

to save this amount from farm programs as a part of their overall tax reduction plan.

Four Republicans joined with the Democratic members of the House Agriculture Committee to defeat the Freedom to Farm Act. Congressional leaders then decided to bypass the Agriculture Committee and fold the Freedom to Farm Act provisions into the overall budget plan the House will consider.

It is tragic that the House Agriculture Committee chairman failed to create a process that would allow for the development of innovative farm policy. Instead of a thoughtful discussion of how farm policy should be revamped, we were asked to vote on a 100-page proposal that we had received only a few days before.

No hearings were held on the Freedom to Farm Act. It is inconceivable that there would be no chance for public comment on the most sweeping change in U.S. farm policy in 60 years. After spending 10 months holding more than 30 town meetings on the farm bill, I did not have a chance to share with other committee members the comments I received at the meetings.

I do support some aspects of the Freedom to Farm Act. This proposal dramatically simplifies farm programs, provides almost complete flexibility in planting, more effectively limits payments to huge farm operations, and provides fair treatment of all major program crops.

However, the faults in the act outweigh its merits. Without a chance to eliminate these tragic flaws it was impossible for me to vote for the proposal.

One flaw is that the act provides no safety net for farmers to control risk. The proposal requires automatic payments to farm operators regardless of crop prices. The real beneficiaries of this policy are landowners, not farmers. Automatic payments will quickly become an important factor in rental rates and land values. This automatic payment approach will discredit farm programs in the eyes of the American people. It is not designed to meet crises faced by family farmers. The devastating impact of plummeting crop or livestock prices has been the underlying justification for farm programs. How can we justify guaranteed payments for landowners if crop and livestock prices are high and the Federal Government has a deficit?

Another problem with the Freedom to Farm Act is that it spends money unnecessarily. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and most others who have studied markets project strong, increasing demand for U.S. commodities. That demand will drive up prices for the next several years. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, in fact, estimates that if the current farm program were simply extended it would cost \$10 billion less than the automatic payments in the freedom to farm proposal. There is no justification or need for automatic payments in such times.

Still, the prospect of good times cannot lead us to strip budget authority for farm programs. We must maintain our readiness for farm programs when they are needed. We cannot unilaterally disarm.

Developing and implementing improved and innovative insurance-based programs is the direction we should take. We can budget for insurance programs and marketing loans. A trust account can be established and funded. Unfortunately, the Republican leadership has no vision and proposes to reduce the budget

authority for Agricultural programs by 60 percent over 7 years.

We need this budget authority to create an innovative farm policy. Once lost, this is budget authority we will not be able to reclaim. The Freedom to Farm Act really is the demise of farm programs.

TENTH ANNUAL ANTI-DRUG NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I call my colleagues attention to important and timely efforts to help bring greater awareness to drug abuse in our Nation, through the excellent work of Red Ribbon Awareness campaigns across America.

I am particularly proud of the work the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council of Orange County, NY, is doing in this vital drug awareness program.

The important and critical efforts surrounding Red Ribbon Activity Week in many communities such as in the Mid-Hudson region, are intended to curb the use of drugs before it's too late, and future generations of Americans are adversely impacted by this deadly and costly scourge. These awareness efforts are extremely important, and worthy of our full support.

All across America, communities are tackling this drug abuse problem, and trying to raise awareness of the impact of drug abuse on our citizens, and especially the young.

The rise once again of increased drug use, especially among the young in grade schools and high schools makes these local community awareness efforts, more important than ever, and deserving of our Nation's highest attention and support.

A University of Michigan drug use survey early last year, indicated that drug use among the young was making a clear comeback and was once again on the rise. The rise in drug use among our young was especially sharp as to marijuana use, and sadly also included increase use of stimulants, LSD, and inhalants as well.

The Michigan study went on to find that important attitudes and beliefs about drugs began to soften for the second year in a row among grade school children. The study indicates that once these attitudes and beliefs as to the dangers associated with drugs and personal disapproval change, a critical deterrent has been lost.

It is evident from these survey results and experience that each new generation must learn the hard lessons surrounding drug use and abuse. It is best that this learning take place before it's too late, and lost lives follow, and future generations are adversely impacted by this destructive behavior.

The costs from this destructive behavior on our society, are enormous. Vice President GORE recently put the annual cost from illicit drugs on American society at \$67 billion. I tend to believe its much higher than that figure. However, whatever figure you might use, we all know the damage from drug use are enormous in the crime, incarceration, lost worker productivity, health care, and other costs associated with drug abuse.

Earlier this year the Congress had former first lady Nancy Reagan, who was famous for her very effective "Just say No" campaign on drug use, testify on this subject. She appeared before the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on which I am proud to sit. She said in very moving and important testimony " * * * I'm worried that this nation is forgetting how endangered our children are by drugs."

As the earlier study I cited on rising teen drug use makes clear, the former First Lady was right on the money, and she voiced the concerns that many of us have today on the problem of drug use among the young.

In moving and powerful testimony Mrs. Reagan went on to say:

With my own eyes, I've seen the human destruction drugs can cause. During my eight years as First Lady, I travelled hundreds of miles around this country and the world meeting with young people, listening to the heartbreaking stories of what drugs did to their lives. That suffering is something I can never forget.

Let us all never forget the suffering which Mrs. Reagan so eloquently recounted, and together with Red Ribbon Campaigns for A Drug-Free America all across this Nation, work together to help ensure further suffering is not needlessly repeated across our land.

This year, seven counties in the Mid-Hudson region of New York came together to commemorate Red Ribbon Week, October 21-31, with the theme of "Be Healthy and Drug Free!" The Red Ribbon activities were kicked off by the annual Run/Walk Against Drugs in Newburgh, NY, on Saturday morning, October 21. This event was followed by a red ribbon caravan across the Hudson, in which citizens from throughout Southeastern New York drove across the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge in automobiles marked with large red bows on the antennas, to join in a drug-free riverfront festival in Beacon. Participants from Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster Counties came together to make these events on Saturday, October 21, truly memorable.

Two of my constituents, Joan Fawley, a senior at Goshen High School, and Alma Buffoe, a seventh grader at Greenwood Lake Middle School, delivered remarks which inspired all of those in attendance.

Between now and the conclusion of Red Ribbon Week of October 31—a week so big it needs 10 days—many other activities are planned by our Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council in Orange County, including pledge and sign up day, rally day, rap about day, a sports weekend, and, finally, just say boo to drugs day on Halloween.

Mr. Speaker, the enthusiasm of all the participants in Red Ribbon Week remind us all that substance abuse remains America's No. 1 enemy. I am pleased that our colleagues (Mr. ZELIFF and Mr. RANGEL) are organizing a bipartisan drug policy group, and I urge all of our colleagues to join with us in this most worthwhile endeavor.

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Southeastern New York will drive across the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge in automobiles marked with large red bows on the antennas, to join in a Drug-Free Riverfront Festival and ribbon-tying ceremony in Beacon, and the highly successful Red Ribbon Auto Rally co-ordinated by Lenny Rifkin each year in Goshen, NY. Lenny is the regional coordinator of DARE [Drug Abuse Resistance Education] and this auto rally raises money annually to conduct the many antinarcotics activities of DARE.

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KATARINA SCHMOLL'S VISION OF AMERICA

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, every year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies auxiliary conduct the Voice of Democracy broadcast script writing contest. I am pleased to announce that one of my constituents, Katarina Schmoll, is this year's European winner. Katarina was born in Denver, CO, and is a senior at Ramstein American High School outside of Frankfurt, Germany. She is active in her student government and plans to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. I would like to include her prize-winning script in the Record.

MY VISION FOR AMERICA

My vision for America is a hopeful, confident and promising one. It can only be achieved by a great people who themselves are hopeful and confident about the future. Most certainly, our founding fathers exemplified these virtues and without their dedication our country would never have been born. To rest on the laurels of the past however, is not enough. Each generation needs dedicated people to build on the great tradition its founders started.

In my vision for America I perceive a diverse people; each making a vital and positive contribution. I see a strong military where proud people make sacrifices for the good of all. Men and women ready and will-

ing to commit their lives, answering whatever the call of their nation may be; willingly leaving the safety of their own homes to go to unfamiliar areas of the world to protect America and its allies.

I visualize a confident people. Confident because they are educated, contributing members of society. They keep themselves informed through reading and involvement. They form their own opinions critically; not being dominated by the press and media but by an open mind and fairness. I see confidence in the working people of America because they are investing in the national economy, encouraging one another to do their best, challenging themselves through competition, opening new businesses, giving their valuable time to the youth; striving not only for the best in their own lives but looking out for others as well.

In my vision for America I see decisive leaders who make decisions with conviction. The president is supported by both political parties and backed by the American people. Where a difference in political opinion leads to debate, not hate.

I envision the youth of America to be highly motivated and eager to learn because they are encouraged by their parents, teachers and nation's leaders. I see teachers instructing their students with enthusiasm; believing in them and guiding them toward the future. The youth are graduating from high school and college, taking on the challenges and opportunities open to them. I see an optimistic future for those who are willing to learn and be actively involved.

In my vision I picture a nation that is not dominated by technology but rather assisted by it. A nation where the individual is always more important than the machine.

The family is focused and strong in my vision for America. Marriage is a life-long commitment taken solemnly. Parents are able to effectively communicate with their children and be their most important teachers. No one has more faith in the future than parents themselves because they see children growing and learning every day. Children give hope to the future.

In my vision I see the young and the old sitting together, remembering the past and anticipating the future. The young are often in awe of the past and the old are fearful of the future. Through friendship, the young and the old reassure each other of what has been and what is to come. We learn from everything we do.

My vision for America pictures a hopeful and confident people continuing the neverending process of development and growth: incorporating the knowledge and ideas gained in their own lives with the wisdom that has been passed on to them by their forefathers.

A bright vision is what I see. America keeps on shining! The more we learn, the more we shine on together as a strong nation.

HONORING MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT SPALDING UNIVERSITY

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the Model United Nations that will take place at Spalding University in Louisville, KY on November 10, 1995. This will be the first time that the collegiate level Model United Nations [U.N.] conference will be held in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Model U.N. Conference will give college students a wonderful opportunity to gain insight into the substance of international affairs by having them serve as delegates of assigned countries. The students will also learn about the role of the U.N. in the international community and the internal workings of the U.N. The communication skills practiced during the conference will no doubt prove to be a valuable experience to all of the participants.

I am proud to host the Spalding University Model United Nations Conference in my district. Due to the vital role the United States must play in world affairs, a conference of this nature can only prove to be of worthwhile nature.

SALUTE TO EDDIE DEAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true legend, a man who has spent his life entertaining people around the world on radio, television, and the big screen—Eddie Dean.

When I was a child growing up in southern California, Eddie Dean was one of my greatest heroes. The singing cowboy who wore the white hat and always saved the fair maiden, he represented everything that was fresh and new and good in America to a child in the 1950's.

One of the five singing cowboys, a group that included the great Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Rex Allen and Monte Hale, Eddie always represented the good side of people.

There were many Saturday mornings growing up when I could be found sitting in front of a black-and-white television set watching Eddie ride and sing across the West.

Well, over the years that hero became a friend and I had the privilege of spending a good deal of time with Eddie. Sometimes we'd sit and talk about his latest tour, about his golf game, about one of his old movies or just about the music, the ability to deliver a heartfelt song that has never left him.

Mr. Speaker, a group of friends and fans will be presenting Eddie with some long-overdue recognition this weekend in Thousand Oaks, CA. At a time when we in America are searching for heroes and for entertainment that accentuates the positive side of life, this seems entirely appropriate.

I always think of Eddie as the kind of guy who personified the heart and the worthy intentions that are inside all of us. I think it is amazing that he is still at it today—still touring—and still spreading the same positive message he has for more than 50 years. I wish him all the best today and far into the future.



A SALUTE TO REV. RICHARD A. DENT

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Rev. Richard A. Dent for his many