

of their fleets and be held accountable to minimize those costs. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

SPEECH OF

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 1995

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 445 and 446 on H.R. 1868.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 445, and "no" on rollcall No. 446.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON HOYER AMENDMENT ON H.R. 1561

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, I voted "No" on rollcall No. 362, an amendment offered by Mr. HOYER to the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995. Mr. HOYER's amendment declares that the United States supports the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to defend itself against aggression, and directs the President to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian government. As you recall, the amendment passed 318-99.

Like my colleagues in the House, I am troubled by the horrific violence and blatant human rights abuses in the Balkans and frustrated by the continued failure to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Furthermore, I share my colleagues' good intentions of seeing the devastating war in Bosnia come to an end or at least allowing the Bosnian government to defend itself against Serbian aggression.

However, I feel it would not be wise to act on this matter over the objections of our NATO allies in Europe who remain opposed to lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia. Given that it is their troops who are on the line and that a rapid escalation in fighting would put our friends in Europe in harm's way, I cannot support lifting the arms embargo at this time. In all, I am convinced that the United States should work with NATO before making any dramatic shift in our policy toward Bosnia. To do otherwise will only weaken our valuable alliance with NATO.

HONORING JOSEPH PICKLE, CLYDE McMAHON, SR., JOHN TAYLOR, AND OWEN IVIE

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 1995

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, the Texas State Senate recently passed resolutions honoring four of its native sons who reside in Big

Spring, TX. Big Spring is in the 17th District of Texas which I am privileged to represent here in the House.

Joseph "Joe" Pickle, a retired editor of the Big Spring Herald who, for more than 46 years, has chronicled the history of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Joe has worked very hard on behalf of the water district, and has served as the only secretary-treasurer they have ever had. In addition, he has been a tireless advocate for the Big Spring community and plays an active role in civic affairs.

Clyde McMahon, Sr., a long-time Big Spring resident who served as the operator of McMahon Concrete for more than 25 years. During Clyde's service with the Colorado Municipal Water District, no city under its jurisdiction ever had to curtail or ration the use of water. In addition to his invaluable service to the water district, he has donated his time and leadership skills to numerous civic and community activities.

After 31 years of loyal service to the public, John L. Taylor is retiring as a member of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. With John's guidance, the district underwent a \$40 million expansion, and he provided outstanding leadership when he served as president during the completion of the Lake Ivie Reservoir and pipeline project. John has given generously of his time to other worthy community activities.

Owen H. Ivie is a well-known engineer and public servant, and has garnered numerous awards relating to his profession. His leadership in obtaining a permit for a reservoir was so appreciated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors that they named the reservoir the "O.H. Ivie Reservoir" in his honor. His knowledge and expertise, as demonstrated by a long and successful career, have certainly made him worthy of legislative recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that the Texas Senate resolutions honoring these four outstanding individuals be included in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would also like to thank and commend them for their dedicated service to Big Spring and to the great State of Texas.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to pay tribute to Owen H. Ivie on the auspicious occasion of his retirement from the position of general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, The Colorado River Municipal Water District was created in 1949; since that time, with no local, state, or federal taxes involved in the funding of any district project, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; and

Whereas, As a promising young man Owen Ivie joined the water district on January 1, 1953, after having served as project superintendent for Freese and Nichols on the Lake Thomas project; his talents and abilities were quickly recognized, and he rose rapidly through the ranks; and

Whereas, He became assistant general manager in 1958; on April 22, 1965, this exemplary public servant was named general manager; and

Whereas, Characteristics of his tenure are ability, responsiveness, and commitment to do what is best for the citizens of Texas; and

Whereas, Noted for his honesty and integrity, Mr. Ivie has earned the respect and friendship of his colleagues; and

Whereas, Well known in his profession, he has been honored several times: he was named Engineer of the Year by the Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in 1964; Conservationist of the Year for 1986 by the Texas Water Conservation Association and Man of the Year in 1986 by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, This distinguished gentleman was presented the Service to the People Award by the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers in October, 1986, was named president of the Texas Water Conservation Association in 1988, and in 1990, was named Outstanding West Texan by the Texas Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Upon completion of the district's Stacy project in 1990, the Colorado River Municipal Water District's Board of Directors named the reservoir in honor of Mr. Ivie, who had overseen the arduous process relating to the permitting of what is now known as the O. H. Ivie Reservoir; and

Whereas, Throughout his long and successful career, he has been supported and sustained by his lovely wife, Yvonne, and their three daughters; and

Whereas, The State of Texas has benefited enormously from the wisdom and expertise of this illustrious public servant, and he is certainly deserving of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby commend the life of service of Owen H. Ivie and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of the highest esteem of the Texas Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joseph "Joe" Pickle on the momentous occasion of his retirement as secretary-treasurer of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, The Colorado River Municipal Water District was created by the 51st Legislature on May 31, 1949; since that time, with no local, state, or federal taxes levied for the funding of any district project, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; and

Whereas, For more than 46 years, this outstanding gentleman has chronicled the history of the water district; he has served as the only secretary-treasurer of the Colorado River Municipal Water District and has attended 316 out of a total of 324 meetings; and

Whereas, He attended the first organizational meeting of the district in 1946 as an employee of the Big Spring Herald; Joe Pickle has been on the job ever since; he retired from the newspaper as its editor in 1975 and continued to serve the district by taking on the additional duties of media liaison as well as serving as secretary-treasurer; and

Whereas, Concerned about the well-being of the residents of West Texas, he has been active in the on-going promotion of Big Spring, West Texas, and the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, A former president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, he has also been recognized by that organization as Man of the year; and

Whereas, A man who believes in giving back to his community, he has been instrumental in many community projects; and

Whereas, A longtime supporter of Boy Scouts, he has been presented the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor; he is

also a past Scoutmaster of Troop One, the first troop west of the Mississippi; and

Whereas, A man of deep religious convictions, he has been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring and has served as president of the church board of trustees; and

Whereas, The State of Texas has benefited enormously from the service, wisdom, and expertise of this eminent public servant, and he is truly worthy of legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby applaud the career of service of Joseph "Joe" Pickle and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of the highest regard of the Texas Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, It is indeed fitting and appropriate for the Senate of the State of Texas to pay tribute to Clyde McMahon, Sr., of Big Spring on the momentous occasion of his retirement from 22 years of distinguished service with the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, Throughout his long and dedicated career, Mr. McMahon has served effectively and conscientiously to the benefit of the citizens of West Texas; since 1952, no city served by the Colorado Municipal Water District has ever curtailed or rationed the use of water; and

Whereas, Created on May 31, 1949, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; directors of the district are appointed by the member cities and revenue bonds finance all projects with no local, state, or federal taxes involved in the funding of any district project; and

Whereas, In the beginning, the three-member cities of Big Spring, Odessa, and Snyder had a combined population of 56,000; today, the water district serves a 32-county area that totals 450,000 persons; and

Whereas, Mr. McMahon moved to Big Spring in 1953 after working on a highway project at Sterling City and, for nearly 25 years, operated McMahon Concrete before turning over the management of the company to his son in 1977; and

Whereas, Through the years, Clyde McMahon has become deeply involved in civic and community affairs freely offering his time and expertise; he served as president of the school board and was a two-term president of the Young Men's Christian Association; he was head of the United Way, the American Business Club, and the Texas Ready-Mix Association and worked on the Industrial Foundation; and

Whereas, A former president and director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the esteemed gentleman was named "Man of the Year" of the organization in 1974 in honor of his notable contributions to his community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby express its deepest admiration to Clyde McMahon, Sr., for his invaluable accomplishments during his years of service with the Colorado River Municipal Water District and extend best wishes to him for a most rewarding retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of the highest regard of the Texas Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing John L. Taylor of

Big Spring who is retiring after 31 years of loyal service on the Board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; and

Whereas, Following its creation in 1949, the Colorado River Municipal Water District developed three reservoirs along the Colorado River in West Texas to help ensure a long-term water supply for the region; the district now serves a number of cities in a 32-county area that totals 450,000 persons; and

Whereas, John Taylor joined the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in 1964 and in 1983 became the district's fourth president; and

Whereas, A talented and resourceful individual, he has shared in the direction of over \$40 million worth of district expansion, and it was during his tenure as president that the district's Lake Ivie Reservoir and pipeline projects was completed; the district capacity now totals 1.247 million acre-feet of permitted storage on the Colorado River; and

Whereas, While serving on the board, Mr. Taylor handled his responsibilities with exceptional skill and dedication, and his work included chairing the Colorado River Municipal Water District's personnel committee and serving on the water rate committee; and

Whereas, An exemplary gentleman and a leader in his community, John Taylor served as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and was recognized as its Man of the Year; he also served as a city council member and as mayor pro tem of the City of Big Spring; and

Whereas, As a member of the Board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, John Taylor has contributed greatly to the welfare of the communities in the district's area, and his presence on the board will be missed by his colleagues and by the citizens of West Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 74th Legislature, hereby commend John Taylor on his many years of distinguished service with the Colorado River Municipal Water District and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES THE USE OF MARIJUANA AS MEDICINE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, in a June 21, information release the Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] denounced a recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association [JAMA] which advocated the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. Thomas Constantine, administrator of the DEA, stated:

I am very concerned about the JAMA commentary that advocates the medical use of marijuana. Marijuana is listed as Schedule I under the Controlled Substance Act because it has a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use.

There is very little evidence of positive medicinal uses of marijuana. According to Constantine, organizations such as the American Glaucoma Society have expressed "concern over the harmful effects of marijuana and the lack of solid research demonstrating that its use would do more good than harm." And this

is not due to lack of research. Since 1971, the DEA has registered 1,605 applicants as qualified to do research with marijuana.

With the drug problem growing at tremendous rates, we must not legitimize marijuana by using it in our hospitals. As Constantine states:

At a time when drug use represents a major threat to our society, in particular our youth, it is extremely important to rely upon sound medical studies rather than anecdotal information to determine the proper place of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act.

THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT: FAIRNESS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND WORKERS

HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 1995

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Independent Contractor Tax Simplification Act. My bill, which has 100 original cosponsors, is designed to remedy the concern which received the most votes of any issue at the White House Conference on Small Business earlier this month. In a nutshell, the bill clarifies the difference between contractors and employees in Federal tax law.

Today, the IRS uses a 20-factor test to distinguish an independent contractor from a full-time employee. This archaic policy has caused small businesses endless problems. First of all, the test is confusing enough to foil good-faith efforts to put individuals in one category or the other. Second, the confusion gives the IRS the power to force whole classes of workers from one category to the other. It has happened to truckers, to paper-delivery people, to travel agents, to hard-working people from every walk of life.

Mentioning the tortured distinction between employees and contractors is a sure-fire way to infuriate Main Street business people. They are the ones who can't afford the fancy lawyers and CPA's it takes to out-guess the IRS. And when you're in a gray area, you're in trouble no matter how much you spend—because the IRS can decide differently on two seemingly identical cases. This has wreaked havoc on businesses across the country.

For these and other reasons, clarifying tangled Federal tax provisions with respect to the distinction between full-time employee and independent contractor status has emerged as the top priority of the Nation's small business community. As I mentioned, this month the White House Conference on Small Business gave the most votes of any issue to the independent contractor issue. Think about that: of the hundreds of items that the small business community needs, this single issue emerged as the first order of business for policy makers. It sent me a strong message when the Nebraska delegation of the Conference told me this topped their list, as well.

My bill will substitute a new, far simpler set of criteria for determining who is not an employee—a new approach to an old problem. Today's law paints a dizzying portrait of every possible factor which would make someone an