has 9 minutes remaining in debate and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK) has 11½ minutes remaining in debate.

The gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, Members will recall that the matter involving contraception turned on when a veto would take place. The mayor had promised a veto. He believed that a pocket veto was the appropriate way to proceed because, as this body well knows, if a veto is straight out that is a declaration of war. There may be a compromise thereafter, but it is a little more difficult. So my amendment addressed the notion that the mayor should be allowed to pocket veto and we should respect his word that a pocket veto would take place. That pocket veto has taken place.

The chairman knows that he had written language that was otherwise acceptable to me. It is perhaps not the exact language I would have written with respect to contraception, but I had discussions with him concerning his language. I understand his concern on his side of the aisle. I have asked my own Members on this side of the aisle to consider that what we are trying to do is to get some kind of understanding that we can all live with to get this bill passed. I am not prepared to ask for anything further now that the bill has been vetoed, except that I would like to ask the chairman if that is satisfactory to him and, if so, if he would accept my amendment.

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, as the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) correctly states, we were in a situation where her amendment was simply trying to strike language from the bill which would disapprove pending legislation in the District of Columbia. That legislation, since we were here last on this bill, has been pocket vetoed by the mayor of the District of Columbia. Therefore, there is no need to have the language in the bill whereby Congress disapproves that local legislation because, indeed, it has already been disapproved by the action of the mayor. Therefore, there is no need for the language in the bill and certainly I am ready to accept, and I believe our side is ready to accept, the amendment from the gentlewoman.

For clarification, for anyone, lest there be any confusion, the amendment