

Allen also did these for real. Another recurring routine involved Mr. Allen reading actual angry letters to the New York Daily News with all the artificial righteous indignation they indicated. The skits were hilarious. Mr. Allen left "Tonight" at the end of the 1956 season. From 1956 through 1961, Mr. Allen hosted a reprise of "The Steve Allen Show," which was in the time slot against "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Throughout his television career, Mr. Allen showcased improv actors, and on-the-edge bookings for the era, including Lenny Bruce and Bob Dylan. He also invited jazz musicians to his shows. Mr. Allen showcased soloists with the "Tonight" band and interviewed legendary musicians for a television program called "Jazz Scene U.S.A."

Mr. Allen appeared on other television shows. He created "Meeting of Minds," which won an Emmy in 1981 for best informational series. The show presented imaginary debates between historical figures such as Charles Darwin, Attila the Hun and Marie Antoinette. Mr. Allen also appeared in several movies, wrote over 8,000 songs, and wrote numerous books on a variety of topics.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, the actress Jayne Meadows, four sons, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Steve Allen for his contribution to the entertainment world and for helping each of us laugh.

PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING EMPLOYEES

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2000*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill S. 3239 which would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain international broadcasting employees.

S. 3239 would establish a new immigrant visa category for international broadcasting employees which would be subject to numerical limitations. It would provide a maximum of 200 visas in the first year, which would deal with the current critical shortage of international broadcasters. Then it would provide a maximum of 100 visas annually for three successive years. Also, it would waive the labor certification requirement for the broadcasters who receive the visas.

The people who work in the international broadcasting industry are highly skilled individuals. They must have journalistic skills. They must be fluent in a number of languages. And they must have an in-depth knowledge of the people, history, and cultures of other nations. Historically, it has not been possible to find a sufficient number of people in the American workforce who have this combination of skills.

The availability of these visas would help to provide needed broadcasters for the Voice of America ("VOA"), Radio Free Asia, Inc. ("RFA"), and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

This bill would provide the assistance that the international broadcasting industry needs to continue to provide essential news coverage around the world. I urge Members to support it.

REPRESENTATIVE SIDNEY YATES:  
A GENTLEMAN, A STATESMAN  
AND A HERO

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, to all those who love the arts, cherish the environment, or are part of the ongoing struggle for human rights, Sidney Yates was a hero. He will be remembered for his tireless support of the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities, his advocacy for Native Americans, his work to protect treasures of nature from the Sequoias to Chicago's lakefront. He was elected in 1948, the year the state of Israel was born and he worked throughout his career to foster U.S.-Israel friendship. Millions of people can thank Sid Yates for the Holocaust Museum for which he was largely responsible.

For the occasion of his 90th birthday last summer, Congressman BARNEY FRANK and I circulated a huge card for Sid Yates, and members were literally lined up waiting for their chance to sign. I was pulled into the Republican cloakroom so that more of his former colleagues could wish him well. The words that kept coming up as members talked about him were "gentleman" and "statesman." There was reverence in their voices when they spoke of his elegance and eloquence.

The voters of the 9th District were proud to elect Sid Yates as their Representative twenty-four times because they knew that he would never fail them. He never wavered from his principles and values, liberal values he shared with the vast majority of his constituents. Through all the years—the McCarthy era, the Reagan and Bush years—Sid Yates was steadfast, never bending with the political winds or polls. He was beloved in his district and he is deeply missed.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.  
GARY S. THURBER

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Gary S. Thurber, who is retiring from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on November 3, 2000. His distinguished government career spans 30 years. Mr. Thurber currently serves as the Executive Director, the highest civilian position, at Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency. His record of achievement during this period reflects great credit upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served. His contributions to the National Defense will be missed as he moves on to new opportunities.

*November 1, 2000*

Mr. Thurber is a member of the Senior Executive Service and has received numerous awards over his 30-year career, including the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award in 1994 and the DLA Exceptional Civilian Service Award in 1995 and 2000.

After serving in the U.S. Army for three years, Mr. Thurber worked at the Air Force Contract Management Division, Air Force Systems Command, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, from October 1973 through July 1990. He joined the Defense Logistics Agency in July 1990 and has served in the following leadership positions: Chief, Plans, Policy and Systems Division; Executive Director, Contracting; Deputy Director, Corporate Administration; Associate Director for Operations, Defense Contract Management Command; Associate Director for Acquisition, Defense Contract Management Command; Director, Defense Energy Support Center; and Director, Corporate Administration.

Mr. Speaker, in concluding, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gary Thurber on his retirement from Federal Civil Service. He epitomizes the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal government a model all over the world.

CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN  
MIDDLE EAST

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H. Con. Res. 426, which states that "The Palestinian leadership not only did too little for far too long to control the violence, but in fact encouraged it."

Israel has been the United States' strongest ally in the Middle East, and I continue to support Israel's statehood and efforts to maintain secure borders. At the same time, I support the Palestinians' effort to have a homeland. Consequently, I support the peace process and I strongly believe a negotiated settlement is the only way Israel and the Palestinians will develop a lasting peace.

It is specifically for that reason that I voted against H. Con. Res. 426. If the United States is to be able to maintain its role as a credible peace broker, it is my belief that we must maintain our legitimacy by avoiding adopting one-sided resolutions. For that same reason, I voted to condemn the United Nations Resolution ES-10-6, which singled out and opposed Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Israel's security is a priority in our foreign policy. As Israel's ally, we should do everything we can to help reduce tensions in that part of the world. This resolution will not stop the violence or end instability in the Middle East.

The Primary objective of the United States should be to help end the current violence so that all parties can begin to resume peace talks. We must focus on supporting balanced measures that restore peace, stability, and the confidence of both parties.