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INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 2883) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, HR 2883, the Intelligence Authorization Act, is brought before us today under a process which denies members of Congress our constitutional right as elected officials to be informed on crucial aspects of the programs we are asked to authorize. Information about this bill is limited to dollars amounts and personnel ceilings for the individual intelligence programs and even that information is restricted to viewing in a classified annex available to members during regular business hours for "security reasons."

Given the many questions the American people have about the performance of the intelligence agencies prior to September 11, and the many concerns as to whether the intelligence agencies can effectively respond to the challenges of international terrorism, I believe that the American people would be well served by a full debate on the ways the intelligence community plans to respond to these challenges. I also believe the American people would be well-served if members of Congress could debate the prudence of activities authorized under this bill, such as using taxpayer monies for drug interdiction, is an efficient use of intelligence resources or if those resources could be better used to counter other, more significant threats. Perhaps the money targeted for drug interdiction and whether it should be directed to anti-terrorism efforts. However, Mr. Speaker, such a debate cannot occur when members are denied crucial facts regarding the programs authorized in this bill or, at a minimum, are not free to debate in an open forum. Therefore, Congress is denied a crucial opportunity to consider how we might improve America's intelligence programs.

We are told that information about this bill must be limited to a select few for "security reasons." However, there are other ways to handle legitimate security concerns than by limiting the information to those members who happen to sit on the Intelligence Committee. If any member were to reveal information that may compromise the security of the United States, I certainly would support efforts to punish that member for violating his office and the trust of his country. I believe that if Congress and the Executive Branch exercised sufficient political will to make it known that any member who dared reveal damaging information would suffer full punishment of the law, there would not be a serious risk of a member leaking classified information.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, it is inexcusable for members to be denied crucial facts regard-

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ing the intelligence program authorized by this bill, especially at a time when the nation's attention is focused on security issues. Therefore, I hope my colleagues will reject HR 2883 and all other intelligence authorization or funding bills until every member of Congress is allowed to fully perform their constitutional role of overseeing these agencies and participating in the debate on this vital aspect of America's national security policy.

COLORADO'S NOBEL LAUREATES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the tremendous accomplishments of two of my constituents, Dr. Carl Wieman and Dr. Eric Cornell. It was announced this week that Dr. Wieman and Dr. Cornell have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for their work in creating a new state of matter. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle, a professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was also awarded the prize.

The goal of the scientists was to create Bose-Einstein condensation, an extreme state of matter predicted by Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose and later expounded upon by Albert Einstein.

Beginning with atoms of rubidium gas at room temperature, the Colorado team—led by Eric Cornell and Carl Wieman, and including CU-Boulder undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral researchers—cooled the atoms to less than 170 billionths of a degree above absolute zero. This low temperature caused the individual atoms to behave as one "superatom."

To cause matter to behave in this controlled way has long been a challenge for researchers. Physicists were initially skeptical about the approach taken by Wieman and Cornell to create the condensate, but they soon came around when they recognized the advances the scientists were making.

As the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences noted upon awarding the prize, this year's Nobel Laureates have caused atoms to "sing in unison." The creation of Bose-Einstein condensate is a ground-breaking accomplishment that will significantly affect the scientific community, its work, and its direction for years to come. I am proud that the work of Dr. Wieman and Dr. Cornell is a result of federally funded research at the University of Colorado, JILA, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. I am proud that the institutions in the 2nd Congressional District are capable of attracting and producing such talent. Finally, I am proud that these two men call Colorado their home.

Again, I congratulate Dr. Wieman and Dr. Cornell for their extraordinary work and for the great honor that has been bestowed upon them.

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HALLOWEEN FOR HEROES

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize three young, ambitious constituents who have launched an extraordinary fundraising initiative called, "Halloween for Heroes." Zack Beauchamp, Woody Wiegmann, and Conor Murphy of Rockville, Maryland co-founded this honorable enterprise to assist the victims of the horrific September 11th terrorist attacks.

On Halloween night, these three dedicated young men will go through their neighborhood to collect relief donations instead of candy. The proceeds will be designated for a charity to create a scholarship fund for the children impacted by the attack on our nation. Of course, adults are also encouraged to participate in this effort.

I am so proud of these boys who have committed their time and hard work to raise funds for the benefit of children who have suffered during this time of national tragedy. Their efforts are an exemplary way for children across the region and across the country to get involved in relief efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my warmest thanks and congratulations to Zack, Woody, and Conor for their dedication and caring spirit. This year will truly be a Halloween for Heroes.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3061, the Labor-HHS—Education Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2002. This bill provides critical funding for our nation's students, teachers, doctors, patients, and numerous important programs within the Department of Labor.

Before I go any further, I would like to take a moment to thank Chairman REGULA, Ranking Member OBEY, and the Majority and Minority Committee Staffs for their hard work on this excellent, bipartisan legislation. They all did an excellent job and should be commended for their efforts.

Mr. Chairman, perhaps no resource in our great country is more important than our young people—our students. H.R. 3061 recognizes the vital role that this group plays in the