

an activist in her community. Beginning her career at Macomb Community College in May of 1976, Karen became a member of AFSCME Local 2172 and soon after was named Local President. Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to the vision and principles of AFSCME, she quickly moved on to become the Region 3 Vice President on the AFSCME Executive Board, a Staff Representative in 1985, and subsequently Administrative Director.

Working tirelessly to organize programs and actively support several committees, including the Colleges and Universities Coordinating Committee, the Women's Committee, Youth Committee, and the P.E.O.P.L.E. Committee, Karen's efforts to promote awareness and activism throughout the community will continue to serve as an example to us all.

Karen Warner has always given one hundred percent in every aspect of her life, her work, her community, her family and her friends. Those who had the pleasure of knowing her and the benefit of working with her will surely continue to remember her as a dedicated, faithful friend to all. She will truly be missed.

I invite my colleagues to please join me in paying tribute to one of the most influential citizens of Southeastern Michigan, and saluting her for her exemplary years of care and service.

INFLATION IS STILL WITH US

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, almost on a daily basis, government officials reassure us there is no inflation to worry about. But, today's definition of inflation of rising prices as measured by an artificial CPI and PPI is seriously flawed. Rising prices are but one of the many consequences of true inflation—which is an increase in the supply of money and credit.

To understand the perversities of inflation one must look to the money supply. The money supply, as measured by M3, rose an astounding \$42 billion last week and is up a whopping \$210 billion in the past ten weeks. MZM, another important measure of inflation, is rising at the rate of 27%. Now that's monetary debasement!

But rising prices, a reflection of monetary inflation, should not be dismissed as so many government economists have done. The current first quarter GDP report shows a 3.3% rise in the personal consumption price index, well above the 1.9% recorded in last year's fourth quarter.

And what about the record prices for gasoline? To pretend that gasoline prices pose little threat to American consumers is naive—not to mention the skyrocketing electricity bills they also face.

The most serious economic myth that Federal Reserve economists perpetuate is that a booming economy causes prices to rise and a slowing economy will hold "inflation" in check. Ever since 1971, when the fiat dollar was established, records show that during each of our economic slumps, prices rose even faster than they did during periods of economic growth, supporting the argument that rising prices are a consequence of monetary policy.

Although the economy is now slowing, and fuel prices are skyrocketing for the airlines, Delta pilots are receiving salary increases of between 24 and 34%. Other evidence of labor cost increases is now available even with the large and growing number of announced layoffs. Wage price pressure is more often than not a consequence of monetary policy, not a tight labor market.

Rising prices and the economic slowdown must be laid at the feet of the Federal Reserve. Likewise, the existing financial bubble is a consequence of the same policy of monetary expansion and artificially low interest rates. Although the NASDAQ bubble has already partially deflated, the entire world financial system suffers from the same distortion; and a lot more adjustment is required. Merely re-inflating with monetary expansion and manipulating interest rates will not solve the problems of debt, mal-investment and overcapacity that plague the system.

Mismanaging world fiat currencies and working to iron out the trade imbalances that result, through a worldwide managed trade organization, will not suffice. We must one day address the subject of sound money and free market interest rates, where interest rates are not set by the central banks of the world.

A sad consequence of today's conditions is that monetary policy encourages transfer of wealth and power to the undeserving. The victims of bad monetary policy then blame capitalism for the inequities. The leftist demonstrators at recent WTO, IMF, and World Bank meetings make a legitimate point that the current system has resulted in accumulation of wealth and power in the hands of some at the expense of others.

But this is an expected consequence of monetary debasement, which generally leads to social unrest. But, blaming capitalism and freedom for the harm done by inflationism, special interest corporatism, and interventionism presents a danger to us all, since the case for commodity money and individual liberty is lost in the shouting. Unless this message is heard and distinguished from the current system, freedom and prosperity will be lost. Leaders of the current worldwide system that has evolved since the collapse of the Soviet empire pay lip service to free trade and free markets, but tragically they are moving us toward a fascist system of partnerships with government, big business, and international banking at the expense of the middle class and the poor.

HONORING THE LATE DAVID JERRY DONELAN OF DENVER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I ask Congress to pay tribute to a native Coloradan. David Jerry Donelan passed away on April 5 at the young age of 31. His family as well as all the people he came in contact with throughout his life will miss David.

David grew up in Aspen, Colorado and attended the University of Colorado where he graduated in 1993. Following graduation, David worked as a field director for Terry

Considine's unsuccessful race for a U.S. Senate seat in Colorado. At the conclusion of the campaign, GOP leaders were very impressed with David's hard work. Sensing that David had a political future, he was quickly hired at the Colorado State Republican Party to serve as the Deputy Political Director.

During the 1993–1994 election cycle, David played a critical role in maintaining GOP control of the state House and Senate. He worked closely with and provided countless hours of assistance to candidates from throughout the state. After the 1994 election cycle David was hired by a major lobbying firm and worked on a number of governmental issues important to the state of Colorado.

David is survived by his parents, Charles and Penny, sister Shanley, grandparents, Bruce and Florence McKenzie and godfather George Beckvermit.

Mr. Speaker, David made a quick climb up the ladder of success and influenced a lot of people. His death is tragic, and he will be missed by everyone that knew him. David was an inspiration to all who knew him.

SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise my colleagues that every day in the United States, three children die from physical abuse or chronic neglect. Additionally, I remind my fellow House Members that ten children die each day as a result of firearm use. It is important for us to remember the lives of children lost due to physical abuse, and to commemorate those youth who have died as a result of violence. As a mother, the issue of child abuse and neglect evokes strong and negative emotions within me. My maternal instincts and my sworn duty as a Member of the House dictate that I wage a vigorous fight to protect our society's most vulnerable segment, our children.

Unfortunately, child abuse has many faces. Mistreatment occurs in a variety of ways such as physical, emotional, sexual abuse or by neglect. In 1997, almost 300,000 children in the United States were subjected to abuse, and over half a million more were found by child protective services to be neglected. Unreported cases of maltreatment are estimated to be as high as three million a year. Abusive behavior threatens and imperils entire families. An alarming and startling statistic is that in approximately 60 to 75 percent of families in which a woman is battered, the children are also battered. The effects of abuse reverberate throughout the lives of victims. Studies indicate that abused children are 53 percent more likely to be arrested as a juvenile offender and are 38 percent more likely to commit a violent crime. Furthermore, children who are abused or neglected are far more likely to abuse their own children later in life.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's issues, I am committed to combating this pervasive and horrific problem in order to protect the lives of children and strengthen