

than the state commissions are, who have done this historically, who have all the data that are relevant to the state before them."

A MOCKERY

But whether or not the FCC is wiser than the states, and regardless of who is right about the economics of the case, the FCC bureaucrats' orders mocks key provisions of a democratically enacted law. The FCC's action is at odds not only with the textbook understanding of "how a bill becomes law," but with the first principles of limited government and American constitutionalism.

The FCC's action should serve to remind us that the devolution and deregulation of federal authority are always in the administrative details. On telecommunications, welfare, and almost every other major issue, big government is the administrative state in which judges and unelected officials, and not the elected representatives who debate and enact the laws, govern us all.

TRIBUTE TO VICE PRESIDENT PREMIER LIEN OF TAIWAN

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Vice President/Premier Lien of Taiwan on his interest in continuing to lead Taiwan's move towards democracy, enhanced human rights, and global competitiveness.

I understand that Vice-President/Premier Lien recently reviewed Michael Porter's book "The Competitive Advantage of Nations." In the review, he indicated that the book has great relevance to the future development of Taiwan. Lien calls Porter's work "the leading edge of contemporary thought that can influence government policy." * * *

Mr. Speaker, I know that the residents of Taiwan are hard working, dedicated individuals who have demonstrated their strength by becoming one of the most successful business environments in Southeast Asia. Not only have they excelled economically, but politically, they enjoy a strong and vibrant democracy. They also enjoy more individual liberty and personal freedom than any of their neighbors. I share Vice President/Premier Lien's belief that there is a definite relationship between political and economic freedom and continued international financial success. Clearly, Vice President/Premier Lien believes in a dynamic free market and I endorse his position to promote economic opportunity for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to learn more about the changes that have taken place in Taiwan during the last few years.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD M. LOBENTHAL

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as this session ends, an era is coming to an end in Michigan. After 32 years of commitment and dedication, Richard M. Lobenthal has led an impassioned fight against prejudice and discrimination as it affects all human beings. As the Michigan di-

rector of ADL, Mr. Lobenthal established a reputation as an advocate for the Jewish community speaking out against anti-Semitism and hate crimes.

The mission of the Anti-Defamation League is to preserve and translate into greater effectiveness the ideals of American Democracy. Mr. Lobenthal's advancement of this mission encompassed all minorities and extended beyond the borders of the United States.

Mr. Lobenthal has served in leadership positions on various boards and has been the recipient of numerous awards. He is a founder and past president of the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies. He is also a founding board member of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights and served as a cochair of the Bias Crimes Response Task Force of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Appointed by Governor Blanchard in 1987, Mr. Lobenthal served on the Michigan Council for the Humanities. In 1989, he was appointed by the Michigan Chiefs of Police as a consultant on anti-democratic movements.

In 1989, Mr. Lobenthal's expertise was sought by the West German government in their study of social and political movements in Europe and Germany and their effects on democratic structure. In 1993, Mr. Lobenthal was named as an American consultant to an international conference in Sofia, Bulgaria aimed at reducing ethnic tension.

I have been privileged to know Dick Lobenthal personally. For three decades, he has been a leader in the fight against injustice, anywhere and at anytime. Indeed, all of us have benefitted from his untiring efforts and dedication. He will be deeply missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ANDY JACOBS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, ANDY JACOBS is one of those guys who carries the Golden Rule in his heart. I feel very strongly about the caliber of this man, and I think the people really ought to know what he's like.

ANDY JACOBS sits on the other side of the aisle from me, and although we are political opponents, so to speak, I believe him to be one of the most outstanding Congressmen in the House of Representatives.

ANDY has worked these many years in the House to protect the Social Security System and was the chief sponsor of the Social Security Administration to become an independent agency, as well as several other Social Security provisions which have become law.

ANDY has long been a leading proponent of pre-school programs for educationally-disadvantaged children. He authored a provision which was enacted in 1994 which created demonstration projects designed to enhance the cognitive skills and linguistic ability of children under the age of 5 years.

ANDY also was responsible for the law which made Father's Day a national holiday. He authored a law which ended age-old immunity of Federal employees from court process to collect just debts owed by them. And, there are so many more accomplishments by this distinguished gentlemen during his 30 years in the House of Representatives.

Indianapolis Republican mayors have praised ANDY for protecting Indianapolis' interests in Washington during his many years in Congress.

We know ANDY's wife, Kim, and their two sons are very happy he is coming home to stay, but their gain is our loss. Regardless of who replaces ANDY, he will be missed by us on both sides of the aisle.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the First Baptist Church of Angleton, TX, on its 100-year anniversary.

October marks the celebration of a century of service to the community of Angleton. Growing and changing over the years, the church and its congregation of over 1,800 are currently involved in mission projects and television ministry.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the First Baptist Church of Angleton for its contributions and service and I wish the church and its congregation God's blessings for the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN ENID GREENE

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, as this historic session of Congress draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment and reflect upon the contributions of one of its finest Members—ENID GREENE. I have been proud to associate myself with ENID during the past 2 years, and I am sorry to see her leaving so soon.

Few will ever know the hard work, the long hours, and the dedication she has shown. Her tireless work on the Rules Committee has helped to fashion some of the most important legislation we have seen in decades; the balanced budget amendment, the line-item veto, welfare reform, and many, many others. She is a principled person of the highest integrity who has weathered some of the roughest personal seas that could ever be imagined. Through it all, she never lost her vision or gave up on her responsibilities in the Congress. She showed that she was able to continue working despite personal hardships. I marvel at her talents and abilities. She has much to offer, and I know that she will yet contribute in many other ways. I know that I join my colleagues in thanking ENID for her efforts, and wish her well in the future.

TRIBUTE TO RANDOLPH YUNKER

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to my constituent, Mr. Randolph Yunker of

West Babylon, NY, who spent his career in service to his country and this House, and in doing so has made a real difference in his community.

For the past decade, Randy has served the people of Long Island, first as executive assistant to our former colleague, Norman Lent, 4th district, New York, and most recently district director to PETER KING, 3d district, New York. In these capacities, Randy has helped literally thousands of constituents, from the senior citizen experiencing problems receiving a social security check to the anxious child needing an emergency visa to visit an ailing parent in another country. Randy has taken the time to listen to their concerns and then acted quickly to resolve those problems, which may sound trivial to some, but in reality are quite important to the person needing assistance. In recognition of his dedication and support, Randy has been awarded membership in the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, making him the first congressional staff member in history to be accorded that honor.

Mr. Speaker, too often we forget the fine work that is done on our behalf by our dedicated and professional staff. Their efforts often help make our Government more responsive to the people we serve. So, it is only fitting that I take this time to honor Randy Yunker, who has a distinguished career of service to the people of Long Island.

CLINTON'S READING PLAN

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage my colleagues to read the following article which appeared in the Marietta Daily Journal September 15, 1996. As we look for ways to improve our country's schools, we would do well to listen to the advice of the teachers and parents who are working with the students every day. While the administration would like to simply spend more money on the wasteful education bureaucracy and curry favor with teachers unions, there is no substitute for individual help from teachers like Kay Vaughn who are working with children on a daily basis to teach them to read and write. [From the Marietta Daily Journal, Sept. 15, 1996]

LOCAL TEACHER SAYS CLINTON'S READING PLAN MISSES THE MARK

(By Jamie Floer)

President Bill Clinton's proposal to send Americorps volunteers into the nation's schools to help teach children to read by the third grade gets a failing mark from Cobb educators.

The president promised during his nomination acceptance speech in August to emphasize reading performance when he proclaimed that "every student in America should be able to read by the third grade."

But when professional reading teacher Kay Vaughn heard about the idea, she knew better.

Surrounded by a table of first-graders at Dunleith Elementary School in Marietta, every day Ms. Vaughn teaches students the skills they need to become literate, and she contends the president's plan is not needed.

"We're really working on reading in kindergarten, first and second grade. . . . They

definitely know how to read by third grade," she said. "The earlier you get them started the easier it is to break them of bad habits."

Sitting down to read an easy-reader book about a cat, 6-year-old Darius Alexander, the son of Frances and Lisa Alexander of Marietta, just started first grade a few weeks ago. "Reading is my favorite thing to do," Darius said.

Seeing the reading process click for students like Darius and his classmates makes Ms. Vaughn's efforts worthwhile.

Dunleith Principal Dr. Emily Lembeck said, "We have a lot of programs in place to support reading in our school." A former first-grade teacher herself, Dr. Lembeck said grasping the basics of reading is important and should definitely be in place well before third grade.

Dunleith uses innovative approaches such as the Partnership in Literacy Program that began last year where volunteers spend 15 minutes a week listening to students read aloud.

Throughout Marietta, at schools such as West Side and A.L. Burruss, which was recognized last year with an international award for reading, reading has long been a focus.

Kelly Henson, assistant superintendent of the 6,000-student school district, said the city system's approaches have changed but the goal has remained the same—teach children to read by the end of first grade.

For three or four years the system used a one-on-one program called Reading Recovery, which was funded federally.

However, this school year the Early Intervention Reading Program was put into place to expand the program and serve more students. Under the new program school principals can choose to continue with one-on-one instruction or use small groups.

"It takes different shapes at every school depending on the needs. . . . We tried to take some of the restrictions off," Henson said.

Henson estimated that 99 percent of the students in Marietta City Schools know how to read by the third grade, except for a few students who speak a foreign language and students with extreme learning difficulties.

"Most of our students are reading easily in the first grade," Henson added.

85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. SOLOMAN P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for many of my colleagues in offering my congratulations on the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China.

Taiwan is a model of 21 million hardworking men and women, who have achieved enormous economic success and political freedom, as well as international admiration and respect.

President Lee Teng-hui and Representatives Jason Hu should be very proud of the achievements of their citizens. I support their continued pragmatic campaign to promote international recognition of the efforts, and successes, of the 21 million men and women living on Taiwan.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. Lyushun Shen on his transfer back to Taiwan for a promotion as the Director of the North American Affairs at the Republic of China Foreign Min-

istry. As an outstanding diplomat, his services in the past 3 years as the congressional liaison director at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, DC has strengthened our bilateral relations. I wish him the best in his new position.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in offering best wishes to the Republic of China on the 85th anniversary of its creation, and thanking Dr. Lyushun Shen for his contribution to a greater understanding of the issues relating to Taiwan.

CONGREGATION SHIR TIKVAH GROUNDBREAKING

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, October 20, Congregation Shir Tikvah will break ground for their permanent home, a house of worship in the heart of Troy.

Congregation Shir Tikvah was founded 14 years ago when Pam Spitzer and Phyllis Wenig met in an elementary school parking lot. Recognizing the need for a worship community for Jewish families in the area, 18 families came together and the number quickly grew to 70. Today, Congregation Shir Tikvah has a membership of 240 families. Until now, the congregation has held its services in the Mormon, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Unitarian, and Methodist Churches. The cross-cultural enrichment from these exchanges of hospitality fostered outreach to people of other faiths.

Shir Tikvah's Ark houses a sacred Torah which was seized after World War II in Nazi Germany. It travelled from Germany to England and then to Detroit. Led by Rabbi Arnie Sleutelberg, the congregation is open and welcome to all. It is a place to gather for spiritual growth, education, and socialization. Rabbi Arnie and his congregants are an active presence in the faith community of the area.

Shir Takvah translates as "Son of Hope," and the congregation's groundbreaking on October 20 is, indeed, a symbol of their hope for the future. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of Congregation Shir Tikvah on the realization of their dream, and I wish them continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN T. MYERS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, one of my very good friends in Congress is JOHN MYERS. JOHN has represented Indiana's 7th District which is adjacent to mine.

JOHN is retiring at the end of this Congress, and he is really going to be missed by everyone who appreciates a warm smile and cheery greeting.

Throughout JOHN's career in the House of Representatives he has the reputation of being a staunch fiscal conservative. He consistently voted against higher spending and never voted for a tax increase.