

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF YITZHAK RABIN

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sorrow at the passing of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Few leaders in our lifetime have come to exemplify the spirit of a nation in the way that Yitzhak Rabin symbolized the State of Israel. Father, soldier, politician, statesman, architect of peace; Prime Minister Rabin was all of these things and more. He never shied away from taking up arms for Israel when necessary, nor did he hesitate to put an end to hostilities when the opportunity arose. Having had the privilege of visiting Israel before the current peace process began, I appreciate the obstacles he faced throughout his career, as well as the courage he needed to confront them.

One of my most vivid memories since coming to Congress is being seated on the White House lawn watching Prime Minister Rabin and Yasser Arafat sign the historic accord marking a new chapter in Israeli-Palestinian relations. The sense of joy and hope that Yitzhak Rabin helped create at that moment was repeated again when King Hussein of Jordan and he appeared before a joint session of Congress and talked about the promise of peace between their two nations. I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life.

At the same time, I will never forget the shock I felt when I first learned that Yitzhak Rabin had been assassinated. But my sorrow at the passing of this great leader was tinged with outrage at the senseless violence that brought his life to an untimely end. It is not enough to condemn the man who fired the shots that killed Prime Minister Rabin. We must also condemn the extremism that provided encouragement to Rabin's assassin and caution those who traffic in inflammatory rhetoric that their words can have consequences, sometimes terrible consequences, in Israel and elsewhere.

Mr. Speaker, like Anwar Sadat before him, Yitzhak Rabin has become a martyr for peace. The best way we can honor his legacy and memory is by aiding Israel in its pursuit of the cause for which he gave his life. Only when peace reigns in the Middle East will the vision of Yitzhak Rabin be fulfilled.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON  
H.R. 2099, DEPARTMENTS OF VET-  
ERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND  
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 1995*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in very strong opposition to this motion to instruct. Don't be fooled—the authors of this motion aren't interested in good environmental policy or public health—they're interested in status quo, in regulatory excess and in spreading false, misleading, and distorted information on what these environmental riders do. And what do they do?

They prevent the EPA from going beyond its statutory authority so we don't have unelected, overzealous bureaucrats implementing their own agendas at the expense of our environment and the American public.

They require EPA to use the most up-to-date data when making regulatory decisions. Do the opponents of the riders believe EPA should be allowed to develop a refinery MACT rule using data that is 15 years old when data exist from 1993? Is that protecting the public health?

They direct EPA to use real world data instead of bureaucratic computer models based on faulty assumptions. EPA is trying to force our constituents into centralized emissions testing claiming this system works the best—but just a few weeks ago 12 cars rigged to fail were passed by a Colorado centralized testing facility—is that effective environmental policy?

Chanting right along with the effort to scare and mislead the public on what this Congress is doing, our Vice President accused this Congress of prohibiting the EPA from taking arsenic out of drinking water.

But who's asking for a delay in the rule-making? In a letter dated this February, the EPA stated it has "decided to seek to delay rulemaking on the arsenic regulation in order to conduct further research." Needless to say, the Vice President's office later said he misspoke.

Mr. Speaker, these riders are about common sense, sound science, and flexibility; they're about making sure that we get real benefits out of our regulatory requirements so that the burden we place on Americans and on our businesses make sense.

And for those who claim that this appropriations bill is no place for these legislative riders—get real—every bill is the right place to deal with government fraud, abuse of process, and misspent resources—not to mention that the former Democrat-controlled Congress used this process for years.

In fact, the radon rider in this bill is the same legislative rider that has been included in this bill for 3 years when the author of this motion served his tenure as chairman. Make no mistake, my colleagues, a vote for the Stokes motion is a vote to force your communities to implement a very costly, ineffective rule on regulating radon in drinking water.

Now, some of my colleagues may have concerns with some of the riders and that's legitimate. But those concerns ought to be considered in the context of the conference. The conference must be given the ability to evaluate each provision on its merits.

Mr. Speaker, at the end of debate on this motion, Members will be asked to defeat the previous question so that the motion to instruct can be amended. The amendment to the motion is a real vote on protecting the environment and it provides the House conferees the negotiating flexibility necessary to conduct an effective conference.

I urge my colleagues to be responsible and use common sense—don't buy into the fear-mongering of those who refuse to acknowledge the facts.

Vote "no" on the previous question.

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SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 8, 1995*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and legacy of Yitzhak Rabin, the great Israeli leader who, even after his tragic death, continues to inspire Middle East nations to search for peace.

I was filled with sorrow to learn of the horrible way in which Prime Minister Rabin was assassinated. It is a great irony for a man who devoted his life to peacemaking to fall by such senseless means. My condolences and my prayers go out to the Rabin family, the people and friends of Israel, and those who must carry on the peace process.

Prime Minister Rabin was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his vision and accomplishments as a peacemaker. He served the people of Israel with great distinction in several government positions. And, under his leadership, the foundation for peace between Israel and the Palestinians was established which I pray will continue to grow. I will remember Yitzhak Rabin for his leadership, his vision, and his extraordinary devotion to peace. I wish God's speed to those who must carry on his legacy. Let peace rule in his honor.