

I want to express my appreciation for the work that today's compromise represents to the Senate leaders, who bring tremendous energy and capabilities to this work, to the diamond industry, and to the non-governmental organizations.

Matthew Runci, of Jewelers of America, and Eli Izhakoff, of the World Diamond Council have done superb work bringing together the very different members of the

As valuable as the industry's efforts have been, the Campaign to Eliminate Conflict Diamonds is the real father of this success. The human rights activists and members of the humanitarian and faith communities who launched that campaign, along with the organizations they represent, have done heroic work that has brought us to this point.

First, they have catapulted this issue into the consciousness of Americans who never give Africans a thought otherwise—and made many people think for the first time about what our sparkly tokens of love and commitment symbolize to many people at the other end of the supply chain.

Second, they have worked with the industry at every level to convince jewelers and industry leaders alike of the urgent need for an effective and immediate solution. That required standing up to a powerful industry while simultaneously remaining flexible enough to work with it when the situation warranted that.

Third, they have persuaded a quarter of our nation's elected representatives, one by one, to support this call for clean diamonds—a call that until today put Members of Congress on the side of faraway African victims and at odds with jewelers in every Congressional district.

And last, they have done all this without resorting to the easy answers and hype that could destroy consumer confidence in diamonds and devastate the economies of the countries they benefit.

It took too long to get to this day, but it would not have come without these organizations and individuals, particularly Holly Burkhalter, Adotei Akwei, Amanda Blair, Rory Anderson, Bernice Romero, Ann Wang and Danielle Hirsch. They are a dedicated and tireless group, and I commend their commitment to this compelling human rights cause.

It is with pleasure that I submit for inclusion in the Congressional Record the joint statement by the World Diamond Council and the steering committee of the Campaign to Eliminate Conflict Diamonds. It calls on Congress to pass the Clean Diamonds Act this year, and on President Bush to sign it into law, and I commend it to my colleagues' attention.

If we heed this call, we can make today the milestone it has the potential to be, the moment history marks as the beginning of diamonds' transformation, from a curse on too many Africans, to a blessing for all the people whose lives they touch. I urge my colleagues to give this call the serious consideration it deserves, and to seize this historic opportunity.

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE WORLD DIAMOND COUNCIL AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE CONFLICT DIAMONDS

The World Diamond Council and the non-governmental community represented by Physicians for Human Rights, Amnesty

International, OxfamAmerica, World Vision, World Relief and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism support the Clean Diamonds Act being introduced today in the Senate. This legislation will create a system to prohibit the U.S. import of conflict diamonds and impose serious penalties on those who trade in them.

Our collaboration represents the shared commitment of the NGO community and the diamond industry to work together to secure passage of this legislation sponsored by Senators Dick Durbin, D-Ill., Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Michael DeWine, R-Ohio. We thank the Senators for introducing this bill, which accommodates the concerns of both the diamond industry and the NGO community. We also wish to thank Reps. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, and Frank Wolf, R-Va., for their commitment to ending the conflict diamond trade.

We are determined to work together to secure rapid enactment of this legislation, which represents the best efforts of the NGO community and diamond industry to develop a workable system for keeping conflict stones out of the United States.

The conditions placed on the importation of diamonds and diamond jewelry in the legislation are designed to support and encourage the work of the 38 countries that are part of the Kimberley Process, which is developing an international system to stop trade in conflict diamonds. The standards being developed by participants in the Kimberley Process, which includes governments, NGOs and the diamond industry, are expected to be presented in final form to the United Nations General Assembly by the end of this year.

Passage of this legislation also will enhance the confidence of U.S. jewelers and consumers that American purchases of diamonds and diamond jewelry are not unwittingly benefiting abusive insurgencies in Africa.

We collectively call upon the U.S. Congress to pass the Clean Diamonds Act in this session of Congress and urge President Bush to sign it into law.

POEM BY ANASTASIA HAYES-STOKER

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to submit a remarkable poem written by Anastasia Hayes-Stoker, a young student at Shakelford Junior High School in Arlington, Texas. Anastasia's poem was the overall winner of the "Do the Write Thing" Challenge. This contest, sponsored by the National Campaign to Stop Violence and partnered with the Arlington Jaycees, challenges middle school students to write an essay about the negative impact of violence in their lives and offer possible solutions to the problems they face today.

Anastasia's poem speaks to the truths of the challenges our youth face in coping with violence. In my role as Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Working Group on Youth Violence, I listened to teachers, law enforcement, counselors, parents, and students. Over and over again, I heard about the need to mentor our youth and provide a safe haven for them to go. However, it is often only when we hear our

children's voice, that our attention is grabbed. Anastasia has managed to convey, in a beautiful way, how she, and others in her generation, feel about the violence in her school, her appreciation for community involvement, and a child's need for family and love.

Drug dealing, students stealing All around the campus
Tempers flaring, kids are swearing All around the campus
Fist to cuff, fights are a must All around the campus
Backed to the wall, who do you call? All around the campus
Punches thrown, lives are blown All around the campus
Guns and knives, someone dies All around the campus
Families shrinking, parents drinking Children are abandoned
Marriage ending, no time for spending Children are abandoned
Domestic violence, kept in silence Children are abandoned
Learned aggression, whose oppression? Children are abandoned
Repeat behavior, where's your savior? Children are abandoned
Fight or flight, who sleeps at night Children are abandoned
Crime prevention, good intention Community united
Neighborhoods watched, gang fights botched Community united
Security in the hall, protects us all Community united
Mentors handy, hope feels dandy Community united
Cops on the street, don't miss a beat Community united
My home, safety zone Strong parental influence
Curfews made, allowance paid Strong parental influence
Loving brother, like no other Strong parental influence
Self-respect, family honor to protect Strong parental influence
Lead by example, self worth is ample Strong parental influence
Loving silence, no need for violence Strong parental influence

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEAS OF AMERICAN YOUTH DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 124 to celebrate our youth as the future of the United States and to support the goals and ideas of America's Youth Day.

It is our ultimate priority and our duty to fulfill the five promises established by the Alliance for Youth organizations. The first promise holds adults accountable for reaching out to the young people in our community. By mentoring, participating in a big brother/big sister program, through peer counseling and even through daily contact with our youth, we can communicate that we care. The majority of schools and communities across the country are safe places for children to thrive. By

recognizing the people and organizations in our communities, we show our appreciation for living up to the "promise" of being caring adults and treating our youth with respect.

No matter what the subject, education is the best hope for any child's success. Education comes from all aspects of a child's life—at home, at school, in the playground and from every person they know. All communities can participate in building a circle of love and responsibility around every child.

Young people are faced with issues today that were unheard of a generation ago. In the past, 21 school-related, violent deaths occurred in the United States. No child is untouched by challenges and hardships that we may not even understand and all children need, more than ever, to have caring adults who will listen and support them.

Children are our future teachers, doctors, farmers, industry workers, and political candidates. Celebrating American Youth Day, encourages our young people to stand at the helm of their own destiny. As leaders, teachers, parents and as friends we can guide children to practice safe and respectful behavior, allowing young people to create their own identity and character.

As a former educator, I believe the cooperative effort of parents, students, teachers and the community are all necessary to combat the current violence in our schools. It is a fact that students with attentive and involved parents are less likely to be more successful in school while avoiding drugs and violence.

I support the passage of H. Res. 124, to recognize the importance of children and to recognize America's Youth Day and I thank Secretary of State Colin Powell for his leadership in creating "America's Promise to Youth." Fulfilling the Promises celebrates our youth and the strength of all of our communities to provide for a strong future.

FEDERAL EFFICIENT MOTOR-VEHICLE FLEET ACT, H.R. 2263

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is plagued by an energy crisis that is only becoming worse. The Bush Administration has taken a pro-active stance on energy through the release of its National Energy Policy in May, 2001. For the past eight years, our Nation was subjected to the last Administration's 'wait and see' energy policy that was reactive rather than pro-active.

Mr. Speaker, there is a saying in the military that "the best leaders, lead by example." That trait must be adopted by the Federal Government, it must lead by example. That is why I am sponsoring the Federal Motor-Vehicle Fleet Lead By Example Act of 2001. The Act mandates that ten-percent of the vehicle fleet purchased by the Federal Government must be comprised of hybrid-Electric vehicles (HEV) and other high-efficiency vehicles, which are vehicles that are powered by alternative sources of energy (sources other than gasoline and diesel). Hybrid-Electric Vehicles are

motor-vehicles with fuel-efficient gasoline engines assisted by an electric motor.

These Hybrid-Electric Vehicles' motors and their engines work more efficiently than the standard internal combustion engine. The upside of these engines is that they do not have the driving limitations that all-electric cars have. While the technology seems new to us, the global automobile manufacturers have been experimenting with fuel-efficient technology since the 1970's.

These vehicles boast increased gas mileage that in some cases is exceeding conventional vehicle gas mileage by as much as 25%. Toyota's Prius, a four-seater, averages 52 miles per gallon in stop and go city traffic and 45 miles per gallon on the highway. The braking system recharges its batteries and that is why city driving gets better mpg. In 2002 and 2003 Ford and DaimlerChrysler will release, respectively, a hybrid version of its popular Escape and the Durango. These manufacturers are expecting the hybrid SUV's (sport utility vehicles) to deliver twenty-percent better gas mileage than comparable nonhybrid models.

The Federal Fleet Report (FFR) for FY 1999, reports that the Federal fleet has increased 1.32% with an operating cost of 2.10 billion dollars. Mr. Speaker, by mandating that 10% of the Federal fleet be comprised of hybrid-electric or high-efficiency vehicles powered by alternative sources of energy (sources other than gasoline and diesel), will not only lower our overall consumption of gasoline, but will save the tax-payers of our great Nation millions of dollars in the cost of gasoline. Additionally, these hybrid and high-efficiency vehicles are reported to be more environmentally friendly than our conventional vehicles.

Our colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, are promoting the use of alternative sources of energy to power our vehicles, heat our homes, and to run our lights. Now we have the opportunity to lead by example starting with the Federal vehicle fleet. The Federal Government must seize this opportunity to conserve our resources and to promote environmentally friendly vehicles, and we should do it today.

H.R. 2263

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT REGARDING PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—At least ten percent of the motor vehicles purchased by an Executive agency in any fiscal year shall be comprised of high-efficiency vehicles or hybrid electric vehicles.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) The term "Executive agency" has the meaning given that term in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, but also includes Amtrak, the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Postal Service.

(2) The term "high-efficiency vehicle" means a motor vehicle that uses a fuel other than gasoline or diesel fuel.

(3) The term "hybrid electric vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a fuel-efficient gasoline engine assisted by an electric motor.

(4) The term "motor vehicle" has the meaning given that term in section 3(1) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 472(1)).

(c) PRO-RATED APPLICABILITY IN YEAR OF ENACTMENT.—In the fiscal year in which this

Act is enacted, the requirement in subsection (a) shall only apply with respect to motor vehicles purchased after the date of the enactment of this Act in such fiscal year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, last night I should have voted "yes" as opposed to "no" on final passage of the supplemental appropriations bill.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2001, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the twenty-two preceding years I have served in the Congress.

Assets

Real property	Dollars
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$689,400). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Encumbered)	\$689,400.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Memomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)	107,600.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$746,400	424,090.90
Total Real Property	1,221,090.90

2001 DISCLOSURE

Common & Preferred Stock	No. of shares	Dollars per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc	12200	\$47.19	\$575,718.00
Allstate Corporation	370	41.94	15,517.80
American Telephone & Telegraph	1286.276	21.30	27,397.68
Avaya, Inc	58	13.00	754.00
Bank One Corp	3439	36.18	124,423.02
Bell South Corp	1256.6319	25.95	32,609.60
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP Amoco	3604	49.62	178,830.48
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co	1	0.00	0.00
Cognizant Corp	2500	30.06	75,150.00
Convanta Energy (Ogden)	910	16.80	15,288.00
Darden Restaurants, Inc	1440	23.75	34,200.00
Delphi Automotive	212	14.17	3,004.04
Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc	2500	23.56	58,900.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp	1200	40.70	48,840.00
Eastman Chemical Co	270	49.22	13,289.40
Eastman Kodak	1080	39.89	43,081.20
El Paso Energy	150	65.30	9,795.00
Exxon Mobile Corp	4864	81.00	393,984.00
Gartner Group	651	6.74	4,387.74
General Electric Co	15600	41.88	653,328.00
General Mills, Inc	2280	43.01	98,062.80
General Motors Corp	304	51.85	15,762.40
Halliburton Company	2000	36.75	73,500.00
Highlands Insurance Group, Inc	100	3.30	330.00
Imation Corp	99	22.43	2,220.57
IMS Health	5000	24.90	124,500.00
Kellogg Corp	3200	27.03	86,496.00
Kimberly-Clark Corp	27478	67.83	1,863,832.74
Lucent Technologies	696	9.97	6,939.12
Merck & Co., Inc	34078	75.90	2,586,520.20
Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing	1000	103.90	103,900.00
Monsanto Corporation	8360	35.46	296,445.60
Moody's	2500	27.56	68,900.00
Morgan Stanley/Dean Whitter	312	53.50	16,692.00
NCR Corp	34	39.03	1,327.02