

CRANE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2853.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NAMING OF THE HONORABLE JIM BUNNING TO BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I have a very special announcement to make. One of our colleagues, the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], was just named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues all know that the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] is the only major league pitcher ever to pitch a no-hit game in both the National League and the American League and that his selection to the Hall of Fame was not by baseball writers, but by the veterans themselves, which makes it, it seems to me, a little loftier in stature.

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Mr. Speaker, I might trespass upon my friendship with the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] to tell the Members a true story. I think I have the year right. 1958. Maybe it was 1968, but I am going to say 1958. The gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] was pitching for the Detroit Tigers against the New York Yankees. The New York Yankees had a first base coach named Bob Turley, a former pitcher who was very skilled at stealing signs. Every time JIM would throw a fastball, Turley would whistle, and the batters knew what the pitch was.

Now, the first batter up was Bobby Richardson, and JIM got him out. The second batter up was Tony Kubek, the shortstop. JIM got him out. The third batter stepped in, Mickey Mantle, and JIM walked over to the first base coach, Turley, and he said, "If you whistle, I am going to hit him right in the back with a pitch." JIM took the mound. He got his sign and he was at the top of his windup when Turley whistled. JIM decided to cross everybody up. He threw a slider. It got away from him, and hit Mantle right in the back. Mantle headed toward the mound with his bat, but decided better of it, and trotted down to first base.

The next batter was Yogi Berra. Yogi stepped in, pounded the plate, looked at JIM BUNNING and said, "Hey, JIM, if Turley whistles, I ain't listening."

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HYDE. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to top what our good friend, the gentleman from Illinois, has said about the wonderful gentleman

from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING. But I know that our friends in Philadelphia, like the gentlemen from Pennsylvania, CURT WELDON and JIM GREENWOOD, and many others, BOB BORSKI, TOM FOGLIETTA, all the other Members, know that the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING, is a hero not only on the field of baseball, but JIM BUNNING has been a hero as a congressional leader and as someone who has held the great family principles of life, someone who is fair dealing, someone who cares about others, and someone who, in his lifetime, has really made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and rise to this great American hero, the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker if I might yield very briefly to the gentleman from Pennsylvania, CURT WELDON, who formerly was the Congressman of JIM BUNNING.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding to me.

Let me just say, Mr. Speaker, that there is no one that the members of the Pennsylvania delegation would fear more in coming back to our State and running for elective office than JIM BUNNING, because he is adored by all of our constituents, whether they be in the district of the gentlemen from Pennsylvania, TOM FOGLIETTA, CHAKA FATTAH, or BOB BORSKI's district, or whether they be over in the district of the gentleman from New Jersey, ROB ANDREWS, or the district of the gentleman from Delaware, MIKE CASTLE, or in our suburban districts around Philadelphia.

JIM is adored because the gentleman from Kentucky, years ago, and I will not say how long ago, was my boyhood idol when I was a Phillies fan growing up in the suburbs. I have told him that many times. But JIM BUNNING, years ago, represented the same ideals that Cal Ripken stands for today.

Mr. Speaker, while we acknowledge JIM BUNNING's leadership as a professional baseball player, let us also acknowledge his stature as a human being and as a father and as a husband and a man. As the proud parent of nine children, and who knows how many grandchildren, JIM BUNNING really epitomizes what is right with this country. I am proud to call him not just a colleague, but someone that all of us can look up to in this country as a true role model for America.

Congratulations, JIM. The people of Philadelphia are real proud to call you their own.

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HYDE. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. BOEHLERT. I thank my colleague for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell my colleagues, as the Congressperson who was privileged to represent Cooperstown, NY, I would like to welcome the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM

BUNNING, to my constituency. I would like to point out to my colleagues that his election came from his peers, people like Ted Williams and Stan Musial and Yogi Berra and Pee Wee Reese and Bill White. The greats of baseball recognized another great.

For those of you who have dreams of coming to Cooperstown, NY, I would like to welcome you all to come up to that magnificent community to see the induction of the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING, this year.

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HYDE. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania for a brief comment.

Mr. FOGLIETTA. I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, not only is this an honor for Pennsylvania and for the city of Philadelphia, but the fact is that the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING, achieved his greatness in the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, that I now represent. JIM, it is a good, solid Democratic district.

The heritage in south Philadelphia was from Joe DiMaggio, and most of the kids in south Philadelphia were Yankee rooters, so we were thrilled when JIM finally came to Philadelphia with the Phillies, rather than with the A's, so he would not have to pitch against the Yankees anymore. But when he came to Philadelphia, all Philadelphia became fans of JIM BUNNING's.

Only last week in the article, letters to the editor, young people were writing praising the exploits of JIM BUNNING, and urging those who were going to vote to elect him to the Baseball Hall of Fame. I am so happy that they did. We admire you, JIM. You are a great, great, great Philadelphian.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] for a few comments.

Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE].

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to speak after 25 years. I have been retired from baseball for 25 years. None of the numbers that were on the back of my card have changed in that time. They are all the same numbers that I retired with, so it has been a long waiting process. Thank God it happened while I was still on my feet. Sometimes it happens posthumously, and I really deeply appreciate the veterans committee. As the gentleman from Illinois, HENRY HYDE, said, "Those are some of your peers that voted you in."

Particularly I talked with Yogi Berra, who was on the committee, and I talked with Pee-wee Reese, who was on the committee. I talked to Bill White, one of my teammates from Philadelphia, after the vote was taken today. So it is deeply appreciated. I would be remiss if I did not mention Alan Lewis, who happened to be a writer, a beat writer in Philadelphia, when

I was playing. It was through his efforts that this happened, nobody else's. Thank you very much.

Mr. HYDE. It was through your efforts, JIM, not anybody else's.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HYDE. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, Michigan would be remiss if it did not add its words of congratulations. I have the privilege of sitting on the Committee on Ways and Means with the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING. I just want to say to you, to JIM, he is still throwing strikes, and now and then a curve ball. I am sometimes the recipient, and all I can say is I am glad I am receiving them in the Committee on Ways and Means, rather than on a baseball team.

JIM was a terrific person and a terrific pitcher for the Tigers, and brought moments of great glory to our State of Michigan. JIM, if I might speak on behalf of a lot of people, I think, from the State of Michigan to congratulate you on an award long in coming and more than richly deserved: Congratulations.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HYDE. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to have the gentleman from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING, in my congressional district. I represented Ted Williams. Ted Williams being a constituent of mine, he wanted to meet with JIM BUNNING, so the two of them met in my congressional district at a dinner, and we had a wonderful time. I would point out to my colleagues here that JIM BUNNING struck out the greatest hitter of all time, Ted Williams, three times in one afternoon. He has that kind of staying power and that kind of pitching power.

But one thing that Ted Williams did say to me confidentially is that "JIM BUNNING should be in the Hall of Fame, and God willing, JIM BUNNING some day will be in the Hall of Fame," so I think Ted Williams was forecasting what has occurred. I congratulate him, and I think, on behalf of Ted Williams and others, we wish JIM BUNNING the best. We are glad that he was finally recognized.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1963 AND H.R. 1972

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1963 and H.R. 1972.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for a number of recent rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 20, "no"; rollcall No. 21, "yes"; rollcall No. 22, "yes"; rollcall No. 23, "no"; rollcall No. 24, "yes"; rollcall No. 25, "yes"; rollcall No. 26, "no"; rollcall No. 27, "no"; rollcall No. 28, "no"; rollcall No. 29, "no"; rollcall No. 30, "yes"; and rollcall No. 43, "yes".

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR BULGARIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the title of H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to certain tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, passed earlier today, is amended.

There was no objection.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia shall be entitled to tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, and for other purposes."

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 5, 1996.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign from the Committee on Small Business.

Very truly yours,

CHAKA FATTAH,
Member of Congress.

CALLING FOR REFORM OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I also serve on the Subcommittee on Social Security, and I am honored to call the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] my chairman, and it is indeed with honor that I serve on his committee.

Mr. Speaker, today I want to talk about another issue. If I have learned anything over the past year in Congress, it is that there are two opposing views on crime in our country. There are those who believe that crime is not

necessarily an issue of personal responsibility, but of environment. They tend to believe that the slick criminal trial lawyers, the liberal jurists, and endless death penalty appeals have been a good development for our criminal justice system. They advocate rehabilitation, lenient sentences, and legal loopholes, often in the name of compassion.

Then there are those like myself, those who are sick and tired of criminals preying on our families and children. We are tired of our kids being afraid to walk to school alone, we are tired of illegal drugs that are poisoning our youth, eating away at their futures. We are tired of slick criminal defense lawyers pushing criminals to freedom through legal loopholes. We are tired of seeing our prisoners treated better than the working men and women of this country.

I would like to give you just one recent example of what those of us in the silent majority are tired of. A recent decision by Federal Judge Herald Baer illustrates what is wrong with the liberals' view on crime, and why it is so important that we put justice back into our criminal justice system.

Judge Baer was appointed by President Clinton, due to, in President Clinton's own words, "his outstanding record of achievement." One wonders if President Clinton would stand by those words today, after reading Judge Baer's recent opinion.

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This is an account of his recent opinion.

During the early morning hours of April 21, 1995, police officer Richard Carroll and his partner, Sergeant Bentley, were assigned to plainclothes duty patrol on the north end of Manhattan, an area well known for being a hub for the drug trade. At about 5 in the morning, these veteran officers observed a woman slowly driving a car with out-of-State license plates. The woman stopped the car, double-parked, and waited.

Soon four men approached the car, walking single file. Without saying so much as one word to the female driver, the men lifted open the trunk of the car and placed several duffle bags into the car.

For obvious reasons becoming a little suspicious, Officers Carroll and Bentley drove up to the four males. Immediately the four males began running. Unable to apprehend the fleeing men, the officers immediately pulled over the woman's car.

Upon opening the trunk of the car, the officers discovered more than 80 pounds of cocaine and heroin in the trunk with a street value of over \$4 million. The woman admitted that she was purchasing drugs, even stating that she had expected to be paid \$20,000 for the trip and that she had made 20 similar trips in the past.

Now, where I come from in Nebraska, common sense tells us that people like that should go to jail. These trained officers clearly had a reason to pull over