SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1981

HON. RICHARD T. SCHULZE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981.

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, in the last Congress my Small Business Tax Relief Act attracted the bipartisan support of nearly 160 Members of the House. Unfortunately the conditions which motivated my introduction of this bill still exist. Therefore, today, I am introducing the Small Business Tax Relief Act of 1981.

Briefly, the seven provisions of my bill would:

First, permit a small businessman to sell his business, reinvest the profit within 18 months in another small business without paying tax, as in the case of an individual’s residence;

Second, increase the allowance of additional first depreciation for small businesses;

Third, permit rapid amortization of certain federally required expenditures;

Fourth, liberalize the provisions with respect to small domestic international sales corporations;

Fifth, provide for the optional cash or accrual method of accounting for sole proprietors;

Sixth, require the IRS to refund employers their proportionate share of excess social security payments made on behalf of employees who were employed by two or more employers during the year, and finally my bill would;

Seventh, grant a tax credit of $5 for each document or form which a small business is required to file under Federal law.

The Small Business Tax Relief Act of 1981 is a balanced and multifaceted bill which will assist our small entrepreneurs in a meaningful way. I urge all of my colleagues whose constituencies include small businesses to join me in facilitating the formation and growth of small business by cosponsoring the Small Business Tax Relief Act of 1981.

To give a more detailed explanation of my bill I am providing a description of each provision.

First, gain from a sale sole proprietorship. This “rollover” provision would allow a small businessman who sells his entire business interest and reinvests the entire proceeds in another qualifying small business venture within 18 months to recognize no gain at that time. If the sale occurs after age 55 years, the taxpayer has the option of electing capital gains treatment on the accumulated gain or ordinary income treatment in conjunction with a special 10-year averaging mechanism.

Second, increase in additional first-year depreciation allowance for small business. This section of the bill would simply increase the amount which may be claimed for additional first-year depreciation from the existing 20 percent of the first $10,000 to $20,000 if married and filing jointly—or of investment to 25 percent of the first $25,000 to $50,000 if married and filing jointly—of investment. This provision is designed primarily to benefit the small businessman by allowing him to recoup a greater part of his investment via reduced tax liability.

Third, rapid amortization of certain federally required expenditures. This section provides for the rapid amortization over a 36-month period, of federally required expenditures for plant and equipment. Of this provision is to give rapid writeoff to businesses forced to comply with Federal laws or regulations such as OSHA, HHS, and so forth. To qualify for rapid amortization, such changes would have to be certified by the particular Federal agency as being in compliance with the law and of a type which does not significantly increase output or capacity. This provision would apply only to existing facilities.

Fourth, removal of certain limitations of deferral in cases of small DISC’s. The domestic international sales corporations is an important device for increasing export sales and in so doing, reducing our balance-of-payments deficit and inflation. This provision of my bill changes current law to allow a small DISC having an adjusted taxable income of $1 million or less to be exempt from the base period limitations imposed on large DISC’s. As a result of this change, small manufacturer’s will be encouraged to develop export sales as a result of the tax deferral offered via the small DISC provision.

Fifth, optional cash method of accounting for taxpayers operating as a sole proprietor. This section allows the sole proprietor to choose the method of accounting, either cash or accrual, which will be more beneficial. Small businesses with inventory which are frequently not equipped to utilize the LIPO accounting provisions currently suffer a hidden tax which is brought about by the inflationary increase in the value of that inventory. Under this provision of my bill, any appreciation of inventory would not have to be shown until such time as there is a cash sale providing the proceeds with which to pay the tax.

Sixth, refund or credit of employer share of certain excess social security taxes. Social security taxes are a source of agitation to most employers, because of the amount of related paperwork. Yet, many employers unknowingly pay a greater amount in social security than is necessary. This occurs when an employee is employed by two or more employers during the year. In this situation there is, generally, an excess employer contribution which is never refunded to the employers. Presently, an employee can claim a credit for excess social security tax withheld. However, there is no similar provision for employers. This provision of my bill would require the IRS to credit or refund to each employer his proportionate share of the overpayment. Qualifying employers would be identified when an employee claimed the credit. Within 60 days, the IRS must credit or refund the appropriate amount to each employer. One of the benefits of this plan is that employers automatically receive the payment without having to complete any complex forms or paperwork.

Seventh, expense of filing Federal forms. This final section of the bill would grant a tax credit of $5 for each form or document which a small business is required to file under Federal law.

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Thank you.
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sacrifices to be made for a strict adher­ence to the Constitution. Judges' salaries, however, would seem to be a different matter altogether.

The history of legislative power in the Anglo-Saxon tradition begins with the power of the purse. The previously absolute authority of English monarchs was not removed until only as Kings became dependent on the legislature for money. It was with this example in mind that the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution, and it was emphasized by their requirement that money bills originate in the House of Representatives.

If the public can face the physical danger of criminals let loose for the sake of avoiding dangerous legal precedents, judges can forego pay raises for the same purpose. The Congress has the power and the duty to check the abuse of power represented by the WUI decision, and we should not hesitate to do so.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY JACOBS

HON. DON EDWARDS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues a recent article by Colman McCarthy of the Washing­ton Post about our esteemed colleague, ANDY JACOBS. I think this article illuminates the rare qualities and style that ANDY has brought to this body during the years he has been here. I cannot think of any Member of Congress who is more respected by his or her colleagues than the gentleman from Indiana, ANDY JACOBS. I commend the article to all here in the House.

(From the Minneapolis Tribune, Dec. 27, 1980)

HERE'S PROOF A LIBERAL CAN BE THRIFTY
(By Colman McCarthy)

WASHINGTON.—On the next to last day of the 96th Congress—a tradition honored moment when the special Interests rush under the federal money tree to give a final greedy shake—one scheme to reach the floor of the House had an audacity all its own. It was an amendment supposedly intended to help fire-disaster victims in San Bernardino, Calif., by permitting the issuance of $225 million worth of tax-free mortgage bonds.

Something smelt fishy, at least to the alert nostrils of Rep. Andy Jacobs, Indiana Democratic. This is another welfare bill for the affluent, Jacobs said to himself, thinking of the countless others he had seen since he came to Congress in 1964. His hometown paper, the Indianapolis Star, had explained that Jacobs' function smoothly with eight. To provided members with closed-circuit color sets. Jacobs, almost by himself, has been championing a California Republican. Jacobs, a tall fellow, a former policeman who has been known to say that he'd like the government to be financially, would appear to be this group's natural leader. Except that when he is aroar about federal waste, he means it. He starts with himself.

He believes that at $60,000 a year, congressional wages are too high; he earns only $44,600, his salary when he first came to town. He was wounded in Korea, but his health is fine now (as it naturally would be with a non-meat diet), so he refuses his veteran's disability check. In November, he used only $13,900 for reelection, compared with the House record of $1.8 million set by a California Republican.

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Jacobs said no thanks, hooking up his 14-year-old black and white for the job. "I know of no good reason for viewing Tip O'Neill in color," he quips.

In 1974, his concern about savings saved his life. On booking a flight from Indianapolis to Washington, Jacobs was told that only first-class seats were available. He said no. Even though it was a government-paid trip, he wanted to save the public the extra $20. Instead, he went coach on an earlier flight.

The plane he would have taken crashed into a mountain as it approached Dulles airport. There were no survivors.

With a little effort—say the hiring of a ninth staff member to write press releases and a tenth to deliver them hot to the media—Jacobs might be better known for his money-saving ways. "We all know," he says, "that the Washington game works: Become a showman and you are dis­missible. By avoiding the flashy—and by being on the House floor on lonely Saturday afternoons when it is make-the-rich-richer time—Jacobs wins the respect not only of groups like the National Taxpayers Union, but also the taxpayers in his own conserv­ative district.

His hometown newspaper, the Indianapolis Star, wrote a few weeks ago that Jacobs is "shocking," not for his views on cutting waste and balancing the budget, but because he is the last Democrat that way. The shock was such that the Star en-
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dorsed him in his last race, which was a shock to Jacobs and his 65 ADA rating as well. It is possible to be a liberal and not be an extravagant spender. In a long conversation in his office the other day, Jacobs said, "Let's give the necessities the highest priorities." This would seem to be a new kind of liberalism, except that, as Jacobs is practicing it, it has been around for some time, and more than earning its keep.

DEDUCTING COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

HON. THOMAS J. DOWNEY OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. DOWNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to establish the parents and students savings program, otherwise known as the PASS plan. Under PASS, a taxpayer could make contributions to a tax-fund which may total up to $1,500 each year. The student beneficiary could then use the assets of the fund for attending college or other institutions of higher education anywhere in the United States. After the beneficiary finishes college, the taxpayor could receive the distributions from the fund as ordinary income, with the tax liability spread over a 5-year period.

Under this plan, the taxpayer would be able to deduct the amounts contributed to the account from his or her taxable income, and the beneficiary would owe the tax on the interest and original deposits at his or her lower income tax level.

This PASS plan was originally enacted by New York State in 1978 and has been successful there. Other States have offered incentives for educational savings; however, the participation rate in these plans would increase dramatically if there were also Federal tax incentives to encourage families to plan for their educational costs. A Federal PASS program would provide a strong incentive for this kind of long-range savings which would also be an important source of funds for capital investment by businesses.

Furthermore, our Nation's saving rate compares unfavorably with other nations. Our savings rate of 4.5 percent of disposable income is small compared to 24 percent in Japan, 19 percent in West Germany, and 14 percent in Great Britain. Most of our industrial competitors have extensive Government programs and subsidies to encourage savings. This PASS plan would promote savings for investment in education, which, like the GI bill, would turn out to be the most dollar for dollar spending by the Federal Government.

Finally, a Federal PASS program would decrease the demand for federally subsidized loans by making it possible for more families to shoulder the burden of spiraling college costs. Like any other tax cut proposal, it is important to benefit those that need help the most. My bill will do just that, by giving parents a break from the crushing burden of college costs, while increasing the supply of money for business investment.

SOLOMON BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

HON. GERALD B. H. SOLOMON OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a proposed constitutional amendment to require a balanced Federal budget. This proposal is identical to House Joint Resolution 94, which I introduced in the 96th Congress, and it is once being sponsored in the other body by Senator RICHARD Lugar.

Only once since 1960 has the Federal Government limited its spending to available revenues. Successive Presidents and Congresses have proven themselves unable to resist pressures to spend, and there is reasonable doubt that the budget will ever be balanced again in the absence of a constitutional amendment to enforce the discipline which the Congress has not exercised itself.

A look at what happened during consideration of the fiscal 1981 budget explains why enforced restraint is necessary. At the time the first concurrent budget resolution was adopted, Congress was projecting a slight budget surplus. By the time the second budget resolution was adopted, the surplus has become a deficit in excess of $27 billion. Now, barring unforeseen circumstances, the deficit is likely to double.

It is clear that Congress is reluctant to pass an amendment to restrain itself. However, I believe that a flexible approach to balanced budgets stands a reasonable chance of enactment, and that is what I have proposed.

Simply stated, the Solomon amendment requires that when Congress votes on a concurrent budget resolution in which projected revenues exceed projected outlays, a two-thirds majority of those present and voting would be necessary for passage. A balanced budget could be approved by a simple majority vote.

The key feature of this amendment is that it establishes a balanced budget as a normal situation. It will be more difficult to secure a two-thirds vote for a deficit than a simple majority for a balanced budget. This proposal will make deviations from the norm exceptions which are justified only in circumstances so compelling that they can convince two-thirds of the Members of both Houses that deficits are necessary.

I sincerely believe that this proposal will improve the budget process because it will force the Congress to heed the budget deadlines it established in 1974, and ignored ever since. My amendment would involve no serious disruption or alteration of the budget process, but it would require the Congress to take the budget process more seriously.

Indeed, the Solomon amendment would increase the flexibility of the budget process. We are currently on a course which larger and larger portions of the budget are considered uncontrollable. The only flexibility in the current arrangement is to adopt even larger than usual deficits. The two-thirds proposal will liberate the budget process from its current tendency toward uncontrollability, and will thus possess the merits of both sunset legislation and zero-based budgeting.

Whenever two-thirds of the Members of both Houses agree that a deficit is necessary—for whatever reason—it will be possible to adopt one. Congress could choose to stimulate the economy through increased spending or tax cuts. This amendment would, however, undoubtedly lead to some what greater restraint in applying governmental stimulus, and this would be a useful corrective to current policy.

It is abundantly clear that the American people want the Government to start living within its means. All recent polls—including the one last November 4—have shown overwhelming support for more responsible budget policy. Also, a majority of the States have gone on record in support of a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. I believe that my amendment has the advantage of being flexible, straightforward, and streamlined. It gives budget considerations an appropriate place in the Constitution. At the same time, it gives Congress the latitude it needs to deal effectively with economic circumstances as they develop. I urge my colleagues to join me in esponsoring this legislation.
TRIBUTE TO GEORGIA BULLDOGS

HON. DOUG BARNARD, JR.; OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. BARNARD. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, January 1, 1981, at the 47th annual Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La., the national football championship was decided when the University of Georgia Bulldogs were victorious. This team performed as true champions in not only this game but for the entire season. It has been with exemplary courage and admirable determination that the University of Georgia team has fought for and won every contest in a sportsmanlike manner. Never focusing on individual statistics, the quest has always been a total team effort resulting in well-deserved victories. It has not been a club of superlatives but instead a group of young men fighting for a common goal.

But this has also been a team of individual talent. Led by the National Coach of the Year, Coach Vince Dooley, the team had matchless direction. Coach Dooley has been at the University of Georgia for 17 years. During those years he has had a record of 130-56-6; been named SEC Coach of the Year 6 times; taken 12 Georgia teams to bowl games; elected NCAA District Coach of the Year 6 times, and served as the chairman of the American Football Coaches Association's Ethics Committee. Let me also add that Coach Dooley had the assistance of the best defense coordinator and assistant coach in the Nation in Erk Russell.

This year's team also had very gifted players. Three Bulldogs were given first team All-American status; Steve Woerth, Rich Robinson, of course, Herschel Walker. These fine young people all deserve applause and commendation for a job well done. Mr. Walker should receive special recognition as the first freshman ever to receive consensus All American as a freshman and for finishing highest ever as a freshman, third place, in both the SEC and the nation.

These men have made us proud. They have gloriously represented the University of Georgia, one of the finest universities in the Nation. The University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., is the oldest; chartered State University in the Nation having received that charter in 1785. It has grown to a student population of 22,500 and a faculty of 2,000. UGA now boasts 13 schools and colleges and awards 18 masters degrees in 125 areas of concentration as well as 3 doctorates in 73 areas of concentration.

I joined with me today in commending these fine young men and their coaches in their finest victory and their excellent representation of this outstanding institution of higher learning.

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Mr. Speaker, I have today introduced legislation which, when enacted, will provide permanent relief from windfall profit tax for the thousands of small royalty owners who have been unfairly categorized with the major integrated oil companies. This legislation would exempt the first 1,000 barrels per day of royalty owner interest from the windfall profit tax. This modification to the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980 will provide much needed financial relief to small royalty owners who have been unjustly and unfairly burdened by this act. I urge the support of my colleagues in calling for the rapid enactment of this bill during the early days of the 97th Congress.

WINDFALL PROFIT TAX PROBLEMS

HON. GLENN ENGLISH; OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, on March 13, 1980, the House of Representatives approved a new excise tax on the oil industry, the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980. This act imposes an excise tax on all producers of domestic crude oil. The term producer means the holder of the economic interest with respect to the crude oil in place in the ground. Under this definition, a royalty owner is considered to be a producer of crude oil.

There are thousands of small royalty owners throughout this Nation who have nothing to do with the production of crude oil. They do not drill the wells, they do not pump, transport, refine, retail or wholesale the product. Many they may be fortunate enough to hold the right to only a small fraction of low producing wells which often produce only a few barrels of crude oil per day. The monthly royalty income to these small royalty owners is small, often less than $100 per month, sometimes considerably less. In many instances, these meager checks are needed to supplement social security payments or retirement income of our elderly citizens. I dare say that many farmers, struggling to survive in the face of high interest rates and escalating operating costs, have been able to do so solely because of the royalty revenue they may be fortunate enough to receive. And now, the windfall profit tax has reduced these needed revenues to the point of forcing financial hardship on these small royalty owners.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose the windfall profit tax because I believed it was poor energy policy. I still believe that. What I cannot believe is that my colleagues who supported this legislation intended for it to apply to small royalty owners. The windfall profit tax allows independent producers to apply special tax rates to their windfall profits on the first 1,000 barrels a day of oil or natural gas. Specific exemptions are made for certain entities and organizations. Yet, royalty owners are subject to the same high taxation rate as the major integrated oil companies. This, Mr. Speaker, is absolutely ludicrous, a fact recognized when this body granted a $1,000 credit for 1980 windfall tax payments as part of the budget reconciliation bill. This credit, however, was only a temporary credit and a permanent, more equitable, solution is needed.

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STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE IRA BILL

HON. THOMAS J. DONKEY; OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. DONKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to permit an individual to make annual contributions to an individual retirement account regardless of any other affiliation with a private or public pension plan.

Today, the annual savings rate of U.S. citizens of 4.5 percent compares unfavorably with other nations such as Japan with a rate of 24 percent, West Germany with 17 percent, and Great Britain with 14 percent. One of the reasons for the serious decline of our housing industry is this lower percentage of savings. Too small savings for future retirement also causes Government spending on social programs to increase, thus increasing the size of the Federal budget. To encourage retirement savings, contributions to the IRA's are wealth producers and amounts up to $1,500 annually would be permitted. Taxes would be levied at the lower retirement rate when benefits were withdrawn from these accounts.

The President's Commission on Pension Policy stated in its interim report that:

The lowest rate of return is from an annual contribution to a regular savings account. Employee contributions to a qualified pension plan provide a somewhat higher return on the investment. The highest return on the employer contribution to a qualified pension plan is available to those employees who invest in an IRA or Keogh up to the limits imposed on those plans. This return on the contribution is equivalent to the return on the employer contribution to a qualified pension plan.

My bill also includes a provision to overcome the previous lower-user rate of IRA's by lowering the income levels defining which, when enacted, will provide permanent relief from windfall profit tax for the thousands of small royalty owners who have been unfairly categorized with the major integrated oil companies. This legislation would exempt the first 1,000 barrels per day of royalty owner interest from the windfall profit tax. This modification to the Crude Oil Windfall Profit Tax Act of 1980 will provide much needed financial relief to small royalty owners who have been unjustly and unfairly burdened by this act. I urge the support of my colleagues in calling for the rapid enactment of this bill during the early days of the 97th Congress.

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lish” explanation of individual retirement accounts and their benefits.  

This tax cut would benefit our economy in two important ways. One, it would encourage individuals to save for their own retirement and increase the money supply of financial institutions. By lowering the need for lending, it would help the housing industry begin to return to its normally healthy status. By allowing this money to circulate through our economy we could lower Government spending and cut the rate of inflation. This can only benefit all of us.

THE DAVID MOSS STORY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. Speaker, as we start the 97th Congress, I remember that I along with all of my other colleagues will find ourselves faced with uncountable challenges during the coming months. I feel it would be very much in order if we pause for a few minutes to not only contemplate the challenges we will face but to also reflect on how other persons have met challenges and turned seemingly hopeless situations into outstanding achievements.

One such example of how apparent defeat can be turned into accomplishment was given by the late David Moss of Ringgold, Ga. Moss came to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville as a scholarship athlete. Though his on-the-field playing career was cut short by cancer, David Moss continued to make outstanding contributions to his school, his employer, and his family. David Moss died on December 17, 1980. But his comparatively short life benefited many scores of people.

The Moss story was never told any better than it was on December 20, 1980, when Mr. Marvin West, sports editor of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, paid tribute to this outstanding young man.

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sion inspection simply cannot be justified on a cost-effectiveness basis.

Based on a variety of reports and studies, it would appear that, for a first year cost of $272.2 to $467.3 million, the proposed I/M program would reduce air pollution by only $2 million per year by 1987—California residents can expect no more than a 4- to 5-percent reduction in air pollution from mandatory I/M. A joint report, prepared by the California Air Resources Board and the California Department of Consumer Affairs, indicates 5 percent; a study done by the Economic Research Institution in La Jolla puts the figure at 4 percent or less. Either way, that is not much of a return on a program that could cost as much as $377 per car in California the first year. Nor does it take into account the fact that technological advances in the auto industry coupled with the natural attrition of older, more pollution prone, cars will result in a reduction of auto-caused air pollution anyway. Neither California is not unique in its opposition to mandatory I/M. Not only is Kentucky likewise affected by the recent EPA directive—which will start being felt sometime around the end of this month—but, contrary to what I have been told, the transition team for EPA recommended that the agency defer its final I/M ruling until after the new administration takes office. Now that does not mean that EPA will necessarily reconsider; it simply means that it might not. In any case, it will. However, in case it does not, I am today introducing a bill that would settle this controversy for once and for all by eliminating the alleged require-ment that State implementation plans (SIP's), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977, provide for periodic auto emission inspection and testing. Identical legislation was introduced in the 96th Congress by Repre-sentatives Satterfield and Stockman and enjoyed considerable support in the Health Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee. But now, with the refusal—so far—of the California and Kentucky Legislatures to buckle under to the threats of a faceless bureaucracy, the issue can be postponed no longer. I urge my colleagues, both in the Commerce Committee and in the House as a whole, to act favorably on this measure without further delay.

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the word "consider" means just what most people understand it to mean— take under advisement. The law is that specific and, in the case of California one can further argue that, based on the record, it would not meet even the very short time auto ownership changes, as the State legislature has done, the State has not only considered I/M but has already adopted an acceptable plan for it.

What all this boils down to is that EPA, simply by changing its interpretation of the law, can legally put an end to such a cost-ineffective response to the pollution problem. Fortunately, there is reason to believe that EPA, under the incoming administration, might just do that. From what I have been told, the transition team for EPA recommended that the agency defer its final I/M ruling until after the new administration takes office. Now that does not mean that EPA will necessarily reconsider; it simply means that it might not. In any case, it will. However, in case it does not, I am today introducing a bill that would settle this controversy for once and for all by eliminating the alleged require-ment that State implementation plans (SIP's), under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977, provide for periodic auto emission inspection and testing. Identical legislation was introduced in the 96th Congress by Repre-sentatives Satterfield and Stockman and enjoyed considerable support in the Health Subcommittee of the Commerce Committee. But now, with the refusal—so far—of the California and Kentucky Legislatures to buckle under to the threats of a faceless bureaucracy, the issue can be postponed no longer. I urge my colleagues, both in the Commerce Committee and in the House as a whole, to act favorably on this measure without further delay.

THE BATTLE OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES, SEPTEMBER 5, 1781

HON. G. WILLIAM WHITEHURST 
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. WHITEHURST. Mr. Speaker, the celebration for our Nation's 200th birthday, which began with such fanfare and enthusiasm on January 1, 1976, will reach another climax in 1981 with the commemoration of the surrender at Yorktown. A major ceremo­ny has been planned for this October, and national recognition will be given to this great event.

At the same time, however, there is a less well-known event which took place at Yorktown on September 5, 1781, one which played a major part in making the victory at Yorktown possible: The battle off the Virginia Capes on September 5, 1781, when the French Fleet under the command of Adm. François de Grasse won an important victory.

Today I am introducing a resolution to provide appropriate recognition to the battle off the Virginia Capes, and to request that the President, through my colleagues. Permit me at this time, Mr. Speaker, to offer a little of the background of this battle, to illustrate its importance to the final American victory.

American military and naval might in our War for Independence was bolstered dramatically by the contributions of a number of foreign officers, of whom two of the most accomplished were the French General Rochambeau and the French Adm. Fran­cois de Grasse. During the dramatic Yorktown campaign, in the closing moments of the war, both performed brilliantly, to the great benefit of the fledgling American Republic. Insofar as naval activity was concerned, no action was more vital to American suc­cess than the leadership of Admiral de Grasse, just as the fighting in the battle off the Virginia Capes in September 1781.

Rochambeau has unquestionably been the better known of the two French leaders prior to the Franco-American Alliance of 1778, having served the Bourbon Monarchy with distinction as a general officer in the War of the Austrian Succession and the 7 Years' War. De Grasse, on the other hand, was regarded only as a competent squadron commander, and it was in this capacity that he was dispatched to the New World in 1778, with orders to protect the interests of France in the Caribbean area as well as those of Spain, which, as an ally of France, has entered into a war with England under the terms of the Franco-American Alliance.

Despite the limited nature of his as­signment, de Grasse was moved to make a greater contribution to the American Revolutionary cause. In fact, he had been fighting the British Empire since his early youth, and on one occasion, having been taken as a prisoner at sea, spent 3 months studying the Royal Navy at close range. In the Caribbean battles which began in 1778, he served as a subordinate under Adm. Jean d’Estaing, winning promo­tion in the process to the rank of rear admiral and securing an independent command. At 6 feet 2 inches, he was one of the tallest men in the French Navy, and it was said of him that he was "six foot six on days of battle." The Yorktown Campaign of 1781, which involved de Grasse in the battle off the Virginia Capes, was basically a French idea, and its result was largely determined by French participants. As American delegates were portrayed by the American commander, Gen. George Washington, who preferred the strategy of striking the British stronghold at New York City. This
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war exigencies. In July 1781, de Grasse

the American Continental Army and the

French Expeditionary Force, the

planned Allied attack on Yorktown,

and the extreme need for naval sup­

port for any such attack. Recognizing

the vital importance of rapid move­

ment, and informed by the Spanish,

who has just captured Pensacola, that

they had no military plans requiring

his services in the near future, de

Grasse decided to depart promptly for

the Chesapeake Bay to support the

impending Franco-American attack on

Yorktown.

Picking up one French general, the

Marquis Saint-Simon, and 3,500

French troops under his command at

Cap Francois, de Grasse prepared him­

self for the trip north, assuring the

Spanish authorities that the troops in­

volved would all be back in the Carib­

bean by November. Within 12 days

after the receipt of Rochambeau's dis­

patches, Saint-Simon's men had all

been boarded French vessels, and the

Fleet was ready to sail. But the funds necessary to insure

the success of this complex undertak­

ing were not yet available. An appeal

for financial assistance was therefore

dispatched by frigate to Spanish au­

thorities in Havana, and the response

was decidedly encouraging: 1.2 million

livres, raised entirely through private

contributions. These funds would

enable French officials in the Ameri­

can Colonies to lend a month's payroll

to the Continental Army, an action

which General Washington regarded as

unusually important to the Ameri­
can cause at that moment, in order to

help stave off the threat of mutiny. In

addition, the French Army of Ro­

chambeau would be provided with the

specie to purchase necessary supplies

in Virginia.

On August 14, 1781, Washington and

Rochambeau received word that de

Grasse was on his way to the Ches­

apeake Bay and Yorktown. Under his

command was a fleet of 26 ships of the

line, of which the British expected

him to move 100 miles from the

Caribbean at any time, for any

reason, since they assumed that his

principal responsibility was to protect

the French islands in that sector. But

when de Grasse departed for the

Chesapeake, he took the entire fleet with

him.

Belatedly sensing a naval assault on

Yorktown, the British naval command in New

York City brought a sizable fleet of their own

into play, some 19 ships of the line. But

they were too late, because de

Grasse had preceded them into Ches­

apeake Bay, and with a larger force,

just in time for the arrival of the

Allied land expedition from the north.

Upon sighting the French Fleet on

August 20, 1781, George Washington

is said to have jumped for joy, shouting

the name of Admiral de Grasse.

Joining combat off the Virginia

Capes on September 5, 1781, the Brit­

ish and French Fleets sought to bar

the French islands in that sector. But

just in time for the arrival of the

British Fleet.

whose recommendations, Rochambeau

called for combining the French Expe­
ditionary Force with the main body of

the American Northern Army and

their joint advance into Virginia, there

to engage the forces of British Gener­

al Cornwallis, stationed on the York­
town Peninsula. To assist in this en­
deavor Rochambeau proposed the use

of the French naval contingent in the

Caribbean under the command of de

Grasse.

Of additional significance at this

point was the role of de Grasse as a fi­
nancial agent, looking to the rescue of

the American economy, which was

recognition

the House of Representatives

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. SHUMWAY. Mr. Speaker, the

Wall Street Journal has been carrying a

series of articles concerning the

floundering Chrysler Corp. On Decem­

ber 26, the Journal provided an ed­i­torial response to Chrysler Chairman Ia­

coca's criticism of previous editorials,

and I believe that commentary should be

shared with all of my colleagues here in

the House. In addition to out­
lining some salient reasons why this particular instance of Federal bailout should be terminated, the editorial underlays a major premise: the power of example. If Chrysler remains viable solely as a result of a costly Federal life support system, what is to prevent other failing companies from vying for the same privilege?

I commend the following article to my colleagues' attention:

**On Shooting Horses**

Our running debate with Chrysler Chairman Lee A. Iacocca continues today with a letter from Mr. Iacocca saying we should have titled our previous editorial "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" It's an interesting thought, since the point of Jane Fonda's memorable words was apparently that society is more humane toward horses than people.

Pine judgments about social justice we will leave to Miss Fonda. But someone ought to note that if Chrysler were recapitalized or liquidated under the bankruptcy laws, Mr. Iacocca's rhetoric to the contrary, its farmers would probably be wiped off the face of the earth. There would of course be disappointment and pain. Its auto workers might not be able to find other jobs paying as well. But there are lower average incomes in the U.S. industrial average, its executives' egos would be bruised, and its bankers might not be paid in full on the loans for which they have collected premium interest rates.

Against these costs, though, must be laid the power of the example in the economy as a whole. If falling corporations are not allowed to fail, their managers, or other corporations have an incentive to leverage up their balance sheets with increasingly risky debt. This creates powerful forces for additional money creation and inflation, to the detriment of us all.

It is fairly evident to most people that the U.S. economic system has advanced is not the most important part of the price. More important is the power of the example in the economy as a whole. If falling corporations are not allowed to fail, their managers, or other corporations have an incentive to leverage up their balance sheets with increasingly risky debt. This creates powerful forces for additional money creation and inflation, to the detriment of us all.

The people who have been chosen by Washington to receive federal sustenance are fortunate indeed. But what about all the people who have not, and who moreover are under obligation to pay off the loans when the ships come in? Who is protecting them from economic risks?

There is more to it than that. Mr. Iacocca attempts a distinction between what he is talking about and we were talking about with regard to Federal Reserve management of the dollar. But there is very little distinction. Those who interest rates that jump up and down and create such uncertainty and turmoil for business didn't get that way by accident. It was the Fed that last summer were not the kind auto executives would have been inclined to criticize, since they were intended to revive the economy with another dose of easy money and credit. They did to some degree, but they also revived the inflation expectations that sent interest rates soaring.

We can't blame the Chrysler people for wanting to survive. But we don't think public policy can be made in terms of politics. We are picking a few entities to protect against the onslaughts of competition and adversity. That principle holds true whether the favored few are auto companies or giant cities. The credit markets are signaling more than anything else that the nation's supply of genuine capital (as opposed to the fake capital created by inflation) is getting very thin indeed. Unless we return to a process where capital is rationed not by the politicians but by judgments, on merit, by individual lenders—forced by a sound money policy to make real choices—the United States will continue to make less and less efficient use of its capital. That means, purely and simply, that we will have less growth, fewer jobs, more inflation.

No one wants Chrysler to die. The new administration should move quickly to get the Department of Transportation out of the health care business. It's not part of the auto's problem, it's solved. The CIA and companies pay off and they can start making competitive decisions again. The UAW should be told to bargain with the companies. The Nader crowd should be invited to go pick on the Japanese. Energy policy, the cover for some_static regulator, should be focused on restoring competition in the energy industry by getting the government out. As to Chrysler, it's not a question of shooting horses, but of disconnecting a life support system we can ill afford.

**National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act**

**HON. WILLIAM C. WAMPLER**

**OF VIRGINIA**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Monday, January 5, 1981**

Mr. WAMPLER. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing legislation to extend and amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977.

Mr. Speaker, one of the principal undertakings of this new Congress will be to write a new farm bill to replace many of the provisions of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, which will expire this year. While the funding authorizing provisions of title XIV of the 1977 Farm Act will not expire until the end of fiscal year 1982, there are a number of technical changes needed in the law which have been experienced since the law was enacted in 1977, to require including the revision of this title in the new legislation.

I consider the enactment of the extension and the amendments offered in my bill to title XIV or similar legislation as perhaps one of the important steps this Congress can take.

Few of us, Mr. Speaker, think about shortages of food and fiber. We have been principally concerned in the Congress, going back for almost half a century, with agricultural overages—management surpluses from the 1930's until the young people in the United States have never lifted a hoe or a sack of grain. Few of us know that it took 30 years of trial and error research and development to grow a hybrid corn, a discovery that tripled America's corn production. Today many of our people think our food and fibers are manufactured by big supermarkets. We talk about undernourished people—we use the word "starving," but how many of us have seen a starving American?

However, Mr. Speaker, we do have starving people in this world; the estimates place them in the millions. And each year for the next 20 years we are going to add a new nation the size of France to this world: a noplace, yet an everyplace state, of some 75 million mouths to be fed, cleaned, and sheltered by somebody, someplace. And come the year 2000, this exploding population will increase at an even faster rate.

Since the world food situation points to an increasingly tight world supply-demand balance in the 1980's and 1990's and beyond, this leaves the farmers and ranchers of the world without choice but to increase food and fiber production to meet these new demands.

Our own country, Mr. Speaker, as the principal supplier of many of these agricultural products, is now faced with a new problem—a change in policy. Heretofore, the Committee on Agriculture, this House, the American people, have had the luxury of concerning ourselves with the old problem of managing agricultural surpluses—and farmer price supports. From this day forward, Mr. Speaker—even though some of us may say it will be slow in coming—we will be increasingly concerned, as we face each coming year with the new task of managing agricultural shortages. Already there are voices from some quarters advocating restricting exports, to hold down predicted food price increases. I call your attention to a lengthy article in the November 28, 1980, issue of the Wall Street Journal by Terri Minsky, entitled "Big Increases in Food Prices Loom as World Demands More U.S. Grain." I also want to remind my colleagues that we have been paying, for the most part, for our oil imports with farm exports. I like to say the exports of grains and other farm products from our farms and ranches have made the difference these last several years whether the average American has walked or ridden to work.

We are also faced, Mr. Speaker, with several other problems that can only be solved by more and better research. We must find a way to reduce the cost...
of producing food, which today is driving farmers and ranchers off the farm and raising the cost of food to consumers. We must also consider that current technology will only permit us to increase food and fiber production by putting additional land into production or by applying increasing amounts of fertilizers and pesticides, all of which will require more petroleum-based energy. Even if we could rely on these current technologies, we would find them hardly capable of increasing production to meet more than several years of anticipated population growth. The fact is we have little land to put into production and other existing technologies require increased use of already short petroleum and, additionally, increase environmental hazards.

The bill I am introducing today extends the goal set forth in the 1977 Act to double agricultural research, extension, and teaching in the food and agricultural sciences over the period 1976 to 1981 by extending the goal 5 more years to fiscal year 1987. Congress must take the lead, as it has since the days of Abraham Lincoln, to ensure that American farmers, ranchers, and the food and fiber industries of our country have the scientific technology in the form of tools, seed, animal breeds, and know-how to provide a bountiful and safe food supply, at reasonable costs, for our own people and the ever-increasing demands of an exploding world population.

My bill also contains a number of technical amendments to the 1977 Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Act to reinforce the Federal-State research and extension partnership, to strengthen the land-grant college and university system, by increasing in law its representation on the Joint Council, and to require that Hatch formula funding to State Agricultural Experiment Stations constitute one-fourth, 25 percent, of all funds appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for food and agriculture research. The bill further establishes an Agricultural Research, Education, Extension, and Teaching, thus elevating the current Administrator and his function to the hierarchy of the Department of Agriculture, a place in which this function has traditionally held in USDA. The bill also establishes for the first time an aquacultural research and extension program with the Department of Agriculture, which includes a modest $7,500,000 Federal-State research program to improve the productivity and marketability of domestic aquaculture to meet the domestic market for aquatic food.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the outgoing administration has a draft proposal to amend title XIV of the 1977 farm bill. I have been made privy to this proposal. I am also aware that the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges also has recommendations that will be finalized within the very near future. Also distinguished members of the Administration's transition team, as well as the Office of Technology Assessment, have been looking at means to improve our agricultural research and extension system. This bill I am introducing today includes many of these proposals. Hopefully my bill will act as a catalyst to lay all of these ideas before our Agriculture Committee and in the end will further strengthen what has been the backbone of this Nation—American agriculture.

COMPREHENSIVE OIL POLLUTION LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION ACT

HON. MARIO BIAGGI OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today a bill—for the third Congress in a row—to provide a comprehensive system of liability and compensation for damage caused by oil pollution and for removal costs. This bill is essentially the same as H.R. 85, which was passed by the House during the last Congress by a recorded vote of 288 to 11. It is also the bill that was passed by the House during the 95th Congress.

I believe many Members of the House are familiar with the reasons why the oilspill title of H.R. 85 failed of final enactment. Suffice to say that these reasons did not relate to the merits of that title. The concept of a comprehensive oilspill liability and compensation bill has long been accepted and the bill that passed the House was generally acceptable to industry, the administration, and environmental groups as well as to four committees of the House. I was privileged to sponsor and pursue the legislation of 1972-and most recently the Water Quality Improvement Act of 1970—which was subsequently amended by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972—and most recently by the Clean Water Act of 1977—declared, as a national policy, that there should be no discharges of oil into or upon our waters. In addition to numerous specific measures for the protection of the marine environ-

The oil pollution problem was again highlighted in 1969 when a production platform off Santa Barbara, Calif., suffered a blowout that lasted for many days and discharged considerable amounts of oil before it could be brought under control.

Elaborate and numerous other casualties have highlighted the oil pollution problem and the need for a national and comprehensive oilspill liability and compensation scheme.

While existing oil pollution legislation permits compensation for cleanup and removal costs, there is no legislation that adequately and timely compensates those who have been victimized.

One particular casualty, the grounding of the very large crude carrier Amoco Cadiz—of 228,813 tons—off the coast of France on March 16, 1978, is a recent and memorable reminder of the need to establish such a system.

A recent and significant casualty that did affect our coastal environment and economic well-being was the blowout of IXTOC I in the Bay of Campeche, Mexico, on June 3, 1979. The impact of this spill and the resulting oil pollution of the Texas coastal environments and the waters of the Gulf of Mexico were extensive. The litigation of oilspill liability and compensation issues arising out of this incident are likewise extensive and no doubt will be protracted. Had the proposed legislation been in place, the alternative would have been fair, adequate, and prompt compensation to those who were victimized. Therefore, it continues to be necessary to provide for adequate compensation to those parties who suffer damage from the effect of oil pollution incidents occurring along our coasts and in the waters of the United States.

Prevention of oilspills is still considered to be the most effective means of protecting our coastal and estuarine environment from damage. The Port and Tanker Safety Act of 1978—which I was privileged to sponsor and pursue during the 95th Congress—has been very effective in this area of prevention. However, we cannot preclude the possibility of oilspills occurring due to mechanical failures and the carelessness of individuals.

In the United States, the public's concern had led to the enactment of a number of measures to improve the quality of our waters and control pollution. The Water Quality Improvement Act of 1970—which was subsequently amended by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972—and most recently by the Clean Water Act of 1977—declared, as a national policy, that there should be no discharges of oil into or upon our waters. In addition to numerous specific measures for the protection of the marine environ-
ment, they established liability on the part of spotters for the costs of cleanup. These acts, however, do not address the problem of liability for damage to oil pollution incidents, but only for floating oil. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act, the Congress in 1973—for the first time—addressed in Federal statute the issue of liability for damages other than cleanup costs. We created a compensation fund available to respond to damage caused by oil pollution from vessels moving TAPI's oil to ports in the continental United States. This similar scheme of liability and compensation was also established in the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 for oil pollution damage from offshore facilities constructed pursuant to the act or from vessels at those facilities.

The Congress—in enacting the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, during the last days of the 95th Congress—established a similar liability and compensation scheme for oil pollution damage related to OCS activities. The Coast Guard has enabling regulations for the establishment of a federally administered Outer Continental Shelf fund to provide compensation for losses which are not otherwise compensated. These regulations detail requirements for the establishment of financial responsibility, notification of oil pollution incidents, designation of pollution sources, and many other related provisions.

These measures are necessary to insure that funds are available to pay for the prompt removal of any oil spilled or discharged as a result of OCS activities or to compensate completely for any damage to public and private interests caused by such spills or discharges when, for whatever reason, payment is not made by those responsible for the source of the oil pollution.

While this offshore funds legislation focuses on oil pollution incidents arising in connection with OCS activities, it is not limited to compensate completely for any damage to public and private interests caused by such spills or discharges when, for whatever reason, payment is not made by those responsible for the source of the oil pollution.

The bill I am introducing today likewise parallels these provisions and will expand the scope of coverage to include virtually all marine oil pollution from vessels and from onshore facilities.

I am proposing to create a compensation fund that would be available to settle claims in excess of a spiller's liability.

The concepts of this bill have had broad support from the users of oil—from the oil industry itself—and from the insurance industry which does the underwriting—and from many environmental groups. The bill I am introducing today should continue to receive overwhelming bipartisan support. The bill:

- Establishes strict liability for the owners and operators of the source of oil discharges.
- Creates a backup compensation fund to respond to damage claims which are not satisfied:
  - Provides for the establishment of an oil pollution trust fund supported by a tax of 1.3 cents a barrel on crude oil and petroleum products.
  - Provides for superseding duplicative funds and procedures which now exist in various Federal and State statutes.
  - Provides for evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to satisfy the maximum amount of liability; and
  - Provides a simple and workable claims settlement procedure.

I reiterate my prior conviction that this bill is practicable in application—and fully considers the needs of those who have been harmed by oil pollution. I firmly believe that we must act now in the public interest and provide a comprehensive oil pollution liability and compensation scheme.

One may ask: "What has this legislative initiative—if it has broad support—met strenuous opposition from our colleagues in the Senate?" Before commenting, I might note that only a limited number of our colleagues in the Senate have voiced opposition—but those few have been successful in preventing enactment of this important legislation in the last three Congresses.

Prior to discussing the issues which prevented enactment, I would like to discuss the study by the Attorney General on the methods and procedures for implementing a uniform law for responding to damage costs and damages caused by oil spills from ocean-related sources. This study was reported to the Congress on July 3, 1975.

As many of you might recollect during Congress consideration of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, Public Law 93-627, enacted on January 3, 1975, the weaknesses in oil spill liability and compensation laws became indisputably evident. The Senate, in particular, adopted a provision which required that "the study shall give particular attention to methods of adjudicating and settling claims as rapidly, economically, and equitably as possible."

I believe that the Attorney General's study and his report have served as valuable background to the intricate legal problems associated with oil pollution liability and compensation. I further believe that the bill we passed in the House and the bill I am introducing today have considered or adopted all of the recommendations in the report.

One of the major issues which received and continues to receive considerable attention is the question of preemption of State legislation.

It has been claimed that, by permitting the States to establish liability schemes and other requirements as they see fit, the States—on an individual basis—can develop such strict requirements that the owners and operators of all modes of transportation—that is, vessel, truck, train, and pipeline—and the owners and operators of storage, transfer, and processing facilities will exercise such extreme care and diligence that there will be no oil pollution. This is simply not true. This is what I call emotional reasoning—completely without foundation, in fact.

The simple fact is that in any business or industrial activity, there is a recognized potential for damage with attendant liability. Even the homeowner or renter can cause damage to a visiting guest and can be made liable for those damages.

The issue of liability touches all of us in our day-to-day activities, and we protect ourselves by obtaining the necessary insurance. The transportation industry, the oil industry, any industry—like the homeowner or renter—protects itself with insurance.

No matter what liability limits are established—and no matter who, State or Federal, establishes them, the end line is insurability. For example, if a vessel operator cannot obtain insurance, then there will be no vessels carrying the needed oil. The same can be said for the other modes of transportation. A case in point is the history of the oil pollution liability law in the State of Florida.

While the Supreme Court upheld some provisions of that law, the inability to insure to meet these provisions—and the resultant loss of vessel transportation of oil—created a serious oil distribution problem that was only remedied when these provisions were not enforced. As a matter of fact, they were eventually brought in parallel with existing Federal law, where they remain today.

It is also argued that the States should have the right to maintain their own funds—to charge their own fees—and to provide for the payments of any economic or natural resources damages they see fit.

No one argues with this right, and no one wants to see an erosion of State power. However, one must think of the consuming public—the ones who will, in the end, pay for whatever liability and compensation scheme or schemes are developed.

A patchwork of oil spill liability and compensation laws on the Federal and State levels can only create excessive bureaucracies and a mass of paperwork.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

How can the various affected industries and transportation modes cope with 50 or more liability and compensation schemes and funds, which I am sure will be raised and complex? The burden we are imposing—if we do not preempt State laws in this field—will only create a greater burden on you and I, the paying consumer. I sympathize with those who advocate State's rights, but I have considerably more sympathy for the paying consumer. I believe we must ask ourselves, "What do we really want and how can that best be achieved?"

First, we must consider what damage should be made compensable. Second, we must examine the limit of liability we want to impose. Third, we want to make sure that, no matter what the damage is, there will be funds available for compensation.

Fourth, although we want the oil industry to pay for the creation of a fund, it must be recognized that the user of oil—the consumer—in the end will be paying through increased cost of the product. I believe my bill provides for a simple and practicable system for the compensation of a broad range of oil pollution damage. It also imposes reasonable limits of liability on the owner or operator of the particular transportation mode or facility—thereby making him the frontline payer in most instances, and insuring frontline responsibility for responding to an oil pollution incident.

Another issue which has had extensive review is the limit of liability problem. During the 98th and 99th Congresses, the hearings on H.R. 6803 and H.R. 85, respectively and the attendant reports clearly documented the rationale for certain limits of liability.

The bill provides that, in the preponderance of incidents, the source of the pollution will be liable for all claims. In those cases where the pollution is spread between the owner or operator of the transportation mode or facility, which oil enters the environment—and the owner of the oil which creates the pollution risk.

Ultimately, of course, I have previously stated, the cost is reflected in large measure in the cost of the product—and is therefore borne by the user of the oil, the consumer. Different limitations of liability are necessary due to the many varied modes of transportation and facilities. With respect to different limits of liability for various types of vessels, it is readily apparent that a general cargo freighter—carrying only oil bunkers for the vessel's operation—does not present as great a risk of oil pollution as a tanker vessel that not only has bunkers on board but also carries a cargo of oil.

The same rationale is applicable to tank barges, which often carry considerably less than a self-propelled tank vessel, However, it must be remembered that limitations of liability do not reduce the amount of funds available for payment of damages, since the fund—which is supported by all oil owners—is available to pay any additional amounts above the limitations.

During the last two Congresses, there was considerable discussion within both the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on a maximum ceiling of liability for tank vessels. There was eventual agreement on a maximum level of $50 million per incident. This was reported, as being the so-called insurable limit, the limit of coverage that could be provided by the international insurance market.

Another issue which I have reviewed and reconsidered is the many purposes which have been advocated for the use of the fund. I still believe that the fund should be established for limited purposes—and should provide an immediate source of available funds for cleanup and should assure reasonable and expeditious compensation to the damaged party. I do not believe the fund we are establishing should be available for the payment of costs which are of a capital or research nature—and which are normally subject to authorization and appropriation processes.

A final issue of a somewhat lesser concern has been the method and procedure for processing claims and the related administration of the fund. The bill is designed to provide for minimal administrative interference with strong incentives for prompt and equitable settlement using detailed statutory provisions. I believe that many of these procedures are so important in creating substantial incentives to settle damage claims that they cannot be left to the imagination of the administration through regulatory and rulemaking procedures.

Further, many of these requirements—such as types of claims payable; types of investigative, court, or attorney fees; and the availability of interest charges—are so substantive that we might create a vacuum if they were not included in the bill.

The objectives of my oilspill liability and compensation legislation are to:

Establish one fund at the Federal level that will provide ample money for prompt compensation of oilspill damage; Establish one set of oilspill liability laws for the entire Nation, covering all types of oilspills from all sources; Remove the overlaps and bare spots of the present patchwork system; and Minimize the bureaucracy.

This, in turn, will benefit the one who has been victimized as well as the one who will pay for this compensation—the ultimate consumer of oil.

In conclusion, I believe my bill is a limitation similar to H.R. 85, which was passed by the House during the last Congress, for reconsideration by this Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK

HON. BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Philip M. Klutznick, the outgoing Secretary of Commerce. Mr. Klutznick has served in some significant capacity under every Democratic President since Franklin Roosevelt. He is an important link between our generation of governmental leaders and those who established the era of social justice and social progress in the United States under the New Deal.

As Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Klutznick infused this administration with his deep personal concern for the welfare of his countrymen, and his profound desire to see the American business community prosper in tandem with the improving welfare of the American people. During slightly more than a year in office he has advanced a great deal of difficult legislation. The "shippers export declaration" legislation is an important addition to our body of law, as is the new patent bill which should assist the U.S. ability to utilize innovations.

Mr. Klutznick's career as a diplomat, first under President Eisenhower and then under President Kennedy, was of great significance for this country since he was one of the first of our senior diplomats to show a profound interest in the development problems of the nations of the Third World. Widely active in the affairs of the American Jewish community, Mr. Klutznick has historically led the way in building ties between this Jewish community and the Arab world. He has long enjoyed the respect of the Arab Ambassadors in Washington, and he is a welcome guest in many of the Arab capitals. His term as president of the World Jewish Congress was marked by his usual spirit of broad
extinctions of remarks

hon. william c. wampler
of virginia
in the house of representatives
monday, january 5, 1981

mr. wampler. mr. speaker, last february, i produced legislation, h.r. 6521, to divide the regulatory decisionmaking process into two stages. the first stage would have a scientific council define and evaluate the scientific question of whether or not a particular substance should or should not be banned from our food or use in the workplace, such as saccharin and nitrite, to name a few.

the failure of federal agencies to adopt a consistent approach to identifying and regulating these substances has imposed an increasing number of stringent and desperate restrictions on the uses of chemicals, without a sound scientific basis for many of these actions, thereby limiting the quantity, quality, and variety of food, fiber, and forest products available to consumers. the failure on the part of the regulators in government to follow good scientific principles has sparked such severe criticism by consumers and by scientists in government, academic institutions, and industry, that the congress has become increasingly involved in implementing regulatory policy with respect to these substances.

hopefully, mr. speaker, this problem can be cured administratively but in the event it cannot, this bill will go a long way toward correcting this most severe regulatory problem.

no medical defense to a nuclear attack

hon. jonathan b. bingham
of new york
in the house of representatives
monday, january 5, 1981

mr. bingham. mr. speaker, during the past year dr. howard h. hiatt, dean of the harvard school of public health, has performed a great public service by pointing out the impossibility of providing anything like adequate medical care for the vast number of persons we would be critically injured in a nuclear attack, regardless of any alleged civil defense preparations. his efforts have struck a responsive chord in the medical community, both here and abroad.

last month leading american and soviet doctors met in switzerland and agreed that "physicians in a postattack period would be unable to provide effective care for the sick and injured." the following article about the meeting from the boston globe of sunday, december 7, 1980, is of particular interest now that some american leaders are saying a nuclear war would be "defensible".

(from the boston globe, sun., dec. 7, 1980)

united states, soviet doctors agree
n-defense an illusion

(by richard a. knox)

a group of soviet and american physicians meeting in switzerland yesterday that nuclear war between the superpowers would be "an unparalleled human disaster" and that civil defense measures designed to save significant numbers of civilians in either country are "an illusion."

the outcome of the unprecedented discussions, which included three of the soviet union's most prominent medical authorities, was learned in telephone interviews with members of both delegations at the conclusion of the two-day sessions.

the doctors' talks also produced agreement that:

"physicians in a postattack period would be unable to provide effective care for the sick and injured."

even if nuclear weapons are never used, the enormous price tag of the arms race is diverting scarce resources desperately needed for medical and human needs. "physicians can and should make important contributions to the prevention of such a disaster," the bilateral group said.

the doctors' joint declaration was adopted during the first-ever formal discussions between medical leaders of the two leading nuclear powers on the human consequences of nuclear war and the arms race.

the talks, which took place friday and yesterday, officially launched a new doctors' organization called international physicians for the prevention of nuclear war. after the two delegations agreed on the main principles behind the group, the soviets asked to add a plea for "all physicians of the world to raise their voices against nuclear war and for nuclear disarmament."

"our task is to show the people of the world what nuclear war is," dr. eugene chazov, soviet deputy minister of health, said yesterday in a telephone interview with the globe from geneva. chazov is co-chairman of the new group, the movement of the world's physicians of the harvard school of public health.

"in some countries there is a new understanding of the consequences of nuclear war," he added, speaking through an interpreter. "in this sense i would like to recall the words of albert einstein, who was asked a question concerning when world war iii would start. he said: 'i don't know when it will start. but i know for sure there will be no world war iv.'"

the geneva meeting is the latest in a rapidly growing movement among physicians designed to call attention to the horrors of nuclear war, which dean howard h. hiatt of the harvard school of public health has labeled "the latest epidemic."

the effort, which began last february with a much-publicized conference in cambridge on the medical consequences of nuclear war, has since reached the medical communities of other countries—and even captured the attention of the politically conservative american medical assn.

a group of british doctors last month announced the formation of a group called medical campaign against nuclear weapons within the association of the medical profession and of those concerned with
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public policy about the medical implications of nuclear war.

However, the AMA Board of Trustees in June on the role of doctors in preventing nuclear war as "our only recourse," and last month, the AMA carried an editorial by him on the issue. Tomorrow at the AMA's interim meeting in San Francisco the organization will consider a resolution calling for "the immediate education of all physicians concerning the catastrophic consequences of thermonuclear warfare."

The Geneva meeting was the first to recruit leading Soviet physicians into the effort. The US and Soviet delegations agreed on the agenda for the first full-scale working session of the groups, to be held March 19-26 at a location near Washington.

The three Boston doctors who initiated the private meetings said from Geneva yesterday that they were startled to achieve agreement on the group's main principles from such highly placed Soviet physicians—especially on the unequivocal statement regarding civil defense.

"We were rather taken aback, quite frankly, by the way they would agree," said Dr. Lown, the leader of the American delegation, said. Many US politicians and defense analysts portray the Soviets as counting heavily on civil defense measures, such as mass evacuations, to ensure greater "survivability" following a nuclear attack.

During the recent US election campaign, both Ronald Reagan and George Bush said that nuclear war is survivable and that the Soviets are basing military strategy on the assumption that a large fraction of the population can be protected from nuclear attack.

"All we've heard lately is that the Soviets are preparing for war," said Dr. James E. Muller of Harvard Medical School, a Russian-speaking heart specialist who helped organize the talks and went to Geneva. "These doctors are saying that such preparation is futile."

The Americans said they were relieved that the Soviet doctors seemed determined to avoid using the new organization as a propaganda platform. In June, after the Bostonians first contacted Soviet physicians to propose a joint campaign against nuclear war, the three Boston doctors said, they were encouraged that the Soviet doctors were qualified experts to discuss the medical effects of nuclear war. "On two counts it is extremely important who they have chosen to represent them. They are among the important Soviet physicians and their areas of expertise are related to the problem."

A Soviet television camera crew accompanied the three Soviet doctors to Geneva to tape the joint declaration for a national newscast in the USSR tomorrow.

SMALL BUSINESS AND FAMILY FARMS PRESERVATION ACT

HON. TOBY ROTH OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced legislation designed to correct that bias in the estate and gift tax law. My legislation will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to increase the unified credit against estate and gift taxes so that it will no longer be a subject to estate tax and to increase the gift tax exclusion from $3,000 to $6,000.

Almost everyone in America suffers today from excessive taxation. However, in the area of estate and gifts taxes, the situation has dramatically damaged effects on individual taxpayers and being far-reaching negative economic impacts.

The entire estate and gifts tax structure is heavily slanted against passing down family farms and small businesses. It is forcing many to sell out or liquidate before death in order to pay the estate tax bills. My legislation would help to correct this problem and provide a more equitable transfer of property to future generations. I welcome my colleagues to co-sponsor this badly needed legislative relief.

FACTS AND VISIONS

HON. PETER A. PEYSER OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. PEYSER. Mr. Speaker, in September 1980, I had the opportunity of being at Harvard University when my son Tom had just enrolled as a freshman. While there I attended the Opening Day ceremonies and listened to a sermon preached by the Rev. Peter Gomes. I was so impressed by what he had to say that I requested his permission, which he granted, to have the text of his sermon appear in the Congressional Record. It is my opinion that the freshmen Members of Congress, as well as other Members, could gain a great deal by reading
what Rev. Gomes has to say. If they just insert “The Congress” where Harvard is spoken of and “Members of Congress” where students are spoken of. It is my feeling that this message would be a great help to all of us. I am pleased to insert the text of Rev. Gomes’ sermon:

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A sermon preached in the Memorial Church, Harvard University, by The Reverend Peter J. Gomes, Minister and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Freshman Sunday, September 7, 1980.

Text: For there is still a vision for the appointed time. Habakkuk 2:3 N.B.B.

Let me once again take this opportunity to welcome to Harvard and to this church the members of the Class of 1984 and their parents. In the great academic tradition of Harvard and distinction, it perhaps can be said that you have already achieved your greatest accomplishment to date and that is surviving the fact of your arrival yesterday. Here in Cambridge we aspire to provide a heavensent test for admission. Our theory is if you can survive the traffic of Harvard Square and the confusion of the College Yard, the lack of human kindness and the seemingly random nature of the driveways and paths, then you are truly the sort of survivor Harvard and Radcliffe want. We therefore salute you, the survivors. But there is, of course, much more to it than all that, though “all that” is quite considerable. If you have the patience to see the “first word” with you upon your arrival. Your Harvard experience begins here in the Memorial Church because we don’t know what else to do with you, but rather because we want to impress upon you the fact that you cannot make it here alone, or on your own. We begin together here because we need you: the new and vital members of our ancient community of scholars. And you need us: we do not know where the bodies are buried; we need one another and each other; and, indeed, this service affirms that we need God as well to be a central part of our enterprise here. Thus we begin together: an old adventure for some of us, and a new and thrilling adventure for many of us, begin it together. The presence of God, who was before we were and who will be long after we are gone. It is important to remember that, especially as you come to terms with your accomplishments and those things that remain to be done. To begin in church is to acknowledge with profound and simple modesty that you do not know enough and that what we do know is not enough. This church will stand to remind you all of your days here that all of the facts of Widener and the Science Center are not sufficient if there is no vision to set those facts in order, to provide priorities, proportion, and perspective to our lives. And it will serve to remind you as well, that there is a vision for the appointed time.

Many of you enjoy the gifts of your talents: your board scores, your letters of recommendation, your parent’s tuition. You bring us the diversity of the earth and the special skills of special people. There may even be among you some mediocre, near and ordinary people as well. I certainly hope so. Many of us already here who crave your company and support as well. Perhaps you are not unlike the boy from the Ozarks who, when it was announced that he was admitted to Harvard, was asked, “What are you going to study there?” He replied, “Oh, I am not going to study anything; they are going to study me.” The corn is good there and terrible in the freshman year when you are convinced that you are an unwilling object of experiment. Experiments are conducted in the admissions office, or, at worst, you are a “demographical distributive factor” in the diversity machine. On those long and lonely nights, or for some other exotic foreign parts, but the fact of the matter is you are here, most of you for the duration, and by your own hard work, you had better come to terms with that reality, and the sooner the better. We are at just such points as this that you need to be reminded that you are neither the first nor the last to go through these trials of spirit here. You are in fact three before you, and while not one of those classes has produced a single memorable figure, they nevertheless survived, even as will you.

Survival is not enough, however, for you expect and are expected not only to spend quantity time but quality time here as well. And what, we might ask, can you contribute to the quality of the time spent here with us? Cause, who are you, you contribute a freshness and a vitality, a newness to the scene and the enterprise. Some of us still call that it is naive to buy a book with the intention of reading it, to take a course with the Intention of learning from it, in the interdependence of growing from it, then we need more of that naivete in this place. You do not yet know our ways and so you will bring us the vitality of thinking, being, doing and doing. That is how this great and good place has come into being over nearly three centuries: it has willingly accepted the variety of gifts of its members and made them its own. You have your ideals and your wonder to bring here and you should not be ashamed of making those gifts to so venerable a place as this.

You have what it takes, so take what you have and get a good education for facts. You Must care to think and know where our speak. In these days of cheap opinions and cheaper words, that is easier said than done. To begin here is to acknowledge that here. But it is not enough without an ample vision to inspire it, a passion to fuel it, a quality time that no idea could penetrate facts and learned hearts are put to the service of truth. The scholar in these cynical and self-serving times where it is difficult to see much of value surviving the threats and tautums of the age, there is, in the word of that unpronounceable prophet, a vision still for this time, and it is the same old vision that has obtained from the beginning of time itself, the vision of the Kingdom of God in which loving minds and learned hearts are put to the service of creation in response to the love of the creator.

Thus, when we read the Beatitudes we are reading not simply a formula for successful living in “never-never land,” we are reading a blueprint, a vision that sustains our own reality, a life-style to be aspired to in the midst of our despair. Blessed, or more accurately, happy are they who in the darkness hold onto this vision of how things can, ought, and must be if the darkness is ever to be overcome.

In my day and in my time, a part of all this; you are a part of the vision that can by God’s grace transform mere facts into that truth that sets us all free from bondage to the past and fear of the future. You, and I, and this old college are part of that vision that Christ has made us and sustains us, and in whose service is this perfect freedom. It will not be easy, but most things worth accomplishing never are. There will be times when the cumulative weight of the facts with your visions will not seem worth the while, and there will be more congenial things to do and be. And yet you will never be what you can become until your mind is animated by what your soul acquaintance is: the called insight, and by that light is the only way you should be worth taking mar. May you begin that journey with us in this place today, and the grace of God with you. Let us pray: Blessed Lord, what it is to be young. To be of, to be for, to be among—

Now some of the clever among you can see in Professor Beard’s answer the rudiments of his profession’s politics, moral philosophy, biology, and astronomy. But the fact of the matter is that these by themselves are not the first class of ‘84, there have been many of us already here who, when it was known but long for truth, who are shaped by the facts of Widener and the Science Center are not sufficient if there is no vision to set those facts in order, to provide priorities, proportion, and perspective to our lives. And it will serve to remind you as well, that there is a vision for the appointed time.

Two of times two is frequently four, and water runs up hill. The gods know this: you must have a hearty regard for facts. There is a vision for times such as these, a vision that can bring us the diversities of the earth and the wisdom of the west: 1. Whom the gods destroy they first make mad with power; 2. The mills of God grind slowly but they grind exceedingly small; 3. The bee fertilizes the flower, and then dies. If it is said, then it is said.
Be enchanted, enthralled, be the caller, the called, the singer, the song, and the sung. (David T. W. McCord '23)

ARTISTS PENALIZED UNFAIRLY

HON. FREDERICK W. RICHMOND OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, in 1969, Congress decided to change the tax code specifically to stop elected officials from donating their personal papers to libraries or archives and receiving large tax deductions for those contributions. Congress acted properly in closing a large tax loophole which, unfortunately, used by a few elected officials.

At the same time that Congress closed this loophole it quite unintentionally changed the tax laws that allowed artists to contribute their art works, manuscripts, and compositions to museums and libraries. This was never the intent of Congress, yet we have been unable to rectify this situation in 12 years. Unfortunately, an entire decade has come and gone and a tremendous amount of art work, manuscripts, and compositions have been lost to personal sales or outright destruction because artists can receive no more than the cost of materials when contributing their art work to a tax-exempt organization.

The unfairness of this situation is most evident when one considers an artist collector may buy a work from an artist and at any point in the artist's career the artist may not give the work to a public institution without being taxed at full fair market value. Thomas Hart Benton's morals adored the Truman Library, but his work would not have been able to sell the art work to pay the estate tax. This is not only a loss to our public institutions, libraries, and museums but also the American people if we are to believe that the arts are a national resource.

We continually ask the artists in our society to relieve the punitive burden on artists' materials. All this would mean is that the artist is prohibited from receiving a similar deduction for his or her work.

I have introduced legislation that will permit artists to donate their works to museums and other non-profit institutions. This legislation would take artists back to pre-1969, when they were allowed to take a full fair market tax deduction for contributing their work.

Mr. Speaker, because of this situation many artists have opted to destroy their art work rather than force their families into bankruptcy. Several well known artists have begun destroying their work. This is not only a loss of national treasures, it is also a national disgrace.

The present estate tax situation is a glaring inequity. It seems to me an appalling contradiction that an artist giving a gift of his or her own work to a public institution may deduct only the cost of producing that work. (Usually about $75.) At the artist's death that same work is then assessed at fair market value and this figure often reaches into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The real losers in this situation are our public institutions, libraries, and museums and thus the American people. If we are to believe that the arts are a national resource, let us encourage them with this measure.

JAMIE WYETH, Prominent American Artist.

I want to thank you for writing this bill to enable the artist at his death to leave his works evaluated at cost to his heirs. This would help stop the confusion between esthetic value and money, so that after death each painting could achieve its own value and be taxed as it is sold. (Artists' Equity Association.)
should be changed. I am very much in favor of H.R. 1720.

ROY LICHTENSTEIN, Prominent American Artist.

As an artist deeply concerned about the well-being of my family, I heartily endorse this bill. Being an artist is a risky and uncertain occupation. I am disturbed that I can contribute to a museum and only deduct cost of materials. If I give the work as a gift, I must pay a gift tax. I cheerfully pay all my taxes when I sell my work. When I die, my heirs under present law would be forced to pay large taxes on unsold works. Your bill dresses an unjust situation and I wish you great success in your endeavors.

George Segal, Prominent American Artist.

Mr. Speaker, these bills will rectify current tax structures which discriminate against artists and will provide some relief to the pressing financial burdens facing individuals and cultural institutions. I hope that my colleagues in Congress will act swiftly to pass these bills putting to an end startling errors in current tax laws unfairly penalizing artists and art institutions and insuring that the American people will have the opportunity to enjoy the creative efforts of contemporary artists.

I urge my colleagues to join me in insuring that the tax inequities I propose to eliminate are ended in the very near future.

The following is the text of the legislation:

H.R. —

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1964 to remove certain limitations in the case of charitable contributions of literary, musical, or artistic compositions, or similar property

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) subsection (e) of section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1964 (relating to certain charitable contributions of capital gain property) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS OF LITERARY, MUSICAL, OR ARTISTIC COMPOSITIONS.—

“(a) In General.—In the case of any charitable contribution of a literary, musical, or artistic composition, any letter or memorandum, or similar property if such property was created by the personal efforts of the taxpayer making such contribution, the amount of such contribution shall be the fair market value of the property contributed at the time of such contribution and no reduction in such amount shall be made under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1).

“(B) CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case of any charitable contribution of any letter, memorandum, or similar property which was written, prepared, or produced by or for an individual while such individual was an employee of the United States or of any State (or political subdivision thereof) if the writing, preparation, or production of such property was required, or arose out of, the performance of such individual’s duties as such an officer or employee.”

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to contributions made after December 31, 1980, in taxable years ending after such date.

H.R. —

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1964 to provide that the executor may elect to disregard, in the valuation for estate tax purposes of certain items created by the decedent during his life, any amount which would not have been capital gain if such item had been sold by the decedent at its fair market value

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) part III of chapter A of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1984 (relating to gross estate) is amended by inserting after section 2032A the following new section:

“SEC. 2032B. VALUATION OF CERTAIN ITEMS CREATED BY THE DECEDENT.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—If—

“(1) the decedent was (at the time of his death) a citizen or resident of the United States, and

“(2) the executor elects the application of this section,

then, for purposes of this chapter, the value of qualified creative property shall be determined under subsection (b).

“(b) VALUE OF QUALIFIED CREATIVE PROPERTY.—For purposes of subsection (a), the value of qualified creative property of the decedent shall not include any amount which would not have been capital gain if such property had been sold by the decedent at its fair market value (determined at the time of the valuation of the gross estate of the decedent).

“(c) QUALIFIED CREATIVE PROPERTY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified creative property’ means any copyright, any literary, musical, or artistic composition, any letter or memorandum, or any similar property.

“(1) which was held by the decedent at the time of his death, and

“(2) which was created by the personal efforts of the decedent.

“(d) Election.—The election under this section shall be made not later than the time prescribed by section 6075(a) for filing the return of tax imposed by section 2001 (including extensions thereof), and shall be made in such manner as the Secretary shall by regulations prescribe.

“(b) The table of sections for such part III is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2032A the following new item:

“Sec. 2032B. Valuation of certain items created by the decedent.”

(c) Paragraph (3) of section 1014 of such Code (relating to basis of property acquired from a decedent) is amended by striking out “section 2032A” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 2032A or 2032B”.

Sec. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall apply to estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 1981.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NEEDED TO LIMIT FEDERAL SPENDING

HON. ROBERT McCLORNY
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. McCLORNY. Mr. Speaker, in my judgment, no recent development has been more welcome or more urgently necessary than the spread of awareness among the American public and their elected representatives that our grave economic difficulties cannot be overcome unless and until the Congress and the administration take immediate action to control runaway Government spending and to eliminate massive Federal deficits.

Federal expenditures climbed $86 billion, from $493 billion to $579 billion between fiscal year 1979 and fiscal year 1980, and are projected to rise by a nearly equal amount to in excess of $660 billion in fiscal year 1981. It has been over a decade since the Nation has had a budget surplus, and meanwhile the national debt has increased from $382 billion in 1970 to over $906 billion in the latest figures available.

Mr. Speaker, this is nothing less than fiscal madness.

In the last Congress, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law, on which I have been ranking minority member, held seven hearings and heard testimony from over 40 witnesses on nearly 200 constitutional amendments to limit Federal spending. Those of us who favored this approach to restore fiscal integrity to our Government were frustrated by the unwillingness of our chairman to proceed to markup and to the lack of support among proponents.

I am frankly optimistic however, that the recent election returns have reduced the first obstacle and that the second can be met by early agreement in this Congress among proponents.

The amendment I am introducing today, a modification of House joint resolution 269, which I sponsored in the last Congress, seeks to promote that consensus. It provides that expenditures in any fiscal year, including interest on debt but excluding expenditures for repayment of debt principal, shall not exceed the revenues collected in that year, except revenues raised by borrowing on the credit of the United States, nor the average of expenditures as a percentage of gross national product over the 3 preceding fiscal years. Revenues would exclude amounts raised by borrowing on the credit of the United States, but such borrowing, except for refinancing of debt incurred prior to the amendment coming into effect, must be specifica-
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Parents, educators, State, local, and private drug abuse treatment organizations as well as law enforcement organizations have petitioned for our continuance. The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth, comprised of parents from all over the country, has petitioned for our continuance. These groups look to the committee as the only body in the Congress which is committed solely to address the complex problems of drug abuse and they need our continued support.

Drug abuse and drug trafficking affect virtually every congressional district. Controlling and preventing these menaces merit the bipartisan support of this body. I urge you to support the continuation of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control and invite you to join me in sponsoring H. Res. 13.

"SAME-TIME"/SUNDAY VOTING BILL

HON. MARIO BIAGGI
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, last August I introduced a bill, H.R. 7928, to establish Sunday elections and uniform voting hours nationwide on a trial basis. At that time, I expressed my conviction that these two changes would help to stimulate our Nation's dismal voter turnout rate and prevent west coast voter apathy during Presidential elections.

Today, convinced more than ever that these election reforms are necessary, I am reintroducing this measure in identical form, and I am hopeful it will receive prompt consideration.

Specifically, my bill would require that all general elections be held on Sunday, and all polls across the country open and close during the same 9-hour period of 12 to 9 p.m. (e.s.t.) in Presidential election years. The 6-year trial period would begin in 1982, with the Federal Elections Commission monitoring the impact of the changes on voter turnout.

The need for these changes is clear: Voter turnout has declined in every Presidential election since 1960; the 1980 voter turnout was the lowest for a Presidential election in 32 years—with only 52.3 percent of all eligible actually participating; in non-Presidential elections, the figures are far worse—only 34 percent went to the polls in 1978.

Voter turnout in Western European democracies where national elections are held on Sundays averages nearly 40 percent higher than our own; and
Voter participation declined from 1976 in every Pacific time zone State, including Alaska and Hawaii, where polls were still open when the first projections of a Ronald Reagan victory were announced. Since then, in my campaign for "Same-Time"/Sunday voting last August, the proposal has received enthusiastic endorsements from the religious leaders, State election officials, and numerous other interested groups and individuals around the country.

Mr. Speaker, the facts clearly indicate that our current election process is failing us miserably. We must not allow this deterioration in our democratic process to continue. I offer my proposal as a responsible and effective solution, and urge my colleagues to join me in this crucial cause.

INTEREST RATES ADVERSELY AFFECTING HOUSING STARTS

HON. CARROLL HUBBARD, JR.
OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. HUBBARD. Mr. Speaker, to explain about the problems homebuilders are confronting with uncontrollable interest rates, one of my friends, Frank W. Wagner, president of Wagner-Shuck Builders, Inc., of Owensboro, Ky., wrote the following letter to me. I want to share this letter with my colleagues because I believe that Mr. Wagner has included suggestions which could be beneficial to us in our search for solutions to the problem of decreased housing starts.

Carroll, it is obvious to you, no doubt, that our industry is in an extremely precarious position. Something must be done right away to bring the interest rate down which is going to necessitate an immediate and no doubt uncontrollable in restruction. Any effort in this regard will most certainly mean an outflow or reduction in income to the industry.

It was written to both Senators Huddleston and Ford begging for an immediate moratorium on income taxes charged against earnings on deposit in savings institutions earmarked for home financing. Our National Association has been asking for this for quite some time and there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the result of such action could instantaneously create adequate home financing money at a rate that many more Americans can qualify to pay. It is appropriate to note that with 14% mortgage interest rates (which incidentally is the average rate here in Owensboro), only 9.1% of American families in this nation could qualify for a $40,000 mortgage. More alarming, however, is that our industry, probably the second most significant industry in our country, is experiencing an unemployment rate in excess of 17%. The resulting inactivity plus the additional burden of those receiving federal assistance is creating billions of dollars in deficits to the treasury. One source quoted a 1% decrease in unemployment as amounting to an increase of between $20-27 billion being added to the treasury.

These are indeed complex problems and certainly the responsibility the government can do to immediately help including, but not limited to, the lifting of income taxes on savings dividends to encourage deposits for home mortgages. Something else which would immediately help the movement of existing house inventory would be the reactivation of the Emergency Home Purchase Act of 1974. Another proven method of stimulating sales would be the reactivation of the Emergency Home Purchase Act of 1974 (Brooke-Cranston). This is something we begged for back in May, but to no avail, which ironically, had this program been implemented then, mortgages purchased by GNMA at three points under market at that time could have subsequently been sold at close to par.

It is frustrating to me to see our government supporting farmers and other industries, but doing nothing to help our industry which is in a crisis situation because of government's inappropriate action. I really did not mean to ramble on about our problems but we do need help and it has got to come from government and in order to help it needs to be fast. Out of the 15 largest builders in Kentucky, but two are in precarious financial condition and many of the smaller ones have already failed. I know that all of the people in office you are indeed concerned for the welfare of our industry and feel that we can continue to count on you for support. Perhaps with your close connection with the House leadership, you may just be the one to help solve some of our problems.

Needless to say, any efforts in this regard will be greatly appreciated and I would be most anxious to supply you with direct and precise facts concerning our problem.

WILL RUSSIA INVADE POLAND

HON. LES ASPIN
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. ASPIN. Mr. Speaker, Americans are breathing more easily about Poland, generally believing that each day that passes without a Soviet invasion means that the moment is unlikely. But, in reality, the most dangerous time for Poland is just around the corner—and the chances of a Soviet invasion are very high.

Looking at recent U.S. press accounts, the most widely accepted interpretation holds that Moscow has been prepared militarily to invade since early December. But this is true. Reports such as those of THE New York Times, THE Christian Science Monitor, and THE Washington Post have detailed preparations by Moscow. The Polish strikes began in mid-December, but there was no immediate invasion. The Polish workers were told that they had to change their ways, otherwise the Russians would come. The Poles were fearful of the Red army moving in and planned a march to stop the invasion. They were successful and were able to avert a major war.

Thus, on December 9, one administration told newsmen that the Russians began working on the invasion option at that time—the earliest they could possibly have made a decision—saying that they had been preparing, either militarily or politically, for the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Red army exercised each component of the invasion force, sometimes more than once. Some analysts viewed this as politically motivated—that the Russians were making noises, first, to scare the Czechs into complying without an invasion, and, second, to try to pull the West and fool it about the true invasion date.

But this misses the point that long and careful preparations are a fixture of Soviet military doctrine. Soviet intelligence officers, who have been trained in the Soviet system, said it took the Russians months to prepare for the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia. It would take an equal time to prepare a similar invasion; 6 months, they insist, is the standard.

The Polish strikes began in mid-July. If the Russians began working on the invasion option at that time—the earliest they could possibly have begun preparations—then the time to begin worrying seriously about an invasion is after mid-January.

U.S. officials have been touting Soviet preparedness since early as December 3. It is this official, more than anything else, that Fed expectations of Soviet action early in December and that has produced the current sense of ease. But this may be another case of the common intelligence failure known as mirror imaging—assuming that others are like us. The United States has a firefighter approach to the use of military force and is very conscious of the importance of speed in the event of intervention. The Soviets give much greater weight to advance preparation.

Thus, on December 9, one administration official told newsmen that the Russians had done “everything short of starting the motors.” Reports such as these grossly exaggerated the state of readiness of the Red army. On December 13, it was reported in the press that Soviet forces were “reconnoitering” routes into Poland. That, in itself, indicated the Russians were far from ready. Reconnoitering is a step taken

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Moscow's lack of political preparation. The Rumanians were invited and attended. Because of their firm opposition to Moscow's claimed authority to preserve the Communist commonwealth, the Rumanians would never have gone to the这场 for which the Gorbachev line had been fixed and they thought a decision to invade was preordained. It is probable, therefore, that they attended because they knew a decision remained to be made and they hoped to be able to influence the outcome.

The final political preparations have most likely been made because the Russians are not ready militarily. The Russians are careful and, some might say, plodding planners. Before the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, the Red army exercised each component of the invasion force, sometimes more than once.

Some analysts viewed this as politically motivated—that the Russians were making noises, first, to scare the Czechs into complying without an invasion, and, second, to try to pull the West and fool it about the true invasion date.
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during the runup to a military operation, not at the last minute after units have already reached a state of readiness.

If the Soviet preparation time is the usual 6 months and the Soviet leadership does decide to go ahead, the invasion of Poland can come sometime after mid-January. But a decision cannot be postponed long after that point. The window during which the invasion can be launched stretches only from roughly mid-January to late March. The window closes by the end of March for three reasons:

First, there is the weather. In the spring, the invasion routes turn to mud. That would complicate the task of the invading force and make the invasion far more difficult. The frozen ground of winter is a preferable fighting stage for the Russians and their tank-led forces than the mud of the Russian rasputitsa, the "roadlessness" of spring.

Second, there is the mobilization timetable. The Russians called up thousands of reservists a few weeks ago, an action that helped to fuel the concerns about an invasion. Those troops are due to head homeward in March. Of course, they could be held on duty longer, but that would lower troop morale and create problems in planning the routes from which they were drawn. What is more, the equipment now being exercised will begin to show the effects of extensive use.

Third, most significantly, the weather presents the fortuitous "roadlessness." The invasion will have but one option— to invade.

In sum, the real danger period for Poland has not passed; it is just about to begin. And while the Soviet Politburo has probably not yet voted on whether to invade, the head of steam within the Kremlin makes an invasion far more likely than a peaceful resolution.

ELEANOR JOSAITIS: A WOMAN WHO CARES

HOVEN. BOB TRAXLER OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. TRAXLER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to advise our colleagues today that Eleanor M. Josaitis of Detroit, Mich., has been selected as the Career Guild's First Woman of the Year for 1981. It is rare that a member of Congress has an opportunity to get to know and work with an individual from outside one's own congressional district, but I am very pleased that as a member of the Subcommittee on Appropriations I have had the good fortune to work with Eleanor over the past few years to help safeguard the continued operation of the commodity supplemental feeding program, a program which provides food items to needy mothers, infants, and children at one of the lowest per person costs of any Federal feeding program.

Eleanor Josaitis is the codirector of Focus: HOPE, a Detroit organization that was established as a result of the riots in Detroit in 1968 to help thousands of families to find jobs, maintain their dignity, and avoid the ravages of hunger. Focus: HOPE is the largest commodity supplemental feeding program in the Nation, serving about 40,000 individuals a month. The program is expanding daily, and today is particularly significant as Focus: HOPE opens another food distribution center in Detroit.

Many people will take on several projects during their lifetimes, and only a select few leave a mark that will be remembered and used as a model. Eleanor Josaitis is such a person. She has set one simple goal for herself: to do whatever is possible to help those in need. With this one goal, she has been a friend to those who believe that they have been forgotten by society.

Eleanor has worked with Father William Cunningham, a priest who believed that he needed to be involved with people to be helpful and founded Focus: HOPE. Together they have earned the respect of civil rights and hunger organizations throughout the Nation.

The work of Eleanor Josaitis has been so impressive that in 1978 she was chosen by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland to serve as a member of the National Advisory Panel on Maternal, Infant and Fetal Nutrition and has been so effective in this work that Government can and does help people understand the importance of the commodity supplemental feeding program.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to know Eleanor Josaitis, and I would like all of our colleagues to know more about this exemplary woman who believes that Government can and does help people. I am submitting a copy of the release announcing Eleanor's selection, and I commend it to all of our colleagues who may want to know more about this woman who will be honored in Chicago on January 30 with an awards luncheon.

ELEANOR M. JOSAITIS NAMED CAREER GUILD
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

EVANSTON, ILL.—Eleanor M. Josaitis of Detroit, Michigan, has been selected Career Guild Woman of the Year for 1981. Ms. Josaitis is Associate Director and co-founder of Focus: HOPE, a civil and human rights movement in metropolitan Detroit. She will be honored at a luncheon to be held January 30, in Evanston.
In the words of her nominator, Career Guild member, Marilyn Moser of Detroit, Eleanor explains, "They have experienced the life of reality" they have experienced, Eleanor says of her children, "They are loving and giving. They have the moral fiber, a sense of fairness. They are intolerant of injustices. They, too, will affect changes in society."

Eleanor was appointed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant and Nutritional. The council reports to the President and Congress and makes recommendations for food assistance programs.

"We at Focus: HOPE are willing to help other communities in any way possible to start a program," she states. "We believe in the program. It works."

"Eleanor Josaitis' success, her nominator points out, illustrates what if creativity, drive, moral strength, and hard work can accomplish." She is an impressive role model for women everywhere.

INTRODUCING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR 6-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TERM

HON. JACK BROOKS OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a proposed constitutional amendment to provide for a single, 6-year term of office for the President. Let me say at the outset that my decision is in no way influenced by the election of Ronald Reagan as President. No incumbent President's term of office would be affected, if it were being adopted. Nor is it my intention to reduce the power and influence of the Office of President. To the contrary, I believe a single, 6-year term of office would make the President a stronger, more effective leader of the Nation.

This is not a new suggestion. It was considered at the Constitutional Convention, has been brought forward periodically in the Congress since then, and has been the subject of hearings in the House and Senate in recent Congresses.

Despite the failure of all those previous efforts to bring about the change, I am persuaded to try again because of my conviction that the stresses and complexities of the office of President of the United States have become so great; that the decisions the President must make have such awesome import for the entire world, that we must do everything we can to make the office as effective as it can be. I am further convinced that it would be in the best interest of the Nation if the person in the Oval Office were free to concentrate on the country instead of running for a second 4-year term.

Mr. Speaker, we have just seen how distracting the demands of partisan politics can be on a President. President Carter was forced to spend nearly the entire last year of his term in grueling campaigns for his party's nomination, and then for re-election. And at the same time, he had the full responsibilities of his Office to carry out.

We can only speculate as to whether the decisions he made and the actions he took in the vitally important matters he had to deal with during that period might have been different if he had been free of the concerns of re-election. But there can be no doubt that those concerns were present, and that the pressures they created added to the burdens the President bore.

We do not need to add to the burdens of the Presidency. It is already a job that will tax to the fullest the capacities of whoever holds the Office. By setting a 6-year term and removing the possibility of reelection, we would better concentrate on the skills, energies, intelligence, and dedication the job requires to be focused where they should be—on leading the Nation—instead of having them diluted and diverted in political campaigning.

I hope this proposal will be given serious consideration during the 97th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES FOR THE 97TH CONGRESS

HON. EDWARD P. BOLAND OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, today, the first meeting of the 97th Congress, seems to me an appropriate time in which to make some observations concerning the state of the U.S. intelligence community.

Much has been said in recent months about the health of our intelligence services. I feel that, throughout that period, too little emphasis was placed on the positive contributions that I have observed in 33 years as chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. To list but a few, our Nation is served by technically and intellectually skilled analysts, who are unsung by any other nation; by a solid corps of dedicated, highly professional intelligence careerists; by an improved intelligence community.

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and legislative processes work well—as is amply testified to by the endorse­ments of all the officials heading our intelligence agencies.

All too often, however, there are positive signs that the U.S. intelligence community remains strong, second to none. Yet there are problems which must receive attention. The list is fam­iliar because of the attention devoted to these problems in the preceding Congresses. The most important one is also the most difficult to attack—that of morale among those who, by stealth and clandestine craft, must collect human intelligence, the sine qua non that can expose the enemy’s inten­tions and plans.

Because of the importance of human intelligence collection, much has been proposed to improve morale. The essence of these proposals has been to protect intelligence personnel as they go about their duties. Thus much atten­tion was given to improving cover and assuring intelligence sources of the integrity of U.S. security. A three­pronged effort—intelligence identities protection (H.R. 5115, which I intro­duce today in the form in which it was reported by both the Intelligence and Judiciary Committees), amendment of the Freedom of Information Act and the closing of leaks—was put for­ward. Although the 96th Congress achieved some progress toward consider­ing these initiatives, no final resolu­tion occurred. Also deferred was a movement to produce intelligence charter legislation, an effort to legitimize and place the seal of ap­proval on intelligence activities within guidelines established by law. The complexity of this task seems to have been its principal foe, yet the clearing away of ambiguities and legal uncer­tainties remains an important goal of the intelligence community.

Mr. Speaker, the new President will have his own ideas on how to use the capabilities of the intelligence commu­nity and how to resolve its problems. The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will continue to lead in innovation and the technologi­cal superiority we have enjoyed for many years. I find it extremely dis­turbing that in the past 5 years, for­eign citizens have won more than one-third of all patents issued by the U.S. Government.

In response to this growing problem, I have drafted legislation, which I in­troduce today, which will increase pro­ductivity, create jobs, provide addi­tional capital for research and devel­opment, and will strengthen our Na­tion’s ability to compete overseas. The bill will accomplish this purpose by providing a 10-percent tax credit of up to $1,000 to individuals or $2,000 to

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very positive foundations built up by both the Ford and Carter administrations.

Among these basic authorities are those established by Executive order (E.O. 12036 under President Carter) which strengthened the central management of the intelligence community and provided for Attorney General approv­al of procedures affecting Americans. These guidelines have provided certain basic protections through two administrations—Repub­lican and Democratic. Their thrust has been to foster respect for the rights of citizens in a fashion that does not impede intelligence opera­tions. Further, essential statutory au­thority, such as the Foreign Intelli­gence Surveillance Act and the Classi­fied Information Procedures Act, has improved the ability of intelligence and legal authorities to operate effec­tively within a framework that pro­tects basic privacy rights of Ameri­cans.

Public endorsements by key in­telligence officials of the essential value of these achievements places a heavy burden on those who would change them.

It has been the experience of the committee—as, I am sure, it will con­tinue to be—that full consultation con­cerning pending procedures for intelli­gence needs can produce legislation which provides the authorities and procedures essential to intelligence op­erations without sacrificing the indi­vidual’s rights. There is strong evidence is that clearly estab­lished legal, administrative, and orga­nizational lines of authority insure le­gitimacy, public approval, and effec­tive operation of essential intelligence tasks.

The intelligence community can work toward the resolution of the problems it faces through the same careful and productive efforts that have proven effec­tive. The Permanent Select Commit­tee on Intelligence will continue to be sympathetic to intelligence concerns. The committee will respond to problems while establishing firm protections where necessary. The es­sential operations of the committee will continue in a bipartisan fashion. Where members disagree, their differ­ences will be aired in full public view and by debate that preserves the se­crecy of important national security secrets.

Mr. Speaker, I personally, and I am sure the committee as a whole, pledge to complete the task begun by Presi­dents Ford and Carter of rejuvenating, improving, and legitimizing the intelli­gence process. The increasedchal­lenges that face the Nation and create the demands upon intelligence will make this task all the harder, but I be­lieve that much can be accomplished in the 97th Congress if the cooperative approach which is the President’s trademark helps guide the proc­ess of finding solutions to these chal­len­ges.

INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

INCENTIVE ACT OF 1981

HON. RICHARD T. SCHULZE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 5, 1981

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, this legislative body took a posi­tive step to encourage investment and promote the growth of capital forma­tion with the passage of the Revenue Act of 1978. Maximum Federal tax rates on long-term capital gains were rolled back from 49 percent to 28 per­cent. This measure which was overwhelmin­g approved by the Congress was rightfully hailed as a significant develop­ment for it began to reverse our past misguided economic policies. These past policies have resulted in our Government taxing profits and dividends, savings and capital, sales and income, and all of the other re­wards of risk taking so heavily that the risks are no longer worth taking.

What we do not wish to reverse the importance of the capital gains reduc­tion, it must be viewed as only the first step in our ongoing struggle to reduce our Nation’s declining produc­tivity growth by encouraging individ­uals to invest their savings in Ameri­ca’s future.

Regrettably, the United States re­ mains a nation with a low level of capi­tal investment and the lowest savings rate of all major industrialized na­tions. In the last 10 years, at least 6 million investors have left the stock market and every group of individuals, except those 65 or older have opted to not invest their savings in American industry. This mass defection of individ­ual shareholders has had an ex­tremely detrimental impact on capital formation for it has virtually eliminated the equity capital market for small and new enterprises.

As a result of this lack of invest­ment, the United States is losing its lead in innovation and the technologi­cal superiority we have enjoyed for many years. I find it extremely dis­turbing that in the past 5 years, for­eign citizens have won more than one-third of all patents issued by the U.S. Government.

In response to this growing problem, I have drafted legislation, which I in­troduce today, which will increase pro­ductivity, create jobs, provide addi­tional capital for research and devel­opment, and will strengthen our Na­tion’s ability to compete overseas. The bill will accomplish this purpose by providing a 10-percent tax credit of up to $1,000 to individuals or $2,000 to
married couples filing a joint tax return for new or additional investments in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds investing in domestic corporations.

Additionally, the bill encourages investment in all types of businesses by stipulating that there would be no limit on the size of a company whose stock would be a permissible investment. Further, it provides for a minimum 12-month holding period in order to qualify for the tax credit thus encouraging investment rather than speculative trading.

Finally, the tax credit would not be limited to new stock issues, due to the factor that secondary markets are no less important to equity capital formation than the sale of new issues.

This legislation which I am proposing has the strong support of such groups as the 700 chief executives of the committee of publicly owned companies and the national association of investment clubs which is comprised of over 4,000 clubs and over 81,000 small investors.

It should also be noted that this concept is not an untested idea but is modeled after a French law enacted in 1978. As a result of this law, Frenchmen investing in the stocks of French companies were permitted to deduct up to 5,000 francs—roughly $1,200—from their taxable income each year for 4 consecutive years.

Mr. Speaker, rarely do we have an opportunity to pass legislation beneficial to all of our constituents. There is nothing in this proposal which any interest group could find objectionable, that is unless they object to employment, and promote stable economic growth. As the new Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Stockman will be in a unique position to implement these recommendations. So that all may review his proposal, I am today placing his memorandum in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It is without question one of the most important proposals of its kind and it deserves the thoughtful study of all Americans.

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**AVOIDING A GOP ECONOMIC DUNKIRK**

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In addition, the Treasury will impose massive financing requirements on the market through January 1, including about $100 billion in refinancing and potentially $25-38 billion in current budget operating levels (fourth quarter). While private credit requirements are likely to soften as the emerging slow- down in housing, durables and other real sectors, year-end seasonal borrowing requirements are still likely to be heavy.

I urge my colleagues to examine this legislation and to adopt this proposal, the Individual Investors Incentive Act of 1981, as a realistic means of attracting vitally needed investment which will facilitate the development of capital formation.

Thank you.

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**AVOIDING A GOP ECONOMIC DUNKIRK**

**HON. PAUL FINDLEY**

**OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Monday, January 5, 1981**

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, our colleague, Dave Stockman, has written one of the most penetrating analyses I have seen of our Nation's economic policy. The following memorandum to President-elect Reagan, Mr. Stockman has set forth a long list of excellent recommendations which he believes will bring inflation under control, the recession rates down, and promote stable economic growth. As the new Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Stockman will be in a unique position to implement these recommendations. So that all may review his proposal, I am today placing his memorandum in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It is without question one of the most important proposals of its kind and it deserves the thoughtful study of all Americans.

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In all, President Reagan will inherit a thoroughly disordered credit and capital markets punishingly high interest rates, and a hair-trigger market psychology poised to respond strongly to early economic policy signals in either favorable or unfavorable ways.

The pre-eminent danger is that an initial economic policy package simultaneously spurs the economy to such heights and also elicits a swift downward revision of inflationary expectations in the financial markets.

2. A double dip recession in early 1981

It is now at least a 50 percent possibility given emerging conditions in the financial markets and gathering evidence from the output side of the economy. Stagnant or declining real GNP in the first two quarters would generate staggering political and policy challenges. These include a further worsening of an already dismal budget posture (see below) and a profusion of "quick fix" remedies for various "wounded" sectors of the economy. The latter would include intense pressure for formal or informal auto import restraints, activation of Brooke-Cranston or similar costly housing bailouts, maintenance of current excessive CETA employment levels, accelerated drawdown of various lending and grant aids under SBA, EDA, and FmHA, a further 13 week extension of Federal unemployment benefits, etc. Obviously, the intense political pressures for many of these quick fix aids will be reinforced by the strengthening of the economic fundamentals (supply side tax cuts, regulatory reform, and firm long-term fiscal discipline) and trends in both the budget costs and policy initiatives that are out of step with the basic policy thrust.

There is a further danger, the Federal budget deficit has now hit $15 billion or so with a "coast-to-coast soup line" that dispenses remedial aid with almost reckless abandon, converting the traditional notion of automatic stabilizers into multitudinous outlay spams throughout the budget. For instance, the estimates for FY 81 trade adjustment assistance have exploded from $400 million in the spring to $2.5 billion as of November, and the summer drought will cause SBA emergency farm loan aid to surge by $1.1 billion above planned levels.

For these reasons, the first hard look at the unvarnished FY 81 and 82 budget operates under our own OMB people is likely to elicit corrosive contractual arguments among some, and produce an intense polarization between supply-side tax cutters and the more formalists who demand intense pressure for formal or informal auto import restraints, activation of Brooke-Cranston or similar costly housing bailouts, maintenance of current excessive CETA employment levels, accelerated drawdown of various lending and grant aids under SBA, EDA, and FmHA, a further 13 week extension of Federal unemployment benefits. Obviously, the intense political pressures for many of these quick fix aids will be reinforced by the strengthening of the economic fundamentals (supply side tax cuts, regulatory reform, and firm long-term fiscal discipline), and trends in both budget costs and policy initiatives that are out of step with the basic policy thrust.

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1981 ranges between $50-60 billion.* This follows a closing level of nearly $80 billion for fiscal year 1980 (including off-budget). The vigorous tax cut program will spur the supply side of the economy could raise the total static fiscal year 1981 deficit to the $60-65 billion range, and the timing of tax cut implementation and real GNP, employment and inflation levels during the remaining nine months of the fiscal year. These parameters make clear that unless the tax cut program is accompanied by a credible and severe program to curtail fiscal year 1981-82 outlays, future spending authority, and overall Federal credit absorption, financial market worries about a "Reagan inflation" will be solidly confirmed by the budget posture. An alternative indication of the fiscal management crisis is given by the figures for new loan and loan guarantee activities during fiscal year 1981 by Federal agencies. These are now estimated at $150 billion, with only $10 billion included in the official on-budget accounts. Thus, Federal credit agencies will absorb an additional $100 billion in available funds beyond the Treasury requirements for financing the official deficit. It is these spending growth trends, deficit levels, and Federal credit agencies which are generating market expectations of a chronic and severe Reagan inflation: market participants simply will not accept the Treasury's money growth and anti-inflation goals in light of this massive governmental domination of credit markets.

4. Commodity shocks and the final destruction of Volcker monetary policy

The U.S. economy is likely to face two serious commodity price run-ups during the next 6-18 months. First, if the Iran-Iraq war is not soon terminated, today's excess world-wide crush and product inventories will be largely depleted by February or March. Under those conditions, heavy spot market buying, inventory accumulation, and eventually panic bidding on world markets will again emerge. Indeed, with the war combatants exhaust themselves at an early date and move quickly back into at least limited production, this picture is almost certain by spring. Under these circumstances, OPEC contract rates will rise toward spot levels of the $40-50 per barrel range during the first and second quarters of 1981, which a consequent price shock to the U.S. economy. Even a $10 per barrel increase in average U.S. refinery acquisition cost would add $50-60 billion annually to aggregate national petroleum expenditures (assuming full deferral). Similarly, the present rapid draw-down of worldwide feed grain and protein oil reserves could turn into a rout by the fall of 1981. If the Soviet Union and the "Communist" (i.e. poor) harvest and production is average-to-below-average elsewhere in the world. Under an adverse 1981 harvest scenario, but not an improbable one, $4-5 corn, $6-7 wheat, and $10-11 soybeans are a distinct possibility.

The problem here is that demand for these basic commodities is highly inelastic in the very short run; and this generates strong credit demand. Thus market-generated business and household sectors to finance existing consumption levels without cutting back on other expenditures. If the Federal Reserve chooses to accommodate these commodity price/credit demand shocks, as it must, the vigorous and massive Federal credit demand and financial market disorders described above, only one result is certain: the already tattered credibility of the post-October 1979 Volcker monetary policy will be destroyed. The Federal Reserve will subsequently succumb to enormous internal strife and external pressure, and the conditions for full-scale financial panic and unprecedented global monetary turbulence will be present. The January economic package, therefore, must be formulated with these probable 1981 commodity shocks and resulting financial market pressures clearly in mind.

Ticking regulatory time bomb

Unless swift, comprehensive and far-reaching regulatory policy corrections are undertaken immediately, an unprecedented, quantum scale-up of the much discussed "regulatory burden" will occur during the next 18-40 months. Without going into exhaustive detail, the basic dynamic is this: During the early and mid-1970's, Congress passed more than a dozen sweeping environmental, energy and safety enabling authorities, which for all practical purposes identified the Federal regulatory framework for cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness, and comparative risk analysis. Subsequently, McGovernite no-growth activists assumed control of most of the independent regulatory agencies and the net policy posts during the Carter Administration. They have spent the past four years "tooling up" for implementation through a mind-boggling outpouring of rule-making, interpretative guidelines, and major litigation—all heavily biased toward maximization of regulatory scope and burden. Thus, this decade-long process of regulatory evolution is just now reaching the stage at which it will sweep through the industrial economy with near gale force, preempting multi-billions in investment capital, driving up operating costs, and siphoning off management and technical personnel in an incredible morass of new controls and compliance procedures.

In the auto manufacturing sector, for example, the following are only some of the massive Federal regulatory postures identified in the following areas will impact the industry during 1981-84: passive restraint standard (airbags)—1981 passenger tailpipe standards (including 5.4 gram/mile CO2 limit)—unproven 5 mph bumper standards—final heavy duty engine emission standards—vast new audit, enforcement and compliance procedures, and a new performance warranty system—light duty diesel particulate and NOx standards—heavy duty truck noise standards—1981-85 light duty truck emission standards—MY 83-88 light duty truck fuel econo standards—bus noise standards—inflatable. These measures alone will generate $10 to $20 billion in capital and operating costs while yielding modest to non-existent social benefits. Similarly, a cradle-to-grave hazardous waste control system under RCRA will take effect in 1981 at an annual cost of up to $2 billion, while procedures for the disposal standards are clearly needed, the RCRA system is a monument to mindless excess. It treats degradable and non-degradable PDB's in the same manner; and the proposed standards and controls for generators, transporters and disposers, along with relevant explanations and definitions, encom-
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pass more than 500 pages of the Federal Register.

A billion overkill has also bloomed in the regulatory embellishment of the Toxic Substances Control Act, which threatens to emulate FBS to create a regulatory log on new chemical products. This is the proposed OSHA generic carboxigen standard and the technology based BACT, RACT, LAER and NSPS under the Clean Air Act. The plan would also represent staggering excess built upon dubious scientific and economic premises.

The creation of appliance efficiency standards scheduled for implementation in 13 categories of home appliances in 1981 also threaten to create multi-billion dollar havoc in the appliance industry.

There are also literally dozens of recently completed or still pending rule-making tar-geted to specific sectors of the industrial economy as follows: proposed NSPS standards for small industrial boilers (10 to 250 million Btu per hour) and 2 billion over 1980-85; proposed utility sector standards for bottom ash, fly ash and cooling water control could cost $3 billion; pending OSHA asbestos conserving clothing standards, $500 million; abrasive blasting standards, $130 million; and asbestos control standards, 2 billion.

In industrial waste water pretreatment standards—EPA's proposed fluorocarbon-refrigerant control program—the CAA stage II vapor recovery and source control program—the vehicle inspection and maintenance program—all have price tags in excess of $1 billion. Moreover, most of the country will fail to meet the 1982 compliance deadline for one or more regulated air pollutants, thereby facing a potential absolute shut-down on the permitting of new or modified industrial sources. All told, there are easily in excess of $100 billion in new enforcement and compliance costs scheduled for the early 1980's.

II. THE THREAT OF POLITICAL DILIGENCE

This review of the multiple challenges and threats lying in ambush contains an inescapable erosion of the public confidence, unity and public confidence. If bold policies are not swiftly, deftly and courageously implemented in the first six months, Washington will quickly become engulfed in political disarray. A golden opportunity for permanent conservative policy revision and political realignment could be thoroughly dissipated before the Reagan Administration is even up to speed.

The specific danger is this: If President Reagan does not lead a creatively orchestrated high-profile policy offensive based on revision of the fundamentals—supply side tax cuts and regulatory reform, stem outlay control and Federal fiscal retrenchment, and monetary reform and dollar stabilization—the thin Senate Republican majority and the de facto conservative majority in the House will fragment and succumb to parochial "fire-fighting as usual" in response to specific conditions of constituency distress.

For example, unless the whole remaining array of price controls, oil waste-outlay entitlements, gasoline allocations, and product price controls is administratively terminally defused, the current fiscal posture is a high probability of gasoline lines and general petroleum market disorder by early spring. These conditions would predictably elicit a desultory new round of Capitol Hill initiated energy policy tinkering reminis-
cent of the mindless exercises of Summer 1979. Intense political struggles would develop over imposition of oil-conservation programs, extension of EPA controls and allocations, and funding levels for various pie-in-the-sky solar, conservation, and other energy programs in the 1981 budget. The Administration would lose the energy policy initiative and become engulfed in defensive battles. The result would be what I would preempt Hill attention from more important budget control, entitlement reform, and regulatory revision efforts. In short, if gas lines are permitted to erupt due to equivocation on revocation of controls, debilitating legislative, and political distractions will be the rest of debilitating distractions outlined above.

The major components and tenor of such an orchestrated policy offensive are described below.

III. EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM

In order to dominate, shape and control the Washington agenda, President Reagan should declare a national economic emergency soon after inauguration. He should tell the Congress and the nation that the structural, budget, energy and currency conditions he inherited are far worse than anyone had imagined. He should request that Congress organize quickly and clear the decks for exclusive action during the next 100 days on an Emergency Economic Stabilization and Recovery Program he would soon announce. The Administration should spend the next two to three weeks in fervent consultation with Hill Congressional leaders and interested private parties on the details of the package.

Five major principles should govern the formulation of the program:

1. A static "waste-cutting" approach to the fiscal year 1981 outlay component of the fiscal hemorrhage will hardly make a dent. Persistent in the true fiscal problem, line-item cuts can be made on Capitol Hill. Fiscal stabilization (i.e., elimination of deficits and excess aggregate demand) can only be achieved by sharp improvement in the economic indicators over the next 24 months. This means that the policy initiatives designed to check out growth and to lower inflation expectations and interest rates must carry a large share of the fiscal stabilization burden. Improvement in the consumer price index (CPI)-budget, the budget is just as important as success in the "inside" efforts to effect legislative and administrative accounting reductions.

2. If Congress approves a tax cut program in order to limit short-run static revenue losses during the remainder of fiscal year 1981 and fiscal year 1982, the tax cut would be counter-productive. Weak real GNP and employment growth over calendar 1981 and 1982 will generate soup line expenditures equal to or greater than any static revenue gains from trimming the tax program.

3. The needed rebound of real GNP growth and especially vigorous expansion in the capital spending sector of the economy can not be accomplished by tax cuts alone. A dramatic, substantial revision of the regulatory burden is vital for both the short- and long-term cash flow relief it will provide to business firms and the long-term signal it will provide to corporate investment planners. A major "regulatory ventilation" will do as much to boost business confidence as tax and fiscal measures.

High permanent inflation expectations have killed the long-term bond and equity markets that are required to fuel a capital spending and investment structure commensurate with the surrounding economic growth. Moreover, this has caused a compression of the financial liability structure of the short-term market for bank loans and commercial paper, and has caused a flight of savings into tangible assets like precious metals, land, etc. The short-run market dislocation and inversion is that superheated markets for short-term credits keep interest rates perked. This will make monetary policy almost impossible to conduct.

The Reagan financial stabilization plan must seek to restore credit and capital market order and equilibrium by supporting monetary policy reform and removing the primary cause of long-term interest rates: the explosive growth of out-year Federal liabilities, spending authority, and credit absorption.

This points to the real leverage and locus for budget control: severe recession of entitlement and new obligatory authority in general spending that creates outlay streams and borrowing requirements in fiscal year 1982, fiscal year 1983 and beyond. The critical nature of future spending authority is dramatically illustrated by the experience during fiscal year 1980: new budget authority increased from $556 billion in fiscal year 1979, to nearly $700 billion in fiscal year 1980, an increase of more than $100 billion, or 15 percent. Much of this authority will create outlay streams and Treasury cash borrowing requirements in fiscal year 1981 and beyond.

The fiscal stabilization package adopted during the 100 day session, therefore, must be at minimum equally weighted between out-year spending and entitlement authority reductions and cash outlay savings for the remainder of fiscal year 1981. Indeed, the latter possibilities are apparently being exaggerated and over-emphasized. Of the current $449 billion fiscal year 1981 outlay estimate, $187 billion stems from prior year obligations or authority and cannot be stopped legally, $91 billion represents Indian reservation funding and the remainder of current obligations and should not be stopped; another $290 billion represents permanent authority primarily for Social Security and Medicare. This can only be reduced by "outside" economic
improvements, and the former would be a political disaster to tinker with in the first round held-down will be tough and the remainder of the fiscal year 1981 appropriations bill. This would have to be enacted before the March 31 cut-off. Continuing resolution expires.Expiration of the continuing resolution would provide strong incentive, should a compromise be achieved through the revised fiscal year 1982 budget and sealed-back requests for new budget authority. The remainder would require legislative committees to address a speedily tailored package of initial entitlement revisions. Expressions in functional program and spending areas the out-year authority reduction package should address the following items, with a view to reducing federal domestic program levels by $30-50 billion per annum in the fiscal year 1982-83 period: (1) Federal public sector capital investment defer. We are now spending about $25 billion per year for highways, mass transit, sewer treatment facilities, public works, national parks, and airport facilities. These are all necessary and productive Federal investments, but their benefit stream will accrue across the next 20 years. In light of the current financial crisis, a modest deferral and stretch-out of activity rates (a 10-20 percent reduction) in these areas should be considered. (2) Non-Social Security entitlements. Current expenditures for food stamps, cash assistance, public housing, low-income housing, family assistance, housing assistance, WIC, school lunches, and unemployment compensation amount to $20 or $25 billion. A more tightly tailored package to reduce eligibility, overlap and abuse should be developed for these areas— with potential savings of $10-20 billion. (3) Low priority program cut-backs. Total fiscal year 1981 expenditures of NASA, ETA, FDIC, the Community Development, Public Service agencies, Impoundment, Aid, Action, Department of Energy, commercialization and information programs, arts and humanities, and other competitive Competitive Bank amount to $25 billion. Most of these programs are ineffective or of low priority and could be cut by at least one third or $8 billion. (4) Federal credit, lending and guarantee reform. As was indicated previously, concessional direct and guarantees are making procedures to commence after the tivities by on-budget, off-budget, and government-sponsored enterprises is now running many larger, more effective programs of available credit market funds. These programs are buried in HUD, SBA, FmHA,, other, Commerce and HHS, and as well as in the traditional housing, credit, and farm credit agencies. Controlling SBA direct grant activities, for instance, can accomplish much if cut-off authority, with the resultant outlays laundered through the FFDB. This component also has two segments. The first and most urgent is a well-planned and orchestrated series of unilateral administrative actions to defer, revise or rescind existing and pending regulations where clear legal authority exists. The potential here is really staggering, as this hastily compiled list of specific actions indicates. The important thing is that the work-up on these initiatives must occur before the transition and very early after the inauguration. Again, the aim would be to firm up joint business confidence and market psychology in a favorable direction. ACTION AND IMPACT (1) Grant model year 1982 CO waiver: $300 million auto industry savings. (2) Rescind passive restraint standard: $300-500 million auto investment savings over 5 years. 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imperative. Incidentally, the combination of immediate decontrol and a $10 rise in the world price would increase windfall profits from the additional $20-25 billion during calendar 1981, thereby adding substantially to short-run budget posture improvement, if not to long-run energy production prospects.

But beyond this, a planning team should be readying a package of emergency steps to increase short-run domestic energy production and utilization. This should be implemented if the market price pinch becomes severe. The primary areas for short-run gains might be accelerated licensing of a half-dozen completed nuclear plants; removal of all end-use restrictions on natural gas changes in NGPA to permit accelerated drilling and near-term production gains; elimination of stripper, marginal and EOR oil properties from the windfall tax; emergency variances from SOX standards for industrial and utility coal boilers; and power wheeling from coal-nuclear to oil-based utility systems.

If the crisis is severe enough, rapid statuto­rily mandated institutional changes in the program and modification of the windfall tax might be considered as part of the 100 day agenda.

(c) A Monetary Accord

The markets have now almost completely lost confidence in Volcker and the new monetary policy. Only an extraordinary gesture can restore the credibility that might be considered as part of the 100 day agenda.

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD: DIXON, ILL., CHEERS RONALD REAGAN

HON. ROBERT H. MICHEL
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1981

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, there are many versions of the American dream and one of the most exciting is the rise of a young American of modest means to the highest office of the land. It happened to Abe Lincoln, an adopted son of Illinois and it has happened again, this time to a native son of Illinois, Ronald Reagan. Born in Tampico, Reagan came to

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manhood in Dixon and attended Eureka College in Woodford County.

The Glasford Gazette/Hanna City-Trivoli Index of Illinois recently published an article which tells of the pride of citizens of Dixon, Ill. over the great achievements of "local boy," President-elect Ronald Reagan.

At this time I wish to include in the Record, "Town of Dixon Popping Its Buttons Over Local Boy" from the Glasford Gazette/Hanna City-Trivoli Index, December 25, 1980.

TOWN OF DIXON POPPING ITS BUTTONS OVER LOCAL BOY

(By Randy Bridson)

The placid Northern Illinois town of Dixon claims a "Lincoln Soldier" statue as one of its attractions. But from now on, the 16th President of the United States will have to share the spotlight in Dixon with the latest member to be elected to that office. In this, the Rock River, some people still know President-elect Ronald Reagan by his childhood nickname, "Dutch." No fact "Dutch" Day in Dixon. The streets were decked with flags—from the 50 States—and red, white, and blue streamers. And when and where it became clear that Ronald Reagan would be elected the 40th President by an impressive margin, townspeople cheered in the streets and sang "Happy Birthday" in the crisp autumn night. A local boy had reached the top.

Dixon, of course, does not have "exclusive rights" to "Dutch" Reagan. He was born in Tampico, southwest of Dixon, on Feb. 6, 1911. His college alma mater is Eureka College in Woodford County. Still, it is Dixon where Reagan grew into a young man on the threshold of adulthood.

Mrs. Helen Lawton of Dixon recalls that "all the kids knew him" because he was a lifeguard during most of his high school and college summers. Lowell Prong, several miles outside of Dixon, Mrs. Lawton, six years behind Reagan in school, lived next door to the Reagan family at one time in the early 1930s and kept in touch with the family even after he had moved to California and subsequently brought his parents, Nelle and Jack, with him. Mrs. Lawton recalls vacationing with mother Nelle Reagan in 1956 and spending one Sunday on the first California ranch Reagan owned, where she watched him with the then-motion actor and her son rode horses with two of the Reagan children.

He came from a family of modest means and was not always the athletic, strapping fellow he portrayed in the movies, says Mrs. Lawton. The Reagan family, including oldest son Neil, moved frequently from the time Ronald was born in Tampico until they came to Dixon and rented their first of five homes in that town in 1920. The Reagans "had a rough time of it," Mrs. Lawton recalls. Jack was a thin boy who sometimes germany out of work. Mother Nelle earned $14 a week by doing alterations in a dress shop.

Nelle was "a very wonderful Christian woman," Mrs. Lawton recalls. "I think a lot of it has rubbed off on Dutch ... he was raised to be that kind of a person."

During his early high school days, he was small and had poor eye sight, she says. But through "pure determination" to succeed, he went on to play football in both high school and Eureka College.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an interim procedure until the computerization of this information becomes operational, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this list for publication for the Extention of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week. Any changes in committee scheduling will be indicated by placement of an asterisk to the left of the name of the unit conducting such meetings.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 1981, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's Record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on the current state of the U.S. economy.
5302 Dirksen Building

10:00 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of Malcolm Baldridge of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Commerce.
235 Russell Building

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of James G. Watt, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.
212 Dirksen Building

Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of Raymond J. Donovan, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Labor.
4232 Dirksen Building

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After graduating from Eureka in 1932, his "gift of gab" earned him a stint in radio broadcasting which in turn led to a Hollywood screen test and a career in movies.

Mrs. Lawton says a group of local citizens has purchased the first home in Dixon on Wisconsin Avenue where she visited Reagan and spent time with them. They hope to restore the home and fill it with Reagan memorabilia.

She says the Reagan of Dixon days was a well-liked young man—just as many in town were. But the thought that he would some­day become President of the United States just never crossed many folks' minds back then.

Now, of course, Dixon is "popping its but­tons" nation-wide, she adds. As the first native-born Illinoisan elected President pre­pares to occupy the Oval Office.
JANUARY 8

9:30 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To continue hearings on the current state of the U.S. economy.
5302 Dirksen Building

10:00 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To continue hearings on the prospective nomination of James G. Watt, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.
3110 Dirksen Building

Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of David A. Stockman, of Michigan, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
3302 Dirksen Building

Select on Intelligence
To hold a closed organizational business meeting.
S-407, Capitol

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JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of Alexander M. Haig, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Secretary of State.
1202 Dirksen Building

Joint Economic
To hold hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for December.
2128 Rayburn Building

JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To continue hearings on the prospective nomination of Alexander M. Haig, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Secretary of State.
1202 Dirksen Building

JANUARY 12

10:00 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings of the prospective nomination of James B. Edwards, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of Energy.
3110 Dirksen Building

JANUARY 13

10:00 a.m.
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To continue hearings on the prospective nomination of James B. Edwards, of South Carolina, to be Secretary of Energy.
3110 Dirksen Building

JANUARY 15

10:00 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on the prospective nomination of William French Smith, of California, to be Attorney General, Department of Justice.
2228 Dirksen Building