

program that is helping to protect the Chesapeake Bay, the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, and many other natural resource treasures. This is the key to the environmental health of my district. Maryland's Department of the Environment, numerous private sector programs, along with other Federal and local programs in the State, are working actively with the National Pollution Prevention Round Table, the largest association of State and local pollution prevention programs in the United States, to produce and promote a source reduction approach to environmental protection.

I ask all of us to recognize the importance of meeting those challenges for a healthy community.

THE LEGACY OF TOM BEVILL

(Mr. POSHARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POSHARD. Madam Speaker, regrettably I missed the special order on the gentleman from Alabama, TOM BEVILL, one of our dear colleagues in this House, last week, and I wanted to make sure that I took this 1 minute to congratulate Mr. BEVILL on his years of work in this House.

When I came here as a freshman nearly 8 years ago, I had a terrific problem in the rural district which I represented. We had a levee along the Mississippi River that had been greatly compromised. It was well over 60 years old. The local folks in the poor part of the district had no funds to really repair that levee. As a young freshman legislator I went to Mr. BEVILL and I said: "TOM, here is the problem."

He helped me, as chairman of his committee. We went in, repaired that levee with the Corps of Engineers, and less than 2 years later a gigantic flood along the river broke through levees all up and down the Mississippi, threatened lives, threatened property, but that levee stayed, and it protected thousands of acres of farmland and thousands of homes for people who would have had no protection otherwise.

That is the legacy of TOM BEVILL to this institution. He has helped us all. Regrettably he is going to be leaving here. I wish him well in his retirement because he has made a great, great difference in the quality of life of many people across this country that have needed his help.

SHAME ON THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, the Washington Redskins, one of the most storied teams in American history: Sammy Baugh, Jurgensen, Huff, Taylor, Theismann, Riggins, Monk,

Jacoby, on and on. The NFL franchise that represents the Nation's Capital, the NFL franchise that represents the great courage, tenacity of our great Native Americans, now is known as the team that has made Nissan their official vehicle. Beam me up. The Washington Redskins now ride a war horse made in Japan.

Unbelievable.

Now tell me what is wrong with Ford; how about Chevy, Jeep, Chrysler? Do they not matter to America anymore?

I think the Washington Redskins will realize one thing: No wonder the American people consider the Dallas Cowboys America's team.

Shame, Washington Redskins, shame. My colleagues, this is not meant to be a joke. I yield back the balance of all the profits going to Japan from products being bought by American people and advertised by American celebrities.

MOURNING THE TRAGIC PASSING OF JOHN DURICKA

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, it saddens me to inform the House of the passing of a great American and someone who worked long and hard in this Capitol. His name will not be known to everyone, but when my colleagues see John Duricka they automatically recognize him, and yesterday morning he tragically passed away.

He had a 30-year career with the Associated Press. He had lived in southern California for a number of years and worked for the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and that was up until 1966 when he joined the Associated Press.

Madam Speaker, today's Washington Post in the obituary section describes him as a keen-eyed photographer who played a great role in getting still photographers into all kinds of meetings, in fact into this Chamber the day that Jim Wright announced his resignation from right here in this well.

He was a great friend to me. His brother was a photographer at the San Gabriel Valley Tribune in California, and tragically I had the opportunity to deliver the eulogy at his funeral when he was killed in a tragic plane crash a few years back.

But John Duricka was a great man, and he took wonderful photographs, and he is one of those institutions in this Capitol who will be sorely missed.

CALLING FOR ISTE A'S REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, as we in Congress prepare to adjourn the 104th session, and we turn our attention to the next session and its

business, we need to focus on the reauthorization of ISTE A. Citizens and local governments around the country are calling for the ISTE A reauthorization with enhancements programs and flexibility intact. Representatives from 118 cities asked me earlier this month to deliver to my colleagues a message that is signed, an open letter to this Congress.

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We need ISTE A and the money that it brings. But more important, to deal with the problems of our increasingly mobile populations, is the flexibility that that legislation entails. More important than money is the local planning framework that is involved. And most important of all is the public involvement that is entailed.

Our citizens, our constituents, know what they need. If we engage them in the process of planning for our future, they will respond with innovation and nontraditional solutions. We in Congress talk a lot about empowerment and doing more with less. ISTE A is a chance to deliver on that promise.

RELEASE OF WHATEVER IT IS PRODUCED BY OUTSIDE COUNSEL

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, editorials all over America are joining those of us who keep calling for the release of whatever it is that was produced by the outside counsel for over a half a million dollars of tax money on Speaker GINGRICH's violations of the ethics rules.

Let me read to the Members what the Albuquerque Journal said, because this is one of the papers in my Rocky Mountain region. They said, what is good for the goose is good for the Gingrich. The Republicans cannot have it both ways. They have to play this game by the rules they established in the Wright case, and they should release the report.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Utah). The gentleman from Georgia will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, it is my understanding last week that the Chair ruled that even if newspapers make references to matters before the Committee on Standards, it is inappropriate under House rules to bring those matters to the floor of the House. It is entirely acceptable for the gentleman from Colorado to speak on this issue as much as she wants outside the House of this Congress. But on this floor, it is against the rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order of the gentleman from Georgia, and directs the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] to proceed in order in accordance with the rules of the House.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, I find it amazing that we cannot come to this House floor and discuss the chief officer of this House and different violations that have been alleged of this chief officer that has put a cloud over this House. I find that astounding. I have never, never in my 24 years seen these kinds of rules enforced on the House floor, and I am stunned that the leadership seems so insistent on gagging us in this body. No wonder this body has created such cynicism.

CONCERNING RELEASE OF REPORT PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS' MONEY

(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER].

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding to me.

Basically what I was trying to do is, I had a whole list of editorials that have been written across the country dealing with this report that we have been trying to get released for over a month.

Mr. understanding of the ruling of the Chair is that we cannot even talk about what the editorial said. I find that fairly astonishing, that they tell us we can go outside and talk about it, but we cannot talk about it on the floor.

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, if I can reclaim my time, I would mention to the gentlewoman and others that the so-called Committee on Government Reform and Oversight has been issuing reports scathingly attacking the administration without any evidence. They keep on saying, "The report says that," and that is their justification for their accusations, both on the Travel Office, and they are going to try to do something on the FBI files, a very, very partisan hatchet job.

Those reports are being issued without evidence, but a report that we have paid for with taxpayers' money we are not allowed to see, and the public is being kept from having those reports available to us.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I thank the gentleman from California.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's time has expired.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. The gentleman's time has expired, but the point of order is the same one, that he is referring to matters against the rules of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will sustain the point of order, and requests that all Members show re-

spect for and abide by the rules of the House.

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to be heard on the point of order before the Speaker rules on the point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has already ruled on the point of order.

Mr. WAXMAN. I guess that is it: The sentence first, and then we will have the trial later.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from California [Mr. WAXMAN] have a parliamentary inquiry he wishes to make?

Mr. WAXMAN. I do, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. WAXMAN. As I understand it, Madam Speaker, the House of Representatives has spent around half a million, maybe more, to ask for a report to be submitted to our committees. Why can that not be made public, and why is that inappropriate to say on the House floor?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Prior rulings of the Speaker have sustained the point of order in this and prior Congresses that press accounts relating to matters currently before the Standards of Official Conduct Committee are not a proper subject for debate on the floor. That is why the gentleman from Georgia's point of order was sustained.

Mr. WAXMAN. Further parliamentary inquiry, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. WAXMAN. There is a ruling that we as Members of the House of Representatives may not speak in protest over the committee's refusal to make this report public?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The duty of the Chair is to enforce the rules of the House as they are written and have been interpreted. The rules of the House, as the Chair has ruled in this and prior Congresses, make it out of order for any Member to refer to any subject currently before the Standards Committee, whether through the Members' own words, or through the recitation of words printed in any other medium outside the floor of this House, except when a question of privilege is pending.

The Chair will continue to abide by and enforce the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2, rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a question of privileges of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state the form of the resolution.

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, a complaint filed against Representative Gephardt alleges House Rules have been violated by Representative Gephardt's concealment of profits gained through a complex series of real estate tax exchanges and;

Whereas, the complaint also alleges possible violations of banking disclosure and campaign finance laws or regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has in other complex matters involving complaints hired outside counsel with expertise in tax laws and regulations and;

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct is responsible for determining whether Representative Gephardt's financial transactions violated standards of conduct or specific rules of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the complaint against Representative Gephardt has been pending before the committee for more than seven months and the integrity of the ethics process and the manner in which Members are disciplined is called into question; and

Whereas, on Friday, September 20, 1996 the ranking Democrat of the Ethics Committee, Representative James McDermott in a public statement suggested that cases pending before the committee in excess of 60 days be referred to an outside counsel; now be it

Resolved that the committee on Standards of Official Conduct is authorized and directed to hire a special counsel to assist in the investigation of the charges filed against the Democrat Leader Representative Richard Gephardt.

Resolved that all relevant material presented to, or developed by, the committee to date on the complaint be submitted to a special counsel, for review and recommendation to determine whether the committee should proceed to a preliminary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days. The Chair will announce that designation at a later time.

A determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privileges will be made at that later time.

CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is the day for the call of the Corrections Calendar. The Clerk will call the first bill on the Corrections Calendar.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 1996

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 3153) to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt from regulation the transportation of certain hazardous materials by vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 3153

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,