

abiding citizens of the western United States.

Friends, this is not about extremism, at least not from the standpoint of rural westerners. This is about what is reasonable and what is rational, not what is radical. Indeed, the radical talk comes not only from the Secretary of Interior but from the President of the United States, who, in his radio address last Saturday, used the most demagogic of terms to mischaracterize the plight of westerners.

Friends, what we seek is balance. Economic balance, environmental balance, and true conservation for the United States of America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. FOLEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SAFETY IN OUR SKIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MASCARA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, as a new Member of Congress I sought a seat on the important Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and was fortunate to be appointed to the committee in July by my Democratic colleagues. I pursued the committee because I believed that a strong transportation system is the first step to a positive and sound economic growth. In fact, many studies around the world have shown a strong correlation between infrastructure and economic development and sustained economic growth.

I was on the board of county commissioners in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was a proud participant of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission, which played an integral role in developing seriously needed infrastructure projects in southwestern Pennsylvania. I am working with my colleagues on the committee, including the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER], the chairman, to promote vital transportation projects in my State, including the Mon-Fayette Expressway and other such programs around the country.

But, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House on a matter which is of extreme importance to thousands of Americans who fly in this country everyday, safety in our skies. Safety is and should be the No. 1 concern of all who oversee the management of our Nation's air transportation services, the Federal Aviation Administration; namely, the FAA.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the air traffic control tower at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport, which is in the 20th Congressional

District. What at first was a tremendous opportunity to see the activities at such a busy FAA site and to meet the dedicated people who man the tower soon turned into an eye-opening experience. A very scary experience.

I was struck first by the age of some of the equipment, certainly not state-of-the-art by any stretch of the imagination. Although the airport is a new facility, with close to \$900 million in investment, some of the equipment in the tower is from the old Pittsburgh tower.

We have all heard recently of the problems experienced at several air traffic control towers around the country, such as power failures, equipment breakdowns, and computer outages. Unfortunately, while I was in the Pittsburgh tower observing the radar room, the system experienced a brief but serious power outage. The back-up system kicked in, but for several seconds the controllers lost visual contact on their monitors and scrambled to establish verbal contact with each plane in the sky to try to determine their altitude and their speed.

Mr. Speaker, while power problems are not new to air traffic controllers around the country, the Pittsburgh tower has experienced roughly six power interruptions of various lengths over the last few months. Unfortunately, I am told this is not an isolated problem.

I have sent a letter to Secretary of Transportation Pena requesting that Pittsburgh receive funding to install a UPS system, an uninterrupted power supply system, which would eliminate any visual suspension of radar. I will also work with my colleagues on the Transportation Committee, Mr. Speaker, to remedy other problems at air towers around the country. Remember, a problem at Los Angeles causes a problem in Chicago, which, in turn, forces backlogs in New York and Pittsburgh.

Though the system is in a partial fix mode for some of the problems experienced by the FAA system, we need a long-term solution to the problem. We know there is a problem with some major radar systems in this country and they still use, remember, vacuum tubes to keep their screens operating. Some towers actually are using new ground radar systems which have yet to be authorized, even after several years of testing and millions of dollars in cost. These pieces of equipment are used simply to detect fog on the ground.

I am pleased that the FAA Administrator, David Hinson, has recently restated his commitment to providing modern equipment and computers to the busiest air traffic centers in the Nation. This is a step in the right direction. We need to continue those efforts which will lead to increased public confidence in our air traffic controller system.

The FAA procurement system must be revamped and reformed. We must

work together, Congress, the FAA, and the airline industry. We must all work together to solve these problems, both Republicans and Democrats, on a bipartisan basis. The money is there. A 10-percent surcharge is assessed on all tickets purchased by airline passengers and is dedicated to the aviation trust fund. Funds amounting to approximately \$4 or \$5 billion are available, and I urge the Congress to correct the errors associated with the radar in the air traffic control system.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

DEATH OF YITZHAK RABIN A TRAGEDY FOR AMERICANS AS WELL AS ISRAELIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOX] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX. Mr. Speaker, the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is a tragedy, not only for Israelis, but indeed for Americans and all those who strive for peace throughout the world.

The United States and Israel are partners in world affairs. As partners, we have built a foundation based on years of mutual respect and trust. Together, we share risks, rewards and losses as we strive to make this world a better, safer place.

One of the rewards came just a month ago when Israel and the Palestinians signed the second phase of the Oslo accord. That document was the direct result of the hard work and dedication to peace that was the hallmark of Prime Minister Rabin. Now, sadly, we must share the loss of having him taken from us so prematurely and so violently.

In the long run, I believe those who resort to violence will find that it accomplishes little. Often, it spurs people on to completion of the task at hand—in this case, peace in the Middle East. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said:

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it * * *

Like others, I found the Prime Minister to be brilliant man whose compassionate nature was tempered by the fire of battle, tested by the trials of leadership and, ultimately, expanded by the promise of peace.

Prime Minister Rabin spent his life strengthening the State of Israel. He fought heroically in Israel's war of independence in 1948 and led Israel to victory in the Six-Day War in 1967. Yet despite his background on the battlefield, his vision of peace and security for Israel brought him to Washington 2

years ago to sign an historic accord with the Palestinians.

On Monday, I was witness to the burial of a great statesman and a man of peace. But I was also struck by the fact that Yitzhak Rabin was a husband, a father, a grandfather and a friend to many. I share Leah Rabin's grief and was moved by the words of her granddaughter, Noa Ben Artiz. When she looked at Yitzhak Rabin, she did not see the warrior. She did not see the statesman. She did not see the world leader. She saw only her gentle and loving grandfather who, despite his busy schedule and the demands made on his time, always made time for his family.

Accordingly, we must build upon the outstanding legacy of Yitzhak Rabin so that peace will be assured.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 115 PLACES PARTISAN POLITICS ABOVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BILBRAY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns about House Joint Resolution 115, the continuing appropriations bill that passed the House of Representatives today. First we short change the process by having the resolution end on December 1, 1995, rather than December 13, 1995, which would allow time for reasoned solutions to this crisis.

First of all, the House Rules Committee provided for a closed rule on this bill. Since this bill involves temporary funding for the Federal Government, it has a significant impact on all Americans. With this closed rule, Members were not allowed to offer any amendments to the important bill.

Secondly, the bill includes many provisions that are inappropriate for a continuing appropriations bill. For example, one provision would place severe restrictions on political advocacy by certain groups. This provision would extend beyond prohibiting a recipient of a federal grant from spending any federal funds on political advocacy but would also limit the amount of privately raised funds that federal grantees could use for political advocacy.

An organization receiving more than one-third of its funds from Federal grants could spend no more than \$100,000 of privately raised funds on lobbying.

Furthermore, this bill even prohibits grantees from using federal funds to purchase goods or services from other organizations that spent at least \$25,000 on political advocacy.

Federal grantees would also be required to report to the Federal Government on whether they engaged in political advocacy and describe the type of

advocacy and list the amount of funds spent on such advocacy.

These restrictions on political advocacy are un-democratic and un-American. It is shameful that this House is trying every maneuver by attempting to attach these restrictions to any bill before the House so that such provisions can become law.

The bill keeps the Medicare Part B premium in 1996 at 31.5 percent of costs instead of allowing the premium to automatically drop to 25 percent, as it would occur under current law. Millions of Americans depend upon Medicare Part B for physician and out-patient services.

This bill is also damaging because it contains a provision that would fund agencies scheduled to be eliminated in the 1996 appropriations bills at only 60 percent of their funding in fiscal year 1995.

These agencies include: The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program; Goals 2000 Education Program; Americorps National Service Program; Community Development Financial Institutions Initiative; Commerce Department's Advanced Technology Program; and National Biological Survey.

These agencies are critically important to the quality of life for millions of Americans. This bill should have been more carefully considered by the House.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I must express my concerns about the extraneous material that has no place in this bill. In the future, I hope that on critical legislation, such as this continuing appropriations bill, we will put the best interests of the Nation above partisan politics.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOKE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR COMMITTING U.S. COMBAT FORCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I was going to spend all of my 5 minutes on one of the more offensive stories ever to appear in an American paper on foreign policy, and that is Robert Strange McNamara. That truly is his mother's name, "Strange." Robert Strange McNamara arrived in Hanoi yesterday, first time he has been back there since he was the architect of a no-win war, struggle, against communism that took the lives of 8 American women and over 58,600 American men, about 47,000 of those in combat against a tough Communist enemy. The story in today's Washington Times says McNamara looks for lesson in Vietnam, that he returns to ask Hanoi for documents.

Unbelievable. I will probably do a much longer special order on this war criminal. That is spelled w-a-r c-r-i-m-i-n-a-l, war criminal, Robert Strange McNamara, the most disgraceful Cabinet officer, and that includes some pretty bad financial scandals in the entire 206-year history of this country since the Father of our country, George Washington, was sworn in in April of 1789.

Before I talk about Bosnia, which is the main reason I am speaking tonight, let me just make mention of another ghastly footnote in American history.

The U.S. Senate sent to committee the infanticide bill, what some people call the partial-birth abortion, but it is infanticide of a living human body that is totally outside of the mother's birth canal except for its head. I watched one Senator slaughtered last night by both Ted Koppel and another Senator on "Nightline," and my friend, BOB SMITH of New Hampshire, is a stalwart and flying with the angels again on the floor of the Senate yesterday. But this is incredible, we cannot get this bill against infanticide out of this Congress. But we have not stopped fighting, and we will prevail.

Mr. Speaker, today to three distinguished panelists at a hearing at the National Security Committee, I gave them 10 commandments that should be followed before we commit U.S. combat forces to anywhere in the world, and then I analyzed each one of these commandments. I have submitted them for the RECORD maybe 10 times here on the House floor over the last 3 or 4 years, particularly since the slaughter of our fine young Delta Force rangers, helicopters pilots and Delta Force snipers in the filthy alleys of Mogadishu. I put an analysis to each one of these 10 commandments. The first 6, as I have said many times on the floor, are conceived, crafted, by a great Secretary of Defense, the antithesis to a McNamara; that is "Cap" Weinberger, and I added the other 4 in counsel with "Cap" Weinberger about these other 4, and I put it in Mosaic language, 10 "thou shalt not's." I will put them in the RECORD, and I will beg all million people, 1,300,000 that watch the proceedings of the world's greatest legislative body. I had asked them to write their Congressman and ask out of today's RECORD, the 1-year anniversary of the big upset election last year, ask for the RECORD of November 8, 1995, and get these commandments and my analysis of why we are violating each one, and in my remaining time I will read the Weinberger-Dornan commandments:

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MCNAMARA LOOKS FOR LESSON IN VIETNAM

RETURNS TO ASK HANOI FOR DOCUMENTS

HANOI.—Robert McNamara returned to Vietnam yesterday for the first time since the end of the war he helped escalate in the 1960s, and he hopes to persuade the country to open its archives on the conflict.

"We're here, obviously, for one reason—to see if Vietnam and the United States can draw lessons from what was a tragedy for