benefits or protecting the Point Reyes seas-
shore, he was unmatched in knowing how to make the inter-
and intra-party contacts that led to success.

His return to the state Legislature in 1988
was welcomed by Democrats and Republicans alike,
who recognized that here was a consummate politician
who knew how to make policy happen and who spoke with a candor
and frankness unmatched in Sacramento or in
Washington. Mark Shields, one of our most re-
spected political observers, recently wrote a
wonderful piece about John Burton’s late brother,
Senator John Burton, whom he knew as Senator President
that every member of the
House deserves to read. Those who knew
John here, will immediately recognize him;
those who did not have that pleasure will in-
stantly know him.

A California Comeback
(By Mark Shields)

Sacramento, Calif.—You may already
have heard the joyless laughter that follows
the line: George Washington was the pres-
ident who could never tell a lie; Richard
Nixon was the president who could never
tell the truth; and Bill Clinton is the president
who cannot tell the difference.

Well here in California’s capital city, the
second most powerful position in state gov-
ernment—that of president pro tempore of
the State Senate—has just been won in a 32-
0 vote by a blunt, profane, quick-tempered
and utterly liberal Democrat from San Fran-
cisco who was elected to the State
Assembly in 1964, to the U.S. House in 1974
and who, in 1982, left Congress to seek treat-
ment for cocaine and alcohol addiction.

What makes John Burton so appealing in
today’s politics of slippery hedging and too-
clever evasiveness is the man’s barefaced candor.
When he takes the oath of office as Senate
President Pro Tempore, John Burton thanked his daughter for
the words of American composer Jerome Kern:
“Nothing’s impossible I have found,
for when you find yourself on the
ground you pick yourself up, dust yourself off,
and start all over again.”

Whoever said there are no second acts in
American life never met John Burton.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOHN
FRANCIS KRUG
HON. VIC FAZIO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. Fazio of California. Mr. Speaker, Con-
gress is assisted in its duties by many men
and women without whom we could not do our
work effectively. From time to time, an oppor-
tunity arises for us to pay tribute to one of
those people, and today presents such an op-
portunity.

After twenty-five and one-half years of faith-
ful service to the United States Congress and
more than 30 years dedicated to law enforce-
ment, Sergeant John Francis Krug is retiring
on April 3rd. He began his law enforcement
career as a fingerprint technician for the Fed-
eral Bureau of Investigation in 1967 and be-
came a member of the United States Capitol
Police on October 16, 1972.

During his tenure with the Capitol Police,
John Krug has served in many capacities. His
initial assignments included patrolling the
House office buildings and the Capitol. In
1984, to better utilize his experience, he was
reassigned to Protective Services where he
provided personal protection for individual
Members of Congress. In 1987, John was pro-
moted to the rank of sergeant and, once
again, served as an integral member of the
Capitol Division, ensuring the safety of Con-
gress, staff, and the millions of tourists who
visit the Capitol daily.

Most recently, he supervised the Depart-
ment’s Special Events Unit. In this position, he
became the central information point for nu-
merous events such as demonstrations, inaug-
urations, joint meetings of Congress, dis-
plays, ceremonies and concerts that took
place within the perimeters of the Capitol com-
plex. He assisted in coordinating security for
visiting U.S. Government Officials and foreign
dignitaries, from the President of the United
States to a Huanyi Hua Jenjiu. Most Cap-
itol Police officers and congressional officers
have sought out the Special Events Unit, and
Sergeant Krug in particular, for his assistance
or advice regarding a congressional event.

I am sure that I speak for all our colleagues
when I wish Sergeant Krug our best in the
years ahead, and thank him for his many years
of dedicated service to the United States
Congress.

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REFLECTIONS ON EASTER AND
SPRING
HON. JENNIFER DUNN
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay
tribute to the Honorable Peter Talia Coleman, a
great American who passed from us on April
22, 1997. A four-term congressman from Amer-
ican Samoa, Peter Coleman is the only person
in American history whose service as gov-
ernor, from the 1950s to the 1990s, has
spanned five decades.

After World War II service as an army offi-
cer in the Pacific, for which he was hon-
ored by selection to the army infantry hall of
fame at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Governor Cole-
man’s civilian career as a public servant
began in 1948 on the staff of The Honorable
George Bender, a member of this body from
Ohio. He later also served as a member of our
Capitol Police Force, all while raising a family
and completing both an undergraduate and a
law degree in just five years from Georgetown
University.

Mr. Speaker, upon his return to American
Samo as the first Samoan ever to gain a law
degree, he quickly rose from public defender
to attorney general until his appointment in
1956 by President Eisenhower as the first na-
tive-born governor of American Samoa. He
went on to be chief executive of the Marshall
Islands and Northern Marianas Islands, and
deputy high commissioner of the old Trust
Territory of the Pacific before returning home
in 1977 to become America Samoa’s first
elected governor, a post to which he would be
elected twice more before retiring in 1993.

Governor Coleman, a true trailblazer in the
Pacific Islands and a man of many firsts dur-
ing more than half a century of service to his
nation and his own people, has been paid trib-
ute by the current governor, Tauese P. Sunia,
who has launched a drive to establish a per-
manent lectureship on Pacific Public Policy at
Georgetown University.

However, of all his honors and achieve-
ments, Mr. Speaker, Governor Coleman was
proudest of his family, which at his death in-
cluded his lovely wife Nora, 12 of their 13 chil-
dren, 22 grandchildren and eight great-grand-
children. As he departed the hospital last
year, he gave his doctors a pat on the back.
In his final battle, he penned a touching farewell let-
ter to his people which he called “Reflections on
Easter and Spring.”

REFLECTIONS ON EASTER AND SPRING
(By Peter Tali Coleman)

Yesterday I came home to our family residence after a stay Queen's Hospital over the Easter holidays. While it's never fun to be in the hospital, this Easter was memorable because all our family gathered together with Nona and me in a big family lounge that the hospital set aside for us.

As I said the grace before we began our Easter dinner, I could not help but think of the meaning of Easter and Spring, since the first day of Spring this year came only a few days before Palm Sunday, the traditional beginning of our Easter season after the long winter Lent.

Spring and Easter are about the renewal of life and new beginnings. Our Lord bled on the Cross for our sins, but was resurrected to give all of us hope for the future and a better life in eternity. So, too, does Mother nature awaken each Spring to begin a new cycle of life and growth. On the Mainland, the last of the snow melts away, the flowers begin to bloom and land is green again. Here in the Pacific where it's always green, the life-sustaining rains give way to the drier and warmer times of spring and summer and we go about all the chores we had put aside until better weather.

I could not help but think of family in the same way I think of Spring and Easter. While I saw all of our family members on Easter, especially the little grandchildren and great grandchildren, with wide eyes filled with wonder and filled with their wide eyes of expectation and excitement with Easter eggs and candy and Easter baskets, and bunnies and chicks and all the joys and traditions that go with a holiday which brings families together everywhere in the Christian world.

The presence of the little children is God's way of bringing renewal and new beginnings to our families. When we look out and see those bright and shining faces, eager to learn about the world around them, and beyond, we can take comfort in knowing that this world will be in good hands when their generation takes over. We can find peace in knowing that throughout the ages, and throughout time to the Lord, if we have done our job on earth, we will have our families to carry on and we will continue to live, for our values and beliefs and their children's beliefs in a cycle which forever will renew itself.

My own life has been dedicated to service to the people and devotion to my family. Although my days of public service now have come to a close, the Samoan people and all the peoples of the Pacific Islands have been privy to my work and values. They remain in my thoughts as a new generation of leaders and servants seeks to find a true path to renewal and new beginnings for our strong but fragile societies and cultures and the dawn of a new century and a new millennium.

God has allowed me to see so much dramatic change in the course of this lifetime. As amazing as it seems, the Samoa of my youth no doubt much more resembled the Samoa of most of the millennium which preceded my birth. There are others who the Samoa of today, which is poised to enter the 21st century. The pace of change in this century about to come has been dramatic. As a child in Samoa after World War II, I would not begin to comprehend or imagine the things we take for granted today, from modern medicine to computers to the Hubble Space Telescope. Nor can I begin to imagine now what the next century will bring.

Whether I will be here to witness the beginning of the new millennium and new beginnings it will prompt is in God's hands. But wherever I may be and whatever advances science and industry may bring, I know that the future will be bright if we remain true to our values. Those values are love of God, devotion to family, protection of culture, and courtesy and respect towards one another.

For myself, it counts little what I may have achieved here on earth in 55 years of government service through war and peace. My failures were as much the result of my successes were the result of all the good colleagues and friends around me. But, for all of us, no matter what our calling in life, our truest legacies are the families which are asked to carry on when we are gone.

So, while my days in public service may be finished, I have come home now to be with my family. They bring me joy and inspiration as I think about the future. They are all here now and I take great comfort in their presence as I think of Nona. With Nona and me and me from near and far: from the Mainland to Saipan to our beloved Samoa. And because they are so scattered, I have agreed to convey to you, the readers, what I wish that I should lie in rest in Hawaii. But in so doing, they have assented to my wish that when the last of my children's children shall have joined me in heaven in forty years, resting place shall be in the soil of my birth.

For now, when I think of spring and think of Easter, I thank God I have been given one more opportunity to reflect on life's renewal and new beginnings, and the love of family which bursts forth like the flowers of Spring. As the Easter season now ends and we move about in our Springfast, may God bless you and your families, too.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHORTER COLLEGE

HON. BOB BARR
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in Rome Georgia stands a small liberal arts college that lives up to the true tradition of educational excellence: love of family, and love of God, combined with a commitment to community values and an educational experience that is everlasting.

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ETHICS REFORM

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, April 1, 1998 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.