

of Merit with one Gold Star, the meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Commendation medal with Combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous unit and campaign medals. He is a dynamic and resourceful naval officer who throughout his tenure has proven to be an indispensable asset to our nation and Navy. His superior contributions and distinguished service will have long term benefits for the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, John Hekman and his wife Gail have made many sacrifices during his 33-year naval career. It is only fitting that we should recognize their many accomplishments and thank them for the many years of service to our country. I ask all of my colleagues on both sides of the isle to join me today in wishing this great American every success as well as "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he brings to close a long and distinguished career.

S.O.S.—SAVE OUR SENIORS

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, this week we have witnessed, once again, the Democrats' steadfast opposition to change. Day after day, hour after hour, Democrats insist on playing politics as usual. I am tired of their obstructionist attitude, and so are the American people. When will they realize that America is crying out for change? Republicans have heard the message and are ready to act.

The Medicare crisis paints a crystal clear picture between the party of obstruction and the party of action. According to President Clinton's Medicare trustees, in just 7 years, Medicare will be bankrupt and 37 million senior and disabled Americans will be left out in the cold.

Are we going to wait until then, until it's too late, to do anything? I will not stand by and watch Medicare spend itself into bankruptcy. That is why I fully endorse the Republicans' statement of principles for strengthening Medicare for the 21st century. We must act now to save Medicare.

Thankfully, the President has finally acknowledged the need for action over Medicare. When will the rest of the Democrats wake up to this reality? How much longer will they continue trying to prop up a rotting status quo, blissfully unaware that by their actions millions of Americans will suffer? The fact is, they don't know what else to do. They have no ideas of their own. All they offer is obstruction. Well, I would like to repeat to them the British Prime Minister's words last week to his opponents, "put up or shut up."

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO KALEIDOSCOPE MAGAZINE

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute an outstanding new publication which is enjoying wide circulation in my congressional

district. Since its founding in 1992, Kaleidoscope magazine has more than tripled its circulation. In fact, the magazine is the largest African-American owned and operated periodical in the State of Ohio, with a circulation of more than 20,000.

Kaleidoscope brings a refreshing and unique perspective on a variety of issues of importance to the community. The magazine often highlights individuals who represent professional fields including business, medicine, politics, and law, just to name a few. Kaleidoscope is very popular for its Forty-Forty Club, which focuses on African-American achievers in the Greater Cleveland area who are 40 years of age or younger.

Mr. Speaker, Kaleidoscope magazine can attribute its overwhelming success to the efforts of its publisher and coowner, Richard A. Johnson, and his talented staff. Mr. Johnson, who is a native of Cleveland Heights, takes responsibility for all aspects of publishing Kaleidoscope including editorials, advertising, production, and distribution. He enters the publishing arena with a wealth of experience and a vast knowledge of the greater Cleveland community.

Richard Johnson is a major consultant for minority outreach marketing campaigns. His efforts include work with The Center for Families and Children; Harambee, an organization which recruits black families for the adoption of black children; and MOTTEP, an organization which seeks to educate the African-American community on the issue of organ donation and transplantation. Mr. Johnson's affiliations also include advisory board memberships on the United Negro College Fund and the National Alzheimer's Association. He has been recognized by Crain's Cleveland Business as one of the top 40 leaders in the greater Cleveland area under the age of 40. In addition, the city of Cleveland recently saluted Richard Johnson for his community efforts by proclaiming October 7, 1994, as Richard A. Johnson Day.

Mr. Speaker, the promotion of Kaleidoscope Magazine is also being led by Kevin A. Carter. Mr. Carter serves as vice president and director of Diversity and Business Development for McDonald and Co. Securities, Inc. McDonald and Co. is the largest Ohio-based investment bank in the State. Without the business community's strong support for Kaleidoscope, it would not have been possible to move the idea forward.

Kevin Carter is a former senior analyst at LTV Steel, and a former senior consultant at Ernst and Young Consulting. He serves as president of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Black MBA Association and was elected to the 1993-94 Leadership Class of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. Mr. Carter is a board member of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP. In addition, his board memberships include the Cleveland Convention Center and the Center for Contemporary Art.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to applaud Richard Johnson, Kevin Carter and the entire staff at Kaleidoscope magazine. The wealth of information that Kaleidoscope shares with its readers is invaluable. I ask my colleagues to join me today in this special salute to Kaleidoscope magazine. I am certain that the publication will continue to enjoy great success.

THE PELL GRANT STUDENT/TAX- PAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 1995

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce the Pell Grant Student/Taxpayer Protection Act of 1995. This legislation would prevent a postsecondary school from participating in the Pell Grant Program if that school is already ineligible to participate in the federally guaranteed student loan program. Plain and simple, this legislation will make sure that if you have high default rates, then you should not receive any title IV higher education funding period.

This is a critical time for our country. Congress is trying to save taxpayer dollars while improving the quality of post-secondary education that is available to all Americans. We took strong steps forward in achieving this in 1992 when we reauthorized the Higher Education Act with nearly 100 sorely needed reforms that were good for students and good for taxpayers.

Reforms such as the 3 year 25 percent cohort default rate were intended to put an end to risk-free Federal subsidies for those unscrupulous, for-profit trade schools who promise students a good education that leads to a good job and then fail to deliver on that promise—at the expense of both students and the taxpayer. If these schools violated these rules, then they would be bounced from the program.

We have already determined that schools with unacceptably high student loan default rates should not be permitted to participate in the federally guaranteed student loan program. I submit that if a school is deemed ineligible to participate in the federally guaranteed student loan program, then it should also not be permitted to participate in the Pell Grant Program. While the House passed modified language addressing this concern in 1992, it was mysteriously dropped in conference. So, we are back here today discussing the one that got away.

If we could find a way to pay for an increase in title IV student aid programs, there would be a very few Members, if any, who would not be supportive. But, faced with a \$4.7 trillion debt and annual deficits exceeding \$200 billion, we do not have that luxury. However, today we have an opportunity to stretch our Pell Grant funds by disqualifying those schools that we have already disqualified from the federally guaranteed student loan program.

Today, the Senate Governmental Affairs Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations will be holding a hearing to examine the abuse of the Pell Grant Program by proprietary schools. In particular, the subcommittee will examine the case of a California-based trade school chain that allegedly stole millions in Pell Grant money, failed to reimburse loans, and filed false loan applications.

The title IV student aid program currently serves 2,487 proprietary schools, and proprietary schools represent 41 percent of all Pell Grant recipients. And, despite corrective actions taken through the 1992 Higher Education Amendments to prevent fraud and abuse of the Federal student aid program, this hearing only confirms that similar problems still persist,

and that much more needs to be done to stop them.

I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation. Make our Pell Grant money go farther. Throw the scam schools out of the Pell program. Protect the taxpayer. Cosponsor the Pell Grant Student/Taxpayer Protection Act of 1995.

CLINTON'S POLICY ON VIETNAM IS CONTEMPTIBLE

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I am the only Member of the House to have served as an ambassador to a Communist country. I have seen first hand the barbarity and duplicity of Communists. In what Winston Churchill called "the dark and lamentable catalog of human crime," there is nothing on record to compare to the 30 years of destruction and human misery, communism brought to Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Hundreds of millions died. Religious and political freedom was obliterated. To fight communism America spent thousands of lives and trillions of dollars. In light of that bloody history it is all the more tragic that the Clinton administration has decided to ignore a clear campaign promise and recognize and assist one of the last but most brutal Communist dictatorships left—Vietnam.

The Vietnamese Communists deserve only our contempt. They crushed our allies in South Vietnam, killing millions. They overthrew the Government of Cambodia and Laos. They forced the entire ethnic Chinese population of their own country into the sea, prompting Beijing to invade. They opened up reeducation camps and suppressed all dissent and religious expression. As we speak, Buddhist monks are threatening to take to the streets to immolate themselves. Vietnam has entered into formal defense arrangements with Cuba and Iraq and has recently invited Saddam Hussein for a state visit thereby thumbing its nose at the world community.

Hanoi brutally murdered hundreds of American POW's before the Paris peace accords were signed and they have lied about it ever since. Yet, the Clinton administration claims that we must rethink our relationship with Vietnam and reward it with the benefits of American recognition and aid because progress has been made on the POW/MIA issue. That progress is so illusory it is scarcely worth the mention.

There has been no progress in accounting for over 300 Americans last known to be alive in the hands of their Communist captors. According to information produced by Congressman DORNAN's National Security Subcommittee on Personnel, Hanoi still refuses to hand over the remains of almost 100 Americans we know died in captivity. Recently, the Communists have resorted to releasing scores of records and boxes of remains which when examined prove to be the bones of animals and ethnic Asians. In fact over 150 boxes of remains handed over to American authorities in recent years show signs of chemical processing and prolonged cold storage. Mr. DORNAN's subcommittee disclosed that Hanoi stored

over 400 boxes of preserved remains to use as leverage over American leaders. Vietnam has cynically and criminally played upon the emotions of POW/MIA families to extract financial and diplomatic concessions from this administration.

In testimony last month, retired military POW/MIA investigators told the House that Hanoi still holds back remains, still holds back documentary evidence, and deliberately manufactures and manipulates crash site evidence. The administration was forced to admit that none of the hundreds of documents and remains handed over to a blue ribbon Presidential delegation in May will lead to the closing of one POW/MIA case. In fact, leaders of the most prominent POW/MIA family and veterans' groups were asked to participate in the administration's trip to Hanoi. They refused, feeling that the entire process was arranged to conclude that the Vietnamese were working hard to full account for missing Americans.

The Pentagon's own joint task force full accounting [JTFFA] has repeatedly been denied access to areas where live sightings have been alleged. In addition, the JTFFA has never been allowed to interview one witness without the presence of a Vietnamese military or political officer. Despite administration claims that better relations with Hanoi have led to more MIA case closings the opposite is in fact true. During the Reagan administration an average of 21 MIA cases were closed per year. Under Bush the average was 24. But, under the Clinton administration case closings have fallen off to 12 per year. Since the open door on trade was granted to Hanoi 5 months ago, only five cases have been closed.

For those who argue that opening up Vietnam to our largest companies will pave the way for reform, one need only look to China for refutation. We have been engaged in China for 25 years and all we have to show for it is an entrenched dictatorship and multinationals which are all too willing to bank in the slave-like working conditions which exist in that country. The same scenario will play out in Vietnam. But it won't stop there. The administration will request and the Vietnamese will demand—in exchange for more cooperation on POW/MIA's—access to the Overseas Private Investment and the Export-Import Bank. Once again the American taxpayer will be stuck floating a brutal dictatorship which will never have the means to repay us.

Some in the administration and Congress are now advocating that we open up relations with Vietnam and open up security ties with her in order to counter balance resurgent Chinese militarism. That is also a prescription for disaster. I have seen what happened when we toyed with a Communist dictator who promised us that he would side with us against a more powerful adversary. We placated Romania's Ceausescu and turned a blind eye to one of the most savage regimes in the history of eastern Europe. Kowtowing to Romania was shameful then, but it pales in comparison to the policy we are about to set for Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, the only way for reform, the only way to stand up for our ideals is to say that respect for human rights and progress toward democracy is the precondition for American recognition. Vietnam fails our ideals on all accounts not the least of which is the contempt it has shown for the emotions and sensibilities of our POW/MIA families. In that light, the Clinton policy on Vietnam is contemptible.

BLM LANDS TRANSFER

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation being introduced today by Mr. HANSEN of Utah to transfer lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the States. I appreciate the efforts that Mr. HANSEN and Senator THOMAS of Wyoming have put into this legislation and as an original cosponsor of the bill, I will do what I can to help move it quickly through the legislative channels.

In my opinion, this legislation is long overdue. Not since the Sagebrush Rebellion has there been such a groundswell of support for returning the lands to the States. As the 1994 election results have shown, the majority of Americans want to reduce the role of the Federal Government and grant the States more flexibility to arrive at localized solutions to a host of problems. The better the local understanding, the better the decision made by those most affected by a local problem.

With this legislation, the Western States are asking nothing more than to be put on an equal footing with the Eastern States. We want a stable tax base and we can and will see to it that our lands are more efficiently managed and more beneficially used. That includes protecting the scenic beauty of our States while promoting the wise use of our natural resources.

For too long, the Federal Government has forgotten that the Western States are its partners. It is time for us to send a clear signal that we are tired of the historical Federal dominance that has left the West in a state of political and economic decline. This legislation is the proper vehicle for examining how to best end Federal ownership of the vast areas of the West and return stability to that region of our country.

SALUTE TO HARRY WU

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today is the 25th day of the arrest of American citizen Harry Wu, the tenacious human rights investigator, by the Chinese authorities at the Kazakhstan border.

These are the crimes for which Harry Wu is imprisoned, and facing a possible death sentence: Harry testified before the U.S. Congress many times in the past 5 years, including the subcommittee overseeing international trade which I chaired—that was a crime. Harry recorded and filmed forced hard labor prisons in China, where he himself was a prisoner for 19 years—that was a crime. Harry told the world China was exporting prisoner-produced goods to the United States, among other countries—once again that was a crime. Harry revealed the horrific evidence of forcible removal of prisoner organs; these donations occurred without the donors consent, and at times there were planned executions so that high society Chinese officials could get the organs at the right time—that too was a crime.