

any possible update the gentleman could give us on the progress or lack thereof on that bill? I would be happy to yield for a response.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, I appreciate the concern about that bill. We are hopeful that we can get that conference together. Again, I am anxious to do so as soon as possible, as soon as we resolve a few minor details. We hopefully will be able to bring it back to the floor soon. I will announce it as soon as I can.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Is there any word on the gas tax and minimum wage bill? I will be happy to yield to the gentleman. Are those coming back from the other body at some point soon? I mean, there is an interest obviously as the gasoline crisis continues that we deal with that problem.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I will be more than happy to.

Mr. ARMEY. I can only say that my, what is the word I am looking for, my intelligence reports from the other body tell me that Democrat Members of the other body are for some reasons I do not understand holding up both of those bills. We would try to see what could happen.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I thought there was an agreement on the other side to take them up in tandem.

Could I just simply ask in closing, is there going to be a night in the coming week that we can anticipate being here beyond, say, 8 o'clock? Does the gentleman have any late night in mind as we go into the week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. I think in all fairness we should advise Members that we would expect to be in later on both Wednesday and Thursday night, given the appropriations bills coming to the floor, depending upon the bill managers' success on both or either bill.

Mr. FAZIO of California. It is the intention to bring up the foreign operations bill, complete it, before we would go to the defense bill and follow with the agriculture bill? Is that the order in which they come?

Mr. ARMEY. Yes.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I appreciate the gentleman informing the House, and I yield back the balance of my time.

--- HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourn today it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, June 7, 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1996, TO MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 7, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

--- APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO WATER RIGHTS TASK FORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 389(d)(2) of Public Law 104-127, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment to the Water Rights Task Force the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Robert S. Lynch, Phoenix, AZ; and Mr. Bennett W. Raley, Denver, CO.

--- SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

--- HOOSIER HERO—SHELBY COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER

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

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my Report from Indiana. Every weekend, my wife Ruthie and I travel the Second District of Indiana. So often we meet good people doing good things. These individuals strive day and night to make a difference. It's their hard-work and dedication that make our communities a better place. In my book, these individuals are Hoosier Heros. Hoosier Heros because it's their mission in life to reach out and lend a helping hand to their friends and neighbors.

Today Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Judy Runnebohm, Ola Smith, the 19 member staff and 22 board members of the Shelby County Youth Shelter as Hoosier Heros.

Now, Judy is a good friend of mine and she has shared with me on many, many visits to Shelby County about her efforts to help troubled teens.

Under Ola Smith's leadership as the director and Judy's leadership as the safe place coordinator, the youth center has provided help to hundreds of children—runaways, homeless, and misguided youths.

For nearly two-thirds of these children, their lives have been turned around and they have been given hope for better lives. One young girl, Danielle, who stayed at the shelter shared her story: "When I was 12-years-old, I was a holy-terror. My step father mentally, physically and sexually abused me. I began to drink and get into a lot of trouble." Danielle wanted to turn her father in but he threatened to kill her. Finally 3 years later she turned him in. And she was placed into the shelter because he still roamed the streets. There, Danielle received the love she needed. Now today, at age 18, she is working, living on her own, and supporting herself. She is taking charge of her own future. And to this day she is telling others, like her, that if she didn't get placed in the shelter she would have turned to alcohol and drugs.

There are so many more touching stories from the young people who stay at the shelter. These are the so-called 'bad' children that society wants to over-look. Not too many folks will say: "Hey, I want to help the kids from the Juvenile Halls," but if we don't help these children now, who will?

At the Shelby County Youth Shelter, children receive a safe place to stay. And caring and sturdy hands are there to guide them through the rocky waters of their adolescence and sometimes, lonely and troubling times.

Mr. Speaker, Judy, Ola, the 19 workers and 22 board members at the Shelby County Youth Shelter are Hoosier Heros for this week.

Mr. Speaker, if I may, I'd like to include in my report from Indiana an inspiring story that a young intern shared with me about a young lady who has beaten the odds, because of her personal courage. That person is Jody Kammer.

Jody, an 18-year-old from my hometown Muncie, is known throughout Delaware County for her awesome ability to play volleyball. She spent many school days and weekends practicing and playing in tournaments, as well as playing volleyball for her school, Yorktown.

Jody was a member of the Munciana Volleyball Club which is an inner city team that travels throughout the Midwest. As a member of the club, she spent her summers traveling and playing in tournaments because of her love and dedication to the sport.

Jody has become an inspiration for her teammates, and all of us because of her struggle with a personal tragedy in her life. Last spring, Jody was diagnosed with hodgkin's disease. This form of cancer is not necessarily fatal with the proper treatments. But it requires a great deal of courage and strength to beat the disease. Jody Kammer had this strength and courage.

Once a month, Jody had to go for chemotherapy. She was left feeling weak, sick to her stomach, and sometimes it seemed overwhelming. She still challenged herself to keep on playing, no matter how tired or weak she became. Even when she was too sick, Jody still attended practices to help encourage the rest of her team.

Jody Kammer never gave up during her lengthy treatments. She had the courage to never give in. Jody knows the true meaning of teamwork.

Thanks to the support and prayers of her friends and family, miracles of modern medicine to fight the cancer, along with her own courage, she successfully fought the disease and it is now in remission. I am happy to report that Jody was able to participate in Yorktown High School's graduation ceremony. She has also been able to return to the normal club schedule for the remainder of the playing season.

In the fall, Jody will continue her education as a freshman at Colorado College.

Jody Kammer is an inspiring young lady, who has overcome a tremendous hurdle. Jody's bout with cancer is a story for all of us to remember. Her hard work and determination displays how one young lady's courage can give hope in following one's dreams.

Mr. Speaker, that is my *report from Indiana*. One of courage and hope. One of helping others less fortunate. To have hope for a better life.

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TRIBUTE TO THE PAGES

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

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, just a few moments ago on the floor we cast what would be for this group that is standing around the back of this Chamber here the last vote for their page careers,

not, I trust, the last vote for their careers. I suspect some of them we will see back here again in some capacity.

Today and tomorrow, today from the business of the House, tomorrow when they hold their graduation exercises from the page school class marks the end of yet another milestone, another class of our page group.

I rise today to make this special order as the vice chairman of the page board, a former page myself. I do so with making my remarks on behalf of myself and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. EMERSON], whose therapy for his illness has made it difficult for him to be in the Chamber at this hour, but asked that I especially say to the young people that he joins me in my remarks and joins in wishing them all the very best. I suspect that each of the comments that will be made by others here, that he also would join in those.

Let me, if I might, begin by yielding to a classmate in another class, another page member from a later class, I should say, the class of 1967, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. WICKER].

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding me the time.

I am addressing the House today, Mr. Speaker, from the Democrat side of the aisle, which is unusual, but I do so for a purpose. That purpose is to recall that, when I was appointed a page in 1967, I received that appointment from a Democrat, the Honorable Jamie Whitten, who served as my predecessor for some 53 years in this House of Representatives.

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No sooner had I arrived than I was assigned to the Republican page desk. Who knows, Mr. Speaker, that may have made all the difference.

I want to congratulate these pages, to tell them, Mr. Speaker, how much we appreciate them and how much we realize that they contributed with their hard work. They have been part of a very, very proud tradition in this House of Representatives, and I congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them well. They will take with them many valuable memories.

I look back on my time here in 1967 and I recall some of the people who I regarded as giants in this House, leaders like Jamie Whitten; Gerald Ford, then the minority leader; John Rhodes; Mel Laird; John McCormick who served as Speaker, a Democrat, during my time here as a page. Who knows what names this group will take with them. Certainly GEPHARDT and GINGRICH. But it might be that they look back on the giants of KOLBE and DAVIS and ROHRBACHER. Who knows who they will look back on years from now?

I hope they will take other memories with them as well, including addresses by Presidents and Prime Ministers. They were here, Mr. Speaker, on the day that BOB DOLE announced his res-

ignation from the U.S. Senate. They were here during poignant times to hear the announcements of the death of a Cabinet member, the death of a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They will recall fiery debates, all-night sessions, Government shutdowns.

I also hope, Mr. Speaker, that they will take with them the memory of times of comity and civility and bipartisanship and good will, because there were also those times during their service here in the U.S. Congress.

I hope they will remember that they worked with able men and women of goodwill from all across the country, of both political parties, doing their best to represent their constituencies. And that we are doing our best as Members of this Congress to make sure that their generation, and their children, will be able to enjoy a brighter future.

I salute these pages, and I wish them the very, very best.

Mr. KOLBE. I thank the gentleman from Mississippi for his very warm remarks. I think it especially comes from the heart when you have been a former page yourself and have a feel for the experience that all of us that were pages have had here. I appreciate very much the gentleman's taking the time to be with us. I know, like myself, he needs to be in the Committee on Appropriations and I will be headed there soon but I thank the gentleman very much for joining us in this tribute to our pages.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KILDEE], who is a member of the Page Board with me, and with whom I have served for the last 2 years in this capacity, and it has been a great honor for me to serve with him.

Mr. KILDEE. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Tomorrow night we will bid our formal good-byes, farewells, but you will come back to the pages who have served us so well in the 104th Congress. I see them standing back there with the former Clerk of the House, Donn Anderson, who still wears his page ring with great pride.

The pages here operate in three different areas, here on the floor of the House on Capitol Hill; in the school in the Library of Congress; and in the dorm. The pages have operated very well in all three of those areas this year, and I am very, very proud of them. The pages really see Government like no one else sees government. As a matter of fact, they see through eyes that I have not seen. I have talked to pages before, and they observe things that I would not have observed had I not talked to some of the pages. They have seen Congress at its best and its not so best at times. They have seen Government close up, more close up than those who have participated in a program called by that.

Albert Einstein once said that 100 times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend upon the lives of others, living and dead, and that I must exert so I may give in the same proportion as I have received.