

human beings, as friends, and as Americans, rather than as politicians interested in short-term advantage. BILL was a great bridge builder. BILL had that magnificence to reach out and be understood and trusted. It was not until recently, when I saw him afflicted with his last challenge that I understood the reason why: he had a profound understanding of the basic good nature of man, and that was reflected in his every action.

And, Mr. Speaker, people trusted him rightly so. He had a wonderful grandfather. We shared a love for him together. He has a beautiful mother, a wonderful wife and four beautiful daughters. They will all miss him. We will miss him. America will miss him. But I think, Mr. Speaker, I will miss him most of all.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I also stand here in the well to remember our dear colleague, BILL EMERSON from Missouri. I can still see him in the back row, all the way in the back in the last aisle, standing there talking. And many of us used to go back to talk to him and ask him, BILL, what are the nuances of this vote and would he explain it. He was very knowledgeable about different bills on the House floor. But he would also give you a sense of humor, a point about the bill that would make you chuckle and laugh, knowing that sometimes Members were forced to vote on things they did not like, because within the whole bill there would be a small something you did like. But BILL EMERSON had that way.

And I also want to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that many times I spoke to him during his illness and encouraged him and gave him several articles, articles which talked about other Americans suffering from cancer and how they met this disease and the type of mind frame they put themselves in and tried to encourage it. But he did not need to be encouraged in terms of a positive attitude because his entire relationship that I had with him and saw on the House floor was one of optimism, one of being a positive American and showing other Americans, through his leadership and through his personality, the purpose of all of us is that we are to be caring and helpful for our fellow man.

So I tell you, Mr. Speaker, when I come here to the well, I can almost still see BILL in the back there, laughing, encouraging all of us, and giving that light chuckle he has, together with the sparkle in his eyes. So I bid him adieu and wish him and his family well and with deepest sympathy remind my colleagues of the great Congressman BILL EMERSON.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the remarks of all of those who have spoken here. I have sat here and I wanted to listen to all of the things about the life of BILL EMERSON, because I never was to his house. I did not know his family. But I knew BILL EMERSON, the man, and I knew him as the Congressman, and like each and every one of you, I liked him very much.

We served together on a couple of key issues, one of them the issue of smoking. BILL EMERSON was never one to involve himself in denial. He always was straightforward. He was legitimate. He told you what he felt on an issue. He backed it up and corroborated it with sound fact, data, and analysis.

I just simply want to rise today to say to Missouri, to the family of this fine man, that you elected a great Congressman. He paid attention to detail, he never forgot the constituent matters that are most important. Ladies and gentlemen, we are representatives of the people. Representation is what we shall do, and a prime example of that was BILL EMERSON.

My condolences to the family. I would hope that after all of this, we would reflect on the life of BILL EMERSON, and all of us may be a little better in our service as representatives of the American people.

MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, there is an empty seat in the House of Representatives today, and there is a great void that will never be filled, and that is the void created by the death of my friend and our colleague, BILL EMERSON. We will miss him. We send our condolences to his family.

Some of the previous speakers have reflected on BILL and his many contributions. I am not sure if the pages and Members all know about BILL's great legacy, but BILL came here as a page and served in the Congress. I remember seeing back in the Cloakroom, there is a photo of BILL as a young man helping when the shooting occurred in the House of the Representatives. When nationalists fired into the House Chamber, BILL was one of the young pages helping Members back then who were wounded. That picture still hangs in the Cloakroom.

Mr. Speaker, I came here as a freshman just several years ago, and BILL was doing the same thing, helping Members along the way, new Members like myself, to learn more about the

House of Representatives and its procedures and how to go forward. He never changed his role.

BILL EMERSON was a tough bird, too. I remember talking to him as he was undergoing his treatment and giving him encouragement and also asking about some of my own dealings here. Should I move forward? Should I proceed? Sometimes I am pretty aggressive in my service. BILL, whether he was in the wheelchair taking chemotherapy or whether he was advising me as a new Member, he always said, "MICA, give 'em hell." I always admired his counsel and his advice and his determination that we should serve this body with every ounce of vigor that we can muster, and he did that right to almost his last days. Now he has been taken from us.

I remember him coming into this Chamber in his wheelchair and his concern was, and he expressed it to me, was not about his treatment but he said: "Oh, darn it." He did not use those exact terms. His concern was that he did not want to miss his obligations to this body, his service to the House of Representatives. That was his concern right to the end, that he complete his service. We have an example by a life of an individual who served first his family, and then his State, Missouri, and this is a great loss also for our Nation to not having his service here. This Congress has a great void without the BILL EMERSON who had a tough veneer but had a warm heart and a great record of service to this body that will never be matched.

BILL, we miss you. But I want to tell you that I will be out here, BILL, and I will continue to "give 'em hell," as you directed, and do the best I can to serve the constituents of my State like you served your State and our Nation. So long, BILL.

REMEMBERING OUR GREAT COLLEAGUE, BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues in remembering our great colleague, BILL EMERSON. I was downstairs listening to a number of the remarks made about BILL's great contribution to the process of representative government, and I would like to take a brief period of time to talk about a very special relationship that I had with BILL.

Back in 1993, following some of the scandals that surrounded this place, in a bipartisan way, we saw the Democratic leadership put together the Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress. It was the first time in a half a century that a bipartisan, bicameral effort to look at institutional reform was assembled. I will tell Members that of the large number of Senators and House Members who were part of this organization, no one was

more active and participated at a higher level than BILL EMERSON.

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There is a very important reason for that, Mr. Speaker. BILL EMERSON, as I am sure was stated by my colleagues earlier, loved and revered this institution. He understood the fact that it was the greatest deliberative body known to man. He is one who spent a great deal of time trying to see the view held by the American people shift from what is tragically a corrosive cynicism back to what Will Rogers had, which is really a healthy skepticism. Thomas Jefferson wanted the American people to have a skeptical view of us, he thought that to be very healthy, and Will Rogers, again, said that time and time again.

BILL EMERSON, as one who loved and revered this institution, wanted us very much to get back to that, and that is the reason that BILL EMERSON spent so much time working with us on trying to make this institution more accountable to the American people and trying to make this institution as deliberative as it should be.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to say that I, of course, had a long and very warm personal relationship with him. I am a native of the "Show Me" State and in fact was just there yesterday. And on several occasions I had the opportunity to visit BILL in his southeastern Missouri district, and I spent time with him here in the Capitol because we were elected together back in 1980, the 97th Congress, a large group of 54 new Republicans to come, and Bill and I were among the two who defeated Democrat incumbent Members of the House of Representatives. So he will be sorely missed.

I have had great opportunities to spend personal time with BILL and his wife Jo Ann and other members of their family and it is a very sad day as we note his passing, and I wish all of his relatives and other friends God-speed.

TRIBUTE TO BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, there is hanging in the Republican Cloakroom a photograph of BILL EMERSON taken on March 1, 1954, when he was a page here. As all of us know, he served as a page on that fateful day when the House of Representatives was attacked by terrorists, and the photograph shows BILL EMERSON carrying on his shoulders the prone body of Alben Barkley, a Representative here, who was in fact shot during that attack. That was very early on in BILL's congressional career.

When the first Republican House of Representatives, the first Republican majority in 40 years, was sworn in and the gavel was banged in 1995, in Janu-

ary, it was BILL EMERSON who was in the chair. He was the only current Member of the House of Representatives who had been here during the last Republican majority because he had been here as a page. Probably, as a result, no one had more knowledge of this institution; and as so many speakers have pointed out this morning, more care for it, more understanding, and more love for the Congress of the United States.

It is natural for each of us to express ourselves at a time like this by giving a speech on the floor of the House. That is what we do. BILL himself gave many speeches. He was a fine speaker, but, more important than the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, a history of what BILL EMERSON did here, was what those of us who worked with him saw and watched. His example is a powerful one. I am sure BILL would want us all, on the occasion of his death, to do more than to remember him; to do this, to follow his example, to be like him.

Perhaps he would not have thought so highly of himself, as we do, that he would have held himself up as an example for all of us in that way, but BILL had a special quality of being able to disagree, which we do here on the floor every day when we engage one another in debate, without being disagreeable. So each of us can pay tribute to BILL EMERSON today, and all the rest of our days, in no better way than by trying to be a little bit more like him.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole under the 5-minute rule:

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on National Security; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Small Business; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

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

There was no objection.

BUCK DOES NOT STOP WITH CRAIG LIVINGSTONE ON FILEGATE

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the buck on Filegate does not stop with White House political hack Craig Living-

stone, who is now being paid not to work. As William Safire has pointed out, the problem extends to a White House counsel's office bent on stonewalling. But the obstruction goes even higher. On May 9 President Clinton directed his counsel to invoke Executive privilege and thereby conceal certain documents, including the White House request for FBI files on Billy Dale, months after he was fired.

Now, get that, Mr. Speaker. By his own admission, the President knew about the smoking gun document at least as early as May 9, when he invoked Executive privilege for the first time since Watergate, yet he did absolutely nothing at that point to surrender the improperly requested FBI files. They remained in the custody of the White House for weeks after that time.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, there was no justification whatsoever for the assertion of Executive privilege with regard to the FBI file request. And although that document eventually was turned over to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the President continues to assert the privilege with regard to some 2,000 additional documents.

Mr. Speaker, the buck does not stop with Mr. Livingstone, not by a long shot.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1996

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3604) to amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act—the "Safe Drinking Water Act"—and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3604

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
Sec. 2. References; effective date; disclaimer.

TITLE I—PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS Subtitle A—Promulgation of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

Sec. 101. Selection of additional contaminants.
Sec. 102. Disinfectants and disinfection by-products.
Sec. 103. Limited alternative to filtration.
Sec. 104. Standard-setting.
Sec. 105. Ground water disinfection.
Sec. 106. Effective date for regulations.
Sec. 107. Risk assessment, management, and communication.
Sec. 108. Radon, arsenic, and sulfate.
Sec. 109. Urgent threats to public health.
Sec. 110. Recycling of filter backwash.
Sec. 111. Treatment technologies for small systems.

Subtitle B—State Primary Enforcement Responsibility for Public Water Systems

Sec. 121. State primacy.

Subtitle C—Notification and Enforcement

Sec. 131. Public notification.