

many other is dangerous. No state or local government can replace these federal funds to prevent the damage the current appropriations bill would cause.

We strongly urge you to go on record as opposing the Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill. The role of the federal government should not be to harm children by withdrawing established and effective support.

Sincerely,

RONALD PRESCOTT,
Associate Superintendent.

IF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTS
DOWN, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
SHOULDN'T GET PAID

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, if the Government closes, so should its pocketbook. Today, I am introducing legislation to cut off the paychecks of Members of Congress if the Federal Government shuts down because of budget gridlock. Senator BOXER of California is introducing identical legislation in the Senate.

Under Federal law, the House and the Senate must pass all appropriations bills by October 1. If all the bills are not approved and a stop-gap measure is not enacted, the Federal Government will be unable to make payments or meet its obligations. Such a "train wreck" could result in a shutdown of certain Federal operations.

Too many politicians on Capitol Hill are talking about a "train wreck" as if we're dealing with toy trains. A shutdown of the Federal Government is a serious matter, and Members of Congress should take it seriously.

The bill I am introducing is simple—if we don't finish the job, we don't get paid. The bill has three simple provisions.

First, Members would not receive basic pay for any period in which there is a lapse in appropriations for any Federal agency or department as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill or continuing resolution.

Second, Members would not receive basic pay for any period in which the Federal Government is unable to make payments or meet obligations because the public debt limit has been reached.

Third, no pay forfeited under this measure would be paid retroactively.

A Government shutdown is not child's play. If a "train wreck" occurs, it will disrupt the lives of millions of Americans.

Even if so-called essential services are continued, many people will be affected by the shutdown of Federal offices. Let me give a few examples.

The small business owner looking for a Federally-assisted loan or technical assistance may be told to put his business plans on hold until the shutdown ends.

The senior citizen trying to apply for Social Security benefits may have to delay her retirement because her application can't be processed.

The farmer looking for advice from the Soil Conservation Service may find the office closed and no one answering the telephones.

These disruptions are not necessary. It's our responsibility to avoid a "train wreck" while Congress and the President debate the broad-

er spending priorities over which we differ. We ought to be able to allow the Government to continue operating while we negotiate our differences over spending priorities. If not, Congressional salaries should be first on the budget chopping block.

I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this legislation to make Members feel the pain that will be inflicted on others if the Government shuts down.

HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP DEDICATION IN FREMONT, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to join my constituents in the celebration of the completion of the modernization of the Century Village Apartments, a 100-unit apartment complex in the city of Fremont.

This complex was recently acquired and renovated by the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, a nonprofit housing developer, with financing assistance provided by the city of Fremont and its redevelopment agency.

Ten apartments at the Century Village are reserved for participants in the Housing Scholarship Program, which combines affordable housing, job training, child care, and other supportive services, to enable participants to obtain full-time employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Through donated units and units required through financing agreements to be reserved for housing scholarships, the program is helping people who are helping themselves during a critical period in their lives.

To date, a total of 70 housing scholarships have been provided to families who are in job training. Over 90 percent of the housing scholarship recipients have successfully completed job training. Housing Scholarship Program graduates are developing new leadership skills and becoming valuable assets to the program and the community. Graduates have testified before the city council about the need for additional housing units. Graduates also serve as mentors for new job training participants.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I come before you today celebrating with my constituents the success of the Housing Scholarship Program and the completion of the Century Village Apartments. I hope all my colleagues will join in congratulating the city of Fremont and the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition for their contribution to their community.

TRIBUTE TO QUENTIN ALEXANDER

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the outstanding work the Boy Scouts of America [BSA] does in training future generations of leaders for our country, and I can testify personally to the benefits of Scouting in my own life. That's why it is a particular pleasure for me to recognize my friend Quentin Alexander today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Quentin has been in professional Scouting for the past 38 years, during the last 21 of which he has served as the Scout executive in the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council of the BSA in my home region in the East Bay of San Francisco. Under his stellar leadership, the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council now serves as the facilitating organization for 18,000 Scouts every year. The Council Endowment Fund has been substantially enlarged under Quentin's careful stewardship, and the new Scout Service Center will offer quality Scouting services for decades to come.

Quentin and his gracious wife Nancy plan to remain in our mutual hometown of Danville after Quentin leaves the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council and look forward to staying active in church and community affairs. While Scouting will miss Quentin's active participation, I look forward to benefiting from Quentin's sage counsel and deep concern for America's youth for years to come. It is an honor for me to applaud Quentin's splendid service to our Nation's young people, and to extend my best wishes to him, Nancy, and their loved ones for all the days ahead.

MEDICARE CUTS

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, over the August recess, I went around my city of Denver—from hospitals to neighborhoods—to talk about the proposed Republican Medicare cuts and how it will affect people's lives and health.

In Denver, we have many teaching hospitals—some of the best health care facilities in the country. They are also a good health care deal for the American public.

In teaching hospitals, doctors get their training, hospitals get qualified personnel, and the public gets access to some of the best health care possible.

Now teaching hospitals are going to take Republican Medicare cuts on the chin. Cuts in Medicare will force teaching hospitals to reduce the number of medical trainees they can employ—medical residents who regularly work 80 hours a week, doctors trained with the most up-to-date technology and curricula.

In my district, St. Joseph Hospital employs 100 residents. Cuts in Medicare will reduce the reimbursement St. Joseph's gets to employ medical residents, an annual loss of \$1.4 million that the hospital will have to make up from somewhere else in the budget.

Under the Republican Medicare cut scenario everyone loses: the doctors, the hospitals, and most of all, the public.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NA- TIONAL POLISH ALLIANCE GROUP NO. 1837

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the 80th anniversary of the Polish National Alliance Group No. 1837. Formed on

August 22, 1915, the group had 13 original charter members. The first was President Theodore Babicki and Vice President Thomas Kien.

Originally, the group was all male. However, on September 1, 1942, 35 women joined the PNA and has flourished to its current membership of 70.

The Polish National Alliance assists religious, charitable, and military organizations, and the shut-in and ailing. The local PNA has contributed to many worthwhile organizations: Morris Hospital, the Paderewski Foundation in Pennsylvania, the National Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC, local Special Olympics.

Clearly, the dedication and sincere efforts by the local PNA has benefited Grundy County and other worthwhile projects. The cause and hard work by the PNA is appreciated by all who have been touched by their kindness.

Congratulations PNA and best wishes for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE U.S.S. "SANTA BARBARA"

HON. ANDREA H. SEASTRAND

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to pay tribute to a U.S. Navy vessel that is celebrating its 25th year of distinguished service. Like the beautiful city in the district I represent, the AE28-class ship proudly bares the name of the third century martyr Santa Barbara—the protector against lightning, thunder, and flame. Since being commissioned in 1970 the U.S.S. *Santa Barbara* has earned a reputation as the Atlantic Fleet's finest, fast-attack AE. The distinctions and honors bestowed upon her include three Battle Efficiency "E" Awards won in 1979, 1989, and 1993. Other honors she has received include the Golden Anchor Award, the Maritime Warfare Excellence Award, the Engineering/Survivability Award, the Logistics Management Excellence Award, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation for her performance during her 1992–93 Mediterranean deployment.

During its commissioning ceremony, then Santa Barbara Mayor Gerald Firestone offered the U.S.S. *Santa Barbara* a safe port and hearty welcome if the ship would ever visit the west coast. On behalf of the people of the 22d Congressional District, I would like to say that 25 years later that the welcome would be heartier than ever and the port safe as always.

COMMENDING NATO FOR RETALIATION AGAINST BOSNIAN SERB AGGRESSION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend NATO for finally exhibiting resolve by retaliating against Bosnian Serb aggression. I cannot help but wonder if such actions against the Serbs early in the conflict would not have significantly altered the current

dismal situation. The lives of peacekeepers could have been saved, civilian suffering could have been lessened, United Nations credibility could have been salvaged. Three and a half years is far too long a period of time for such atrocities to go unpunished. Unfortunately, 37 more lives needed to be sacrificed before appropriate steps were taken against the Bosnian Serbs. But, we must not dwell on the past, instead we must look forward to the future and hope that the United Nations and NATO continue not to allow Serb attacks on noncombatants in designated safe areas to go unchecked. I must urge the administration to continue in the direction that it has taken, and again reiterate the need to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia and Herzegovina. Diplomatic success depends on the credible use of force.

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO H.R.

1213

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing an updated version of H.R. 1213, with a prospective effective date.

The bill relates to real property sales of S corporations. It is my understanding that if the legislation has a prospective effective date, Treasury will have no objection to the proposal.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DAVID LEE ELLIOT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Mr. David Lee Elliot of Zanesville, Ohio sacrificed his life on Sunday, July 23, 1995; and,

Whereas, Mr. David Lee Elliot attempted to make his neighborhood a better place to live by protecting his property; and,

Whereas, Mr. David Lee Elliot was an outstanding and law abiding citizen of Zanesville, Ohio; and,

Whereas, Zanesville, Ohio is a better place to live because of the courageous action that Mr. David Lee Elliot undertook; and,

Whereas, the residents of Zanesville and the surrounding areas of Ohio will greatly miss such an exceptional person.

LONG ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS DESERVE OUR GRATITUDE

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Long Island's brave men and women volunteer firefighters for risking their lives to battle and extinguish two raging brush fires in Rocky Point and Westhampton, NY during the

week of August 21. We owe a special debt to these courageous firefighters for their outstanding efforts in safeguarding the lives and properties of these East End communities.

Volunteer firefighters from many communities answered the call to duty. For the most part, they came from Suffolk and Nassau Counties on Long Island to battle enormous windswept brush fires that affected approximately 3,000 woodland acres in Rocky Point and 6,000 acres in Westhampton. What is truly amazing is the fires, although devastating to eastern Long Island's precious pine barrens, were contained and controlled without loss of life.

After fighting a swift-moving brush fire in Rocky Point, Long Island's firefighters, with little rest, once again became the first line of defense and confronted the searing blaze raging in Westhampton. They demonstrated that they can always be counted on to respond quickly in emergency situations, even if it means putting their lives in jeopardy.

Long Island's volunteers risked their lives under extreme conditions and carried out their firefighting duties with honor and distinction. While the fires did not directly touch my western Suffolk County congressional district—New York's 2d District—volunteers from every fire department in my district responded to the need. They are true professionals who never waver in answering the call to protect Long Island's communities from harm. Their dedication to duty is an outstanding reflection of the communities they serve.

While Long Island's brave volunteer firefighters can never be repaid for their devotion to duty, we can and should acknowledge their commitment by our continued support of their firefighting efforts. They performed well above and beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Long Island's firefighters and especially proud of those from New York's 2d Congressional District. I hope my colleagues will join me in applauding each and every one of them for carrying out their work with unflinching resolve. Their sacrifices have earned them our deepest gratitude.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DONALD CRESSMAN—U.S. VETERAN

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on September 4, 1995, in gatherings throughout our Nation, Americans paused to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Sadly, September 4, 1995, also marked the passing of a veteran of that war—an American patriot who loved his family, his country, and his community. It is that man, a good friend, Donald Cressman, for whom I rise today to pay tribute.

Last year I had the privilege of honoring Don for 50 years of membership in the American Legion—he had joined in 1944. Don's story, like that of so many of our fellow veterans, is the story of America's greatness. One of nine children, Don was raised by his grandfather on a farm at the foot of the Pennsylvania Poconos. From his grandfather he learned lessons of discipline and perseverance that would help him overcome great hardships