

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to explain my absence from the House on Friday, February 24 and Monday, February 27, 1995.

As I have stated previously, my wife and I are faced with a trying family medical situation which has required my presence at home in Los Angeles as often as possible and, unfortunately, at times when the House is in session. We are expecting our second child this May, and under doctor's orders, my wife has been limited to bed rest until she has completed her pregnancy.

Regretfully, I missed a number of recorded floor votes during this brief absence from Washington. For the record, I would like to indicate my position on each amendment and bill:

Tate amendment to H.R. 450, the Regulatory Transition Act of 1995 (rollcall 167)—“No.”

Wise amendment to H.R. 450 (rollcall 168)—“Aye.”

Green amendment to H.R. 450 (rollcall 169)—“Aye.”

Waxman amendment to H.R. 450 (rollcall 170)—“Aye.”

Fattah amendment to H.R. 450 (rollcall 171)—“Aye.”

Volkmer amendment to H.R. 450 (rollcall 172)—“Aye.”

On motion to recommit with instructions (rollcall 173)—“Aye.”

On final passage of H.R. 450 (rollcall 174)—“No.”

On agreeing to the resolution (rollcall 175)—“No.”

Brown (CA) substitute to H.R. 1022, Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Act (rollcall 176)—“Aye.”

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT ELIMI-
NATION ACT OF 1995

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, French economist Jean-Baptiste Say is famous as the author of Say's Law, sometimes summarized as “Supply creates its own demand.” In economic circles, this law is still the subject of debate.

Here in Washington, however, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been proving Say's Law for the past 30 years. We keep increasing spending on public housing, and the problem just gets worse.

Contrary to popular belief, housing assistance was not cut during the Reagan years. Discretionary Federal assisted housing outlays have grown from \$165 million in 1962 to \$5.5 billion in 1980 and \$23.7 billion in 1994, resulting in 55 percent more families being assisted today than in 1980.

Has this dramatic growth solved the problem? No. Today, after HUD's budget has

grown by over 400 percent in 15 years, only 30 percent of the families eligible to receive housing assistance are doing so.

And what kind of housing are they receiving? The 1992 report on severely distressed public housing found many public housing residents afraid to leave their own homes due to prevalent crime while others were living in decaying conditions that threatened their safety and health.

Three decades of HUD and homeownership is down, homelessness is up, and millions of low-income Americans are condemned to live in substandard housing which would be unacceptable if it were owned by anyone else.

Quite simply, HUD has failed its mission of providing decent, low-income housing to America's poor. On the other hand, it has done an excellent job of providing jobs to over four thousand Washington bureaucrats who oversee the hundred of programs within the Department.

For these reasons, today I am introducing legislation to abolish HUD by January 1, 1998 and consolidate its existing programs into block grants and vouchers.

If it is truly the job of government to subsidize low-income housing, then let's do it without the middle-man. Rent vouchers allow low-income people to choose their own home, rather than have some bureaucrat choose it for them. Block grants give money directly to the States and local governments—that much closer to the taxpayers who pay the bills.

It is time to admit that Uncle Sam makes a lousy landlord and end this 30-year experiment in socialist domestic policy. As Bill Clinton said in his State of the Union Address, “The old way of governing around here actually seemed to reward failure.”

Let's stop rewarding HUD's failure by abolishing HUD and eliminating the unnecessary bureaucracy. The alternative is to continue investing in instant ghettos and Federal bureaucrats. That's a solution we've tried for 30 years, and it just hasn't worked.

CONGRATULATIONS STANLEY E.
GREATHOUSE ON 31 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE WAYNE-WHITE
COUNTIES ELECTRIC COOPERA-
TIVE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Stanley E. Greathouse on 31 years of dedicated service to the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. On March 12, 1995 friends and family will gather at Orchardville School in Wayne County, IL to honor Stanley for his years of service and wish him a wonderful retirement.

Born December 11, 1916 Stanley has dedicated his life to serving his neighbors. Growing up Stanley attended a one-room school in Orchardville, rode a horse to high school, and worked on a farm to pay his way through Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. After graduating from Southern, Stanley returned to that one-room school where he taught for 4 years and later became its principal, all the while cultivating grain and tending livestock on his farm. In addition to his work as an educator and farmer Stanley has served

the spiritual needs of his community. He has served as pastor to the Polar Creek Branch of Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints and has served as president of its board of directors.

Stanley's career with the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative began in 1964 when he became a member of its board of directors. Since that day Stanley has set the standard of excellence in helping to improve the lives of local residents. Through his positions on numerous boards Stanley has worked diligently for the development of rural electrification, a fight that I am sure he will continue long into retirement. Stanley's three decades of official service to the rural electrification effort will be hard to duplicate.

Stanley Greathouse has served his community in countless ways. Whether as an educator, spiritual leader, farmer, or advocate for rural electric initiatives he has always championed the needs of rural communities. The people who know him understand that he simply strives to make life better for his neighbors.

I am proud to join with the hundreds of well wishers, friends, and family members who are gathered to wish Stanley a splendid retirement from the Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. I am honored to represent this distinguished gentleman in Congress. His is an example for all to admire.

TRIBUTE TO NEWTON CATTELL ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN T. MYERS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in the popular press, the term “lobbyist” connotes both good and bad. The typical lobbyist is said to represent special interests who are at odds with the will of the American people. And indeed, there are some like that. On the other hand, real lobbyists include our constituents, interested citizens, and persons who represent commercial and nonprofit institutions whose knowledge and insight enables us to legislate wisely.

I rise, Mr. Speaker, to recognize one of those real lobbyists, Newton Cattell, who will retire at the end of this month. My colleagues deserve to know of his valuable contributions both to our Nation's institutions of higher learning and to the Congress. When Newton retires, we will miss him dearly for he has represented universities to this Congress longer than any other individual.

I have known Newton since 1983 when some of our great midwestern universities formed the Midwestern Universities Alliance, a consortium of public land-grant universities. Newton has been its director from its inception and has kept midwestern Members of Congress informed about the state of higher education in their region and the needs of the institutions, their students, and faculties.

Newton's lobbying activities on behalf of colleges and universities go back to 1968 shortly after passage of the 1965 Higher Education Act. It was then that Penn State, where he worked at the time, asked him to seek funding for the new legislation. To that end, Newton

regularly visited with the Pennsylvania Members and their staffs. Among others, our colleagues JOE MCDADE and BOB WALKER still remember Newton's entreaties.

In 1978, Newton accepted the position of executive director for Federal relations at the Association of American Universities. His expertise in research and graduate education served him well in this job and in representing some of America's great research universities.

It was the Midwestern Universities Alliance that gave Newton his greatest challenge. In addition to Indiana and Purdue, which are my State universities, the members of the alliance include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Missouri, Iowa State, and Nebraska. Under Newton's direction, the future of these midwestern universities has been enhanced and a common legislative agenda developed.

Newton is a good friend. A good husband to Maddy, a good father to four children and an incredible grandfather to nine grandchildren. He's a solid citizen and a solid sailor. In his retirement, he'll do it right, not casting about but smoothly sailing into new waters with that ever present on course attitude and a steady hand on the wheel. And first mate Maddy, who served as his executive assistant for the last 10 years, will trim the sails. May they always have following winds and a pleasant sea and come back to warm friends and good family.

Congratulations, Newton, you've earned it.

THE MANY GIFTS OF MILTON TOBIAN

HON. JOHN BRYANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for most of his life, Milton Tobian has devoted himself to others—to his country, to his family, to his faith, to combatting discrimination, to overcoming poverty and injustice, to fostering good government and progressive education, to the elderly, to those suffering the ravages of AIDS or the cruelty of Parkinson's disease, to less fortunate human beings.

On Saturday, March 4, 1995, at a benefit celebration for the Trinity Ministry to the Poor in Dallas, TX, "The Many Gifts of Milton Tobian" will be recognized and honored.

Rarely has an event been so well named.

No one who knows Milton Tobian—and I am privileged to have counted him among my friends for a quarter of a century—can think of him without first thinking of his selflessness.

We can think of his gifts to his community and his fellow beings, because those loving gifts have been his avocation.

The dictionary should have a picture of Milton Tobian beside its definition of humanitarian.

Perhaps Milton Tobian's devotion to worthy causes is a product of his background. His grandparents fled oppression in Russia and found freedom in Texas.

As a graduate of Rice University at 19, Milton immediately entered Navy Midshipmen's School and became the youngest World War II naval officer in the South Pacific when he was assigned to the U.S.S. *Lewis Hancock*.

In spite of his gallant service to his country in wartime, Milton Tobian has preferred the wars he waged right here at home.

In his war for the kind of education he knew should be available to every child, he helped found the League for Educational Advancement in Dallas. The victories he won included desegregation of the Dallas School Board, the establishment of kindergartens, and the School Lunch Program for impoverished children.

In his war against prejudice and discrimination as the longest tenured member of the Texas Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a driving force behind the Texas Conference of Churches' commission on Christian-Jewish relations, he helped win critical battles for civil rights and cooperation among long-divided racial and religious groups.

In his war for good government, Milton Tobian agreed to leave his successful business to establish the first statewide organization of Common Cause, the public interest watchdog group. From cramped headquarters with few resources, Milton Tobian was instrumental in remarkable victories—Texas' first open meetings and open records laws, campaign finance and lobbying reform, utilities regulation, and the toughest consumer protection law in the Nation. His efforts helped make Texas the model for Common Cause organizations and their legislative agendas nationwide.

For a decade, until his retirement in 1987, Milton Tobian's crusade was as southwest regional director of the American Jewish Committee.

But Milton Tobian's wars for causes good and noble continue unabated. In retirement, he has battled for senior citizens, children with AIDS, sufferers of Parkinson's disease, the homeless, the poor.

Milton Tobian has more energy, more talent, and more compassion than public spirited citizens half his 72 years of age.

Generations of Americans, Texans, and Dallasites have benefited from the high standards, the tireless efforts, and the downright goodness of Milton Tobian. Never seeking personal recognition or applause for his good works, he has earned and deserves nothing less than our sincere thanks for "the many gifts of Milton Tobian."

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY A. GUIDRY

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my friends at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, the African-American Student National Medical Association and the Chicano-Latino Medical Student Association who will be gathering to honor Ms. Beverly A. Guidry on March 25, 1995.

As assistant dean for student affairs, financial aid and admissions at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, CA, as well as in her other professional and civic roles, Ms. Guidry has served men, women, and children of color with distinction and resolve.

Among Ms. Guidry's past endeavors, she has worked as community relations director for the city of Pomona, CA; executive liaison for an international consortium of African and Afri-

can-American business developers; job developer for Operation Second Chance, a community job-placement service for the needy; and as publisher of the Inland Empire Minority Business and Professional Directory.

In addition to her current responsibilities as assistant dean at COMP and advisor to both the African-American Student National Medical Association and the Chicano-Latino Medical Student Association, Ms. Guidry has been given national prominence and recognition as Chair of the National Nomination Committee of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators and the Student Affairs Officers Section of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

Ms. Guidry's record of community service includes leadership positions with the Pomona Valley NAACP, the Pomona Fair Housing Council, and the Pomona/Los Angeles Urban League. In 1994 she was honored as a West End YWCA Woman of Achievement.

Throughout her career, Ms. Guidry has served as an example and inspiration to us all by providing and creating opportunity for those traditionally underrepresented in civic, educational and professional walks of life. It is my privilege and distinct pleasure to join with her friends and colleagues who will honor her on March 25 for such noble dedication.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JESUS CHAMORRO FOR 22 EXCELLENT YEARS OF GREAT TALK RADIO

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in my home district of Guam, we have many fine radio personalities and journalists. However, we are blessed with Jesús Chamorro, the only talk show host using our indigenous language, the Chamorro language. His real name is Jesús Charfauros, but for reasons which will be clear as you read this tribute, we have changed his name.

While experts warn that the world's 6,000 languages are dying off, people like 'Sus work to preserve the Chamorro language here on Guam. A graduate of our local University of Guam with a degree in public administration, he began his entertainment career emceeing Chamorro talent shows in niteclubs. Then he started the "Chamorro Hour and Chamorro News," in 1972.

To be sure, some credit must be given to one of the island's communications corporations, namely KUAM, for keeping "The Jesús Chamorro Show" on the airwaves for the last 22 years. Of course, many in the corporate community deserve praise, because he continues to have loyal sponsors. These patrons know 'Sus Chamorro has a large number of faithful listeners. This diligent audience joins 'Sus every weekday morning at 8 a.m. and is considered the "grassroots" of our island community. The 'Sus Chamorro Show is more like an electronic village meeting and the listeners include our most treasured assets, our elders.

The mornings are very alive with 'Sus at the phone. This is morning talk radio at its finest. For 2 hours beginning at 8 a.m., 'Sus engages, encourages, stimulates, and informs. 'Sus Chamorro is one of the most well known