

DAY 9 OF MINIMUM WAGE HOSTAGE SITUATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it's day 9 of the holding of the minimum wage increase hostage by Senate Republicans. They are keeping to their threat to stall the minimum wage until medical savings accounts [MSA] are added to health care reform. MSA's in exchange for the minimum wage—it's not right and it's not how we should govern in this Congress.

MSA's are a bad idea. Consumers Union—the people who publish Consumer Reports—has called MSA's a time bomb that will make health insurance less accessible and less affordable for many Americans. MSA's will make us take a step backward in our quest for health care coverage for the majority of Americans. The Republican leadership refuses to let MSA's die—a death they truly deserve—because they are a pay-off to an insurance company that also happens to be a big-time Republican donor.

This is an outrage and its despicable. Over 80 percent of the American people support a minimum wage increase. A minimum wage increase passed both the House and Senate by substantial margin. In fact, a Senate Republican aide told the New York Times that "Republicans don't believe in raising the minimum wage. We voted for it because it was killing us."

So they voted for it but they won't let it be enacted. Not until they get their pay-off for special interests.

Mr. Speaker, over 12 million Americans need a minimum wage increase. Over 12 million Americans are waiting for a minimum wage increase. Over 12 million Americans are counting on that minimum wage increase to put food on their tables, clothe their kids and maintain their standard of living. It is a shame that they have been waiting as long as they have.

But why should that surprise us? It seems like money talks in this Congress. If you contribute, you get your legislation. Just look at MSA's. Since minimum wage families can't afford to donate money to political campaigns they have to wait for the legislation that will help them.

A 90 cent increase is all we are asking for—90 cents. That's it. But the Republicans are firm in their opposition. They don't understand that 90 cents can go a long way. This extra pay may seem small but it translates into 7 months of groceries, 1 year of health care costs, 9 months of utility bills, or 4 months of housing.

In the State of Connecticut 87,158 hard working people earn between \$4.25 and \$5.14 an hour. Each one of those people would benefit by passing a minimum wage increase. But these hard-working Americans in Connecticut and their 12 million fellow Americans continue to wait for a boost in their wages

because the Republican party continues to find new ways to block the increase.

A minimum wage worker makes about \$8,500 a year. That's it. Two-thirds of these workers are adults and almost 60 percent are women. Over 40 percent are the sole breadwinners in their family. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the minimum wage increase could lift 300,000 families out of poverty including 100,000 children.

Day 9 of the Republicans hostile holding of the minimum wage hostage. Free the minimum wage and honor the work of over 12 million Americans and their families.

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THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARTON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, and anybody who watches the proceedings of this, the world's greatest legislative body, first among equals even with the distinguished U.S. Senate, because all money bills start here, all spending bills, and all tax bills start in this Chamber on the south side of this exquisite Capitol Building.

When people watch this floor, they expect promises to be kept. I made a promise the day before yesterday when I returned from the funeral of the highest ranking Navy ace in history, the Navy's ace of aces, Capt. David McCampbell. I said, because it was only a 5-minute special order, that I would read this beautiful eulogy from a fellow Medal of Honor winner, a fellow Medal of Honor winner to Captain McCampbell. Barney Barnum from a different war won his as a 24-year-old Marine company commander, actually a platoon leader who took over the company when his commander died in his arms. It was such a beautiful eulogy I said I would read it on the floor tonight.

I will read as much of it as I can, but the business at hand that requires some comment is yet what will turn out to be another terrorist horror.

Everybody is holding their fire and their analysis. It is all couched in careful terms because of the unfortunate jumping to the conclusion that the atrocity in Oklahoma City on Patriot's Day, April 19 a year ago, was a terrorist act, which it was. But they assumed no Americans would kill women and children and Army and Navy and Air Force recruiters and law enforcement officers and marshals and FBI agents. We assumed no American would perpetrate a terrorist act like that so that it had to be outside terrorists. Americans of Arab culture, of Middle Eastern background, and that can be Mennonite Christians from Lebanon, like my

great friend, former late great Danny Thomas, family name was Jacobs. My brothers and I went to school with his children, Margie Thomas, later became a television star known as Marlo Thomas. Margie Jacobs was known to us. But John Sununu, a Lebanese family, the great Governor of New Hampshire, great TV debater now.

All the way through all of the countries. Persian, people from Iran, who are Islamic in religious culture but not Arab in nationality. It was very unfair to every American who is Christian, Islamic, or even Jewish of Arab blood. People jump to the conclusion not incorrectly that Oklahoma City, the bomber of the Murrah Building was terrorism, it was, but they assumed it had to be outside evil terrorists, not evil Americans.

Also, the tragedy of ValuJet, my favorite airline at the time because it had lowered its prices and made jet travel so available to so many American families. It was growing so amazingly, up to 51 aircraft when that explosion tore it out of the sky, because people jumped to the conclusion that that might have been a terrorist bomb. And then we found out it was dangerous cargo, improperly loaded. We passed regulations. All the airlines are absolutely at a high state of alert for that not happening again.

All of that focuses in on this tragedy of TWA flight 800, where we do not have to jump to conclusion over what group or what heritage of any group was responsible for this. But all the vectors are coming together here that this was a catastrophic explosion; that in spite of the age of this big giant beautiful Boeing 747, it was over 25 years old, one of the oldest in the fleet, in spite of the fact there was a small difficulty with some part in Athens before it flew back to its home base there at JFK Airport there in New York, that it was on the ground for 3 hours.

I am convinced, until told otherwise, and I am in my 8th year in the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, that dogs are going over every aircraft that comes in from foreign airports and that it sat there for 3 hours and that the Los Angeles passengers, including, I am told, a constituent of mine that boarded this flight number changed equipment, that means aircraft, and got on this 747 only 3 hours on the ground from Athens. And off they go to be torn out of the sky by this catastrophic explosion.

We have not found, at least when I left the TV set in the Republican Cloakroom, we have not found the blackbox yet. It will be found. The water is manageable. Half-hour or more, it would have been out over the deep Atlantic. Another few minutes after that, it would have been off the Continental Shelf, and we would be dealing with the depths of the H.M.S. *Titanic*, 15,000 feet at the bottom of the sea. And then we might never have known.

As in the Air India 747, it was blown to bits off the southern coast of Ireland. We have never been able to trace that accident, including some others lost at sea. So we will be able to unravel the mystery of where the bomb was when it went off, how badly it tore the aircraft apart.

Obviously, the stewardesses were serving milk and soft drinks to those beautiful children from Pennsylvania, from that French class that must have been having the thrill of their life headed toward the City of Light across the North Atlantic. Not in weeks, a journey of weeks and months like all the European forbearers of the citizens of this Nation, but in just a matter of hours. The thrill of a lifetime, practicing their French.

I do not know whether my constituent is from Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Anaheim, CA, whether they live in the shadow of Disneyland, whether they are from 1 of 10 parts of other small cities that adjoin mine, Fountain Valley, Orange. I do not know where this person is from. I do not know whether it is a child going to visit a mom or a dad in Paris or whether they were with a parent or if it is just a parent or if it is a senior citizen taking maybe their last trip to Europe.

I leave this lectern tonight and call out to California to learn a name, a gender, an age of a constituent of mine that I might have met at a town hall meeting that maybe voted against me, for me, maybe wrote to me. We will look in my files to see if we ever helped them find a veterans check, a Social Security check. It will personalize this for me, as it will for 229 Congressmen. Now the children and the five teachers all are from one congressional district.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLINGER] said he represented this city. It has a French name. Is that not ironic, Montoursville, and that will concentrate some constituents in one district. But there are probably going to be 200 Congressmen trying to call people and say how sorry they are that this has happened.

Now, obviously, with the Olympics beginning, with the beautiful torch ceremony bringing together some young athletes and some not so young, some in their 40's, from all over the world to celebrate, to begin the second century of these modern Olympic games, this throws a cloud over tomorrow night.

I went to the 1972 Olympics as the producer of my own television show, the Robert K. Dornan Show, in 1972. I was lucky enough to control 90 minutes live on Saturday night of television time in the second biggest market in the world. I assigned myself to go to Munich for the 1972 games and cover them.

The terrible tragedy of terrorists killing the Olympic athletes there, the Israeli coaches, weight lifters, athletes, and team members. I think it was 14 or more died, burned to death strapped in their helicopters with their hands tied

behind their back. The three terrorists that survived the German sniper fire, they were released on another terrorist act holding people hostages. And although it was fictionalized partly in a movie titled Operation Jericho, it is my understanding, from visits in Israel, talking to their intelligence officers, that they hunted down every one of the surviving killers.

I think there were eight terrorists. The three that survived and were released by Germany, went to Libya, they hunted them all down. And in the Old Testament, an-eye-for-an-eye justice sent them to meet their God, our God, Allah is Yahweh is God. And Israel's correcting this injustice is probably what we should be doing in Libya. PanAmerican, one of my favorite airlines, PanAmerican Airways, PAA, was destroyed by the terrorist bombers.

We know who they are. They are in Libya right now being protected by a warlord dictator, Mu'ammr Qadhafi. They, in Christmas week, a week before Christmas, killed not 229, 259 and 11 people on the ground in the quiet little Scottish village of Lockerbie, 270.

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When a Russian fighter pilot shot down and killed my colleague, who had served with 6 years up to that point, Larry McDonald of Georgia, that plane took 12 minutes to slowly descend on fire with everybody putting on their life vests. Russians to this day have hidden their bodies that they recovered. And slowly, as they descend, 12 minutes is a long time, next time you are 12 minutes out on a flight to anywhere in this country, give your watch a hack and think how long 12 minutes is. That is a quarter in high school football, as I said on the floor.

There is Larry McDonald, doing his congressional duty, going over to celebrate the 30th year ending of the ceasefire in Korea, 1953 to 1983. Larry was murdered by Russian evil empire Soviet orders at that time.

It was still August 31, when we found out about it here in Washington. On the other side of the world, that side of the international dateline, his death is recorded as September 1. That was a 747, Korean 007, 268 people killed. So 268, 270, 229, three 747's and others around the world. How about the one that good intelligence precluded from happening, an Irish or a Middle Eastern terrorist has his Irish girlfriend pregnant with his child and her child and loads her up with a bomb and puts her on a 747 heading to Europe and fortunately that was thwarted and the plane was saved. The people were saved. She was saved to go on and have her child that its own father was going to murder. Been a few success cases we cannot even talk about, because we do not want to give away the modus operandi of how to preclude one of these tragedies from happening.

I think that it is time for the United States of America to revisit our stand-off and our embargo of Italy which is,

excuse me, of Libya, which is broken regularly by Italy, former colonial master of Libya, by Germany, by other European countries trading with Libya, ignoring our embargo on them until Mu'ammr Qadhafi turns over the assassins, the terrorists that destroyed an airline, that ripped the hearts out of hundreds of American families in Christmas week and that blew up Pan Am 103.

Is this going to be fatal to this other great airline, the other of our initial transcontinental, excuse me, trans-national airlines? TWA, Pan Am were the two greatest world intercontinental carriers of all through most of my life. One is gone, destroyed by this kind of terrorism. Now TWA, just starting to come out of Chapter 11, just starting to advertise and rebuild the morale of its flight attendant corps and certainly its pilot corps, without a word from this aircraft, it was so catastrophic, without people putting on their life vests like Korean 007 with the U.S. Congressman on board. That was 68 Americans on that flight. Without any warning, this giant aircraft, the drawing on the front page of the LA Times is terrifying. It says that shortly after takeoff, still skirting the south shore of Long Island, if that was not a safety procedure, they flew as the crow flies, following a great circle route that would take you right along the length of Long Island, and they would have fallen on some village that would have been the equivalent of Lockerbie, Scotland, burning to death people on the ground.

But putting together, the LA Times did, several eyewitnesses, it says, flame shoots from the plane like a flare. An eyewitness who did not see that, and I saw this with my own eyes late last night, he said he picked up the aircraft when it was in a steep descent and rotating. He thought it was an acrobatic aircraft. That is, given the curvature of the earth even at this time of night in summertime at around 8:40, an aircraft, an aircraft at 5,000 feet or more is still getting light that you are not getting on the ground. It even makes more, it makes it more like something up on a stage where it is highlighted. He thought it was an acrobatic plane turning.

Imagine the terror inside this airplane, but that is the very root word for terrorist. Then all of a sudden two explosions, and then smoke and flame just enveloped the airplane until some people thought, who looked up at that moment, that it was a fireworks display.

I have had two classified briefings today. I did not learn anything that citizens, Mr. Speaker, will not learn watching the networks tonight and watching C-SPAN, I mean CNN, all day long. I think we are going to have to revisit Libya, revisit with our NATO allies their disregard of our embargo of Libya and clean up the ugliness of Pan American Flight 103 and give those relatives who still call me, give them

some peace and rest by bringing to justice, even if we have to run a covert operation, which is difficult, difficult as hell given the background of the person that sits in the White House, but we have to do something along Israeli lines to let every terrorist know what President Reagan said at the time and was unable to fulfill, and that is, you can hide but we will get you.

President Reagan did at least, after the terrorist bombings at the La Belle disco in Germany, April 5, 1986, he did unleash our F-111's from England. And by the way, I understand years later that France did cooperate but had plausible denial. They let our refueling tankers fly over France to refuel the F-111's.

I recall two Americans gave their lives, too young to have served in Vietnam, just 30 years of age, one 29, Paul Lawrence and Fernando Revesdominich. This crew that was shot exiting Libya, people say, was that a cowboy act of Reagan's? Did it work? That aggressive action of Ronald Reagan to bomb Benghazi and military facilities outside of Tripoli and, yes, Qadhafi himself with 1,000-pound bombs. That so rattled that warlord's brain that there were no terrorist acts out of Libya for about a decade. I would say that that direct action worked and maybe that is the kind of direct action we are going to have to take here.

Of course, they are not going to do anything leading up to the Olympic ceremonies tomorrow. I pray to God they will not, because they are patient, these terrorists. They strike and then they pull back, and then they completely change their modus operandi.

We were going over every aircraft coming into this country leading up to the Olympics, bringing the athletes with literally the old cliché, a fine-toothed comb, and dogs as well. So they changed their modus operandi and put maybe a catastrophic explosive device on a plane leaving the country.

It is so difficult to play defense and stay ahead of terrorists when they are on offense. The timing is all theirs. Occasionally they can opt to use suicide people. If someone would blow himself up twice in one week on Tel Aviv or Jerusalem buses, why would not someone be willing to die on the aircraft? And there goes the baggage underneath. That is very difficult to go through each piece of luggage. They slow down the pace of modern life. They do terrorize some of us. They cause some senior citizens to never fly again in their lives. And not even to enjoy their savings, to see this fascinating world of ours.

It is just incredible, but like the so-called war on narcotics that has never been a war under this President, evil is something that is with us perennially since the fall of Adam, and it is just our expertise on defense against theirs. But occasionally, offense is required. That is what we should do with Libya now, go back on the offense. And it

gives a message to Syria, Iraq, and it gives a message to Iran, countries that maybe in a few years will again know what it is like to have freedom and free elections.

Mr. Speaker, I want to cut a little bit into my own time that I am going to dedicate to David McCampbell, Navy ace of aces, and discuss something that I just put around in a dear colleague letter: Bosnia.

Bosnia, once more into the breach, Richard Holbrooke, the man who I met the first time in the lobby of the U.S. Embassy or the court yard showing some friends the bullet holes still in our U.S. Embassy from the liberation of Paris in August 1944. And I am standing in the courtyard, and here comes Richard Holbrooke, then working Asian affairs, not Balkan affairs. And I said to him, of course, he is 19 years younger. I took off my POW bracelet with Maj. David Hrdlicka's name on it, known prisoner in Laos, right up till the prisoner exchange a few years before that June 1977 date.

I said, you tell the Vietnamese, Richard, Mr. Assistant Secretary, that thousands of Americans, 13 million wore these bracelets. There are still hundreds of thousands wearing them. This year of 1977, you tell them that we know they are holding back live Americans and hundreds of records, psychologically torturing our families. OK, I will do it.

About 2 weeks later a brown envelope arrives in my office, Mr. Speaker, with my POW bracelet in it. And Richard Holbrooke says to me, sorry, never got a chance to bring that up with the Vietnamese. So I do not hold him in awe as a negotiator the way some people do. But I will give him this: He is working on his second million dollars as a Wall Street honcho. I do not know what exactly his title was. His friend, Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, says, you have got to come back and you have got to go back and talk to Milosevic, that we have to solve this problem of ousting Radavan Karadzic, who is a killer, a warlord, killer, Serbian genocide creator. And he does it.

So he is over there a few days ago. At stake are the elections in Bosnia, scheduled for September 14. That is the date in the courts that Holbrooke, before he left the State Department last spring as an assistant secretary for that area, actually, Ambassador Plenipotentiary, he is over there now telling Milosevic, who himself is a warlord and a nonelected person, certainly not in any free election up in Belgrade, he himself unleashed this genocide. He himself is not just an unindicted co-conspirator but by the people that I respect, like Richard Goldstone, who is the immediate prior head of the war crimes trials in the Netherlands, he told me Milosevic is a war criminal. So here is Richard Holbrooke, civilian Wall Street, now temporarily seconded back to the State Department to sit down with Milosevic and say, look, 20,000 United States troops are in

Bosnia. It is part of the 60,000 U.N. mission. We have another 20,000 spread all around naval ships, Hungary, other places I visited a few months ago on the same airplane that killed Ron Brown. The agreement forbids those indicted for war crimes such as Karadzic from holding office or even participating in the elections.

It also requires signatories, such as Milosevic, to turn such individuals over to the tribunal at The Hague without, of course, turning himself over. So Richard Holbrooke, chief U.S. architect of the accords, is back over there.

Holbrooke is quoted in news reports as saying he believes the Bosnian Serbs are defying the Dayton agreement. But there is nothing to be heard or discussed about possible consequences. Despite repeated violations of the accord, Clinton has certified that the conditions necessary for a free and fair election exist. Many observers, including my colleague in the Senate, WILLIAM COHEN, have warned that this new term IFOR 2, IFOR 2 is now going to be an open-ended, unlimited extension of our United States commitment to Bosnia.

Mr. Speaker, I did not have our Speaker, Mr. GINGRICH, in my corner or eight of his lieutenants, various Congressmen from different districts, but I came last winter within four votes. A shift of four votes and this House would have gone on record cutting off the money for Clinton to follow up his Somalia misadventure which killed 19 of our very best Rangers and Delta Force people. And Haiti, where we compromised our intelligence, put out bad intelligence and allowed a competing, wonderful female lawyer, Bertrand, to be shot down and killed in the street. This lady, because we were so screwed up in the way we were trying to cover for Aristide down there, that murders took place that we could have prevented. That is all being bottled up for the election.

Now, just what I predicted from this, from that microphone and lectern controlling the debate, that this was an open-ended engagement, that Clinton was not qualified to be the Commander in Chief of an operation like this and we should cut off the money. Here we are in the election. The election is 111 days from today. Mr. Perry, a nice man, said in front of my Committee on National Security that we would start pulling out troops in August.

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That is in 2 weeks from now, and instead it is an open-ended commitment now with the IFOR force. The implementation force, IFOR, is now going to be IFOR-2 and they are going to stay. I found out when I went over there the second time that all these U.N. vehicles that they repainted khaki with the white paint underneath, they were all going to be repainted white, and it was going to go back to a U.N. operation anyway, with us paying a quarter or more of that bill.

Bob Novak, my pal, one of the best political pundits and writers in this last couple of decades in American life, he says: "Brace yourself. We are stuck in the Balkans just as I predicted."

So even my friend who I was honored to have lunch with Tuesday, Bob Dole, former great Senate leader, and we know that, God willing, he will be the nominee of my party on August 15, next month, he is having second thoughts about whether he should have not looked at it like backing up the troops on the ground with full support but should have looked at cutting off the money in the Senate, joining the Dornan effort over here and telling Clinton there is no money for this operation.

And by the way, the money is cutting into our operations and training from Haiti and from Bosnia, open-ended billing tearing apart the defense readiness of this country.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if the first part of my special order here was terrorism, and then Bosnia, this third of four parts is going to be on what it is like to be a Christian in a post-Christendom period of secular humanism and mockery of those who believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, our Savior who died for our sins.

I got this letter from one of the finest voices on radio in this country, a great child psychologist, educated man from a family of reverends, but not a minister himself, Dr. James Dobson, and listen to this newsletter, actually last week in June, from Jim Dobson. He says at the beginning of his family on the focus newsletter:

"Even if you are not accustomed to reading my letters, Dr. Dobson's focus on the family letters each month, I plead with you to read this one to the end. The words I have quoted here will inspire you and give you a new vision for this great land, the United States of America. More importantly, you will see that the road we are traveling as a nation was feared by our Founding Fathers, and their warnings must be heeded while there is time. God bless you, Jim Dobson, June 1996, dear friends."

Keep in mind what Billy Graham said May 2 in our beautiful secular cathedral, the nave of this building in our rotunda when we awarded him unanimously, both Houses, both parties, the Congressional Medal. Billy Graham said, "We are a Nation on the brink of self-destruction."

Follow up those terrifying words with the words of Jim Dobson quoting Justice Scalia:

"On April 9," that is Bataan Death March Day, remember, you veterans who love your country, bled for it and are great devotees of watching the proceedings on this House floor, even these special orders when the Chamber may be empty, and stupid writers like to point out why is BOB DORNAN or anybody speaking to an empty Chamber. One million three hundred thousand people are watching my image on tele-

vision reading this letter from Jim Dobson to this friends:

On April 9, 1996, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia delivered a historic address at the invitation of the Mississippi College School of Law, a Baptist school. No printed texts are available, and I could not get one from Mr. Justice Scalia's office, and his remarks were not recorded electronically; that is a tragedy. Excerpts of Justice Scalia's April 9 speech were reported in the news media the following day and continue to reverberate throughout the Nation, continue to reverberate months later. Indeed his speech generated a fire storm of criticism among indignant members of the liberal press. Just like Vice President Dan Quayle's controversial Murphy Brown speech in 1992, Justice Scalia had the audacity to be politically incorrect in the public square. Justice Scalia's address helped with the ridicule of Christians in the United States, and the fact that we have brought upon us Christians disdain in which their cherished beliefs are held by the culture elite.

I am going to read that sentence again: "His address at Mississippi College School of Law dealt with the ridicule of Christians in the United States and the disdain in which their cherished Christian beliefs are held by the cultural elite." That means the New York Times and many people at the networks. Perhaps—oh, and my pal Ted Turner saying that Christians were basically jerks. Remember that wonderful moment that he sort of apologized for, that he was quoting Jane Fonda at the time? So he was not too interested in really apologizing. Maybe one of these days Ted will apologize properly. The Christians are jerks, backwards, uneducated, and the Washington Post said something to that effect within weeks after that insult from Ted Turner.

Perhaps Scalia's comments on that day were motivated by cover stories, Easter Week stories in Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News and World Report, each questioning the historic validity of Jesus' resurrection.

Mr. Speaker, I read all three of those magazine. They really were offensive, particularly two of the three. Not surprisingly, those stories were run during or near Easter Week; that is in your face, when Christians were celebrating the risen Savior. Scalia's speech was reported in this manner. They at least let this much out.

Quote: Devout Christians are destined to be regarded as fools in modern society, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said Tuesday offering a rare glimpse of his private views. We are fools for Christ's sake, the conservative jurist said. We must pray for the courage to endure the scorn of the so-called sophisticated world. Scalia said intellectuals through history have rejected miracles and the Easter story. The wise do not investigate such silliness, he said sarcastically. They do not

believe in the resurrection of the dead. Scalia said it is irrational. You must reject miracles. One can be sophisticated and believe in God. Reason and intellect are not to be laid aside where matters of religion are concerned.

He, Scalia, took note that, I learned this from him, that the word "cretin" or "fool" is derived from the French word for Christian. That probably came upright before the reign of terror and the bloodletting and murder of priests and nuns during the French Revolution and the destruction of all of the great church art and the smashing of every statue, even in beautiful Notre Dame in Paris.

Scalia continues: To be honest about it, that is the way of Christians taken by modern society. Six hundred fifty people were at Mississippi College School of Law. Surely those who adhere to all or most of these traditional Christian beliefs are to be regarded as simple-minded.

Another quote. To many Americans, Scalia added sarcastically, everything from the Easter morning to the Ascension had to be made up by the groveling enthusiasts, the disciples of Christ, as part of their plan to get themselves martyred.

Dr. Dobson goes back to his text. Only a few excerpts from Scalia's speech had been published to date, but they were enough to bring down the liberal roof. Prominent editorial writers, columnists, cultural elites were appalled at his audacity. They came after the justice with a vengeance, just as they knew they would and just as they regularly castigate another conservative justice, any of them, but notably Clarence Thomas.

Richard Cohen, reporter for the Washington Post, my debate partner sometimes on Cross Fire wrote: I am less enamored of Scalia than some of my colleagues. I think this Supreme Court Justice is a cheap-shot artist.

Cohen went on to talk about Scalia's foolishness and concluded by writing Scalia's remarks are joined. Whatever his intentions, he showed himself to be a man who misjudges the nature and the motives of those who insist on a constitutional law of church and State, pretending that is in the Constitution when it was merely in the letter of Thomas Jefferson in passing, and it has been misinterpreted and misquoted for two centuries.

It seems his mind is made up—this is Cohen on Scalia—on such matters, and anyone who thinks Scalia will give first amendment issues a fair and reasoned hearing is, it seems, proceeding in a way Scalia would appreciate solely on faith.

Elliot Mintzberg, legal director for the People for the American Way, found Scalia's words to be troubling because they so closely resemble those used by Christian political activists like Pat Buchanan. This is a disturbing view for a Supreme Court Justice to have.

Remember when people attacked Clarence Thomas, that his life had

probably been ruined by the nuns because he thanked them for giving him a good education and did not bother to find out that he had never converted to Catholicism, was not a Catholic. He, just as a young black child, got a great education from nuns in his Southern State.

Jim Dobson just pours out his heart, 1 page, 2 page, 3 page, 4 page, and then he comes back to quoting more of how there is this built-in bias. Then he starts quoting some of the fathers of our country: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson. Let me come back to this Jefferson quote.

Jefferson, our third President and one of the principal Framers of the constitution and one of the three writers of the Declaration of Independence, the first among three equals, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams being the others, a man who revisionists tell us wanted a wall of separation to protect the Government from the people of faith, wrote the words that now appear in his memorial in Washington, and yes I have seen this, the beautiful Jefferson Memorial. Around the frieze inside it says: I swear upon the altar of God, eternal vigilance against every tyranny over the mind of man.

But it also says in there, Dobson quotes, can the liberties of a Nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God?

That bears rereading. Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson: Can the liberties of a Nation be thought secure when we have removed—today he would have said ripped from them their only firm basis for all these liberties, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God.

The year 1781, so it was written before the French fleet blocked the British and gave George Washington his victory at Yorktown on October 19 of that very year.

This is go good, and I do not have time. I wish that I had time to read it all. He comes up through Calvin Coolidge.

Franklin Roosevelt prayed this prayer on a national radio hookup on D-day. I read this on the House floor on the 50th anniversary of D-day: Almighty God, with thy blessing we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogance. Lead us to the saving of our country. Thy will be done, almighty God. Amen. The year 1944.

Meanwhile on every one of the 5,000-plus invasion ships over the public address systems General Eisenhower had ordered that the Lord's Prayer be read. Every single one of the attacking young men, many of them it was the last sunrise of their lives, that carried a small Bible with a red cover. I have a commemorative edition published on the 50th anniversary, with Roosevelt's beautiful speech in the frontispiece of that little Bible.

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Harry Truman, 33d President, a man who said "You can't ever trust an adulterer," he was not known to be a deeply committed believer. Nevertheless, he understood the spiritual heritage of this Nation. He had absorbed it sort of by osmosis.

Truman said, "If men and nations would but live by the precepts of the ancient prophets and the teachings of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, problems which now seem so difficult would soon disappear. That is a supreme opportunity for the church to continue to fulfill its mission on earth. The Protestant church, the Catholic Church, and the Jewish synagogue, bound together in the American unity of brotherhood," this is all 1946, Mr. Speaker, "must provide the shock forces to accomplish this moral and spiritual awakening. No other agency can do that. Unless it is done, we are headed for the disaster we would deserve. Oh, for an Isaiah or a St. Paul, to reawaken a sick world to its moral responsibilities;" Harry Truman, Capt. Harry, like my dad, Capt. Harry, artillery officer, World War I, French trenches.

Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, forgive me, Jerry for skipping over yours, but I am only going to read one more.

Ronald Reagan, 40th President, gave this in a speech: "The frustrating thing is that those who are attacking religion claim they are doing it in the name of tolerance, freedom, and open-mindedness. Question: Isn't the real truth that they are intolerant of religion? They refuse to tolerate its importance in our lives."

Ronald Reagan, the year of his second victory, where he took every single State but Senator Mondale's, Vice President Mondale's own home State of Minnesota, because Ronald Reagan refused to campaign there. He only lost by a few hundred votes. He refused to campaign there, in Mondale's face, and discourteously take his own State away from him. So Ronald Reagan, a man of ultimate decency, was content to win the biggest State majority ever 49 States out of 50.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that Jim Dobson's whole newsletter be put in the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, the other night I said that one of our cameras up in the gallery probably could not capture this picture closely enough. When I went home my wife had taped the picture, and it showed up, although it is a black and white picture, it showed up. I just have to tilt it a little more for flare, even though it is a fax picture, of Capt. David McCampbell.

THE NAVY ACE OF ACES GOES TO THAT BIG
HANGER IN HEAVEN

There is Chester, his plane captain, the crew chief of his airplane. There are 34 Rising Sun Japanese warlord flags on his F-6F Hellcat beautiful R2800 that was also in the corsair, and lots of two-engine airplanes on the other side of the world bombing Nazi Germany, those evil enemies that Roosevelt had condemned.

What I love about it is that David McCampbell even then is 34 years of age. He was the commander of the air group, the CAG, way over the age of the young pilots like George Bush, who at that very time this photograph was taken was in between his two aircraft losses and halfway through Bush's 58 combat missions. He was 20 years of age. So here is someone 14 years older.

David McCampbell, I went to his funeral Tuesday, a beautiful, moving ceremony. He has passed away at 86 years of age on the 30th. Here is that incomparable eulogy given by a fellow Medal of Honor winner, Col. H.C. "Barney" Barnum, Company Commander, Vietnam. He did it in cryptic terms at first, beautifully laid out. He gave me his original text, and it looked like quatrains in a poem.

Medal of Honor recipient Barney Barnum says:

David McCampbell, Navy fighter pilot extraordinaire, superb combat leader—a true warrior, a patriotic American. He was to naval aviation what Gen. George Patton was to Army armor, Generals Chesty Puller, Howlin Mad Smith, and Lew Walt were to Marine Corps infantry—all true combat warriors.

My first recollection of Captain McCampbell as a newly decorated Vietnam veteran was at my first Medal of Honor Society convention. I recall his flashy clothes, the infamous cane, his flare for having a good time, but most of all, his willingness to sit and talk with the new guys, the Vietnam Medal of Honor veterans.

Accompanied by Col. Joseph McCarthy years ago, I visited Captain McCampbell in Lake Worth. That is Florida, I believe. I recall upon arrival he had to show us his new Cadillac he had just bought his wife, Buffy. We sat for hours in a room adorned with photos of Navy fighter aircraft, ships, photos, models of his famous F-6F Hellcat.

I recall vividly David's accounts of the decisions required in air combat, the excitement of combat flying. He always said he was never scared, but at times was apprehensive.

I want to add at this point, so people can enjoy this eulogy, I forgot to point out the other night that of those 34 aerial victories, Mr. Speaker, 9 were on one mission, one flight a little short of an hour and a half. He returned back on the carrier deck with less than 10 minutes of fuel. That is one bolter in a go-around to get it back on that deck, and only two physical 50-caliber bullets, two out of hundreds, left in his guns.

Imagine what a sharpshooter he was, and how he shepherded his ammunition, to be able to shoot down 9 bombers and so demoralize the formation of almost 40 aircraft that they turned around. He destroyed their mission. They dropped no bombs on his carrier battle group, the Essex group, and they left.

That is what another young Medal of Honor winner paid for later with his

life, Butch O'Hare, that O'Hare airport in Chicago was named after. Butch shot down six on one mission and won the Medal of Honor. He shot down nine in one mission, and earlier that year of 1944, shot down six in one day. Nobody has ever equalled that feat, not even the three Army Air Corps aces still living with us; No. three, Gabreski; or the two that died in the South Pacific, Tommy McGuire, with 38 victories, or all-time American Ace of aces, young Dick Bong with 40. So think of those combat missions when you hear Barney Barnum's tribute.

He said, "I ask you not only to remember what a great American combat warrior he was, but think about the living example he set for his fellow aviators, the young pilots he led. The footprints he put in the sands of naval aviation were truly a path for those aviators who came after him to follow," including our own colleague, the gentleman from California, RANDALL CUNNINGHAM, "DUKE", his call sign and to his friends; a great congressman from San Diego, CA.

Those who knew David McCampbell will recall, I am sure, that he worked hard and he played hard. He truly did it all the way. He was born in Bessemer, AL, 86 years ago, attended prep school right down the road apiece from here in Virginia, at Stanton Military Academy, out there on highway 81. He had a year at Georgia Tech before his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, giving up his first year in college to make it a 5-year deal.

Many, many of the cadets I met up there at West Point a few weeks ago have a 5-year college course, because they go 1 year someplace else, making up for a C grade somewhere in high school, and then to start over as a freshman, to have that great military academy degree, and even more than that, the integrity, the duty, honor, country training.

He graduated in 1933, the year I was born, in the same class with Adm. John Duncan Bulkely, who I did a tribute to on this floor, the great Navy surface fleet and PT boat commander who took MacArthur off Corregidor. I did not realize that, both of this class of 1933, so they were seasoned middle-field-grade naval officers in 1941 when their Nation put them to the test.

As a midshipman, David exhibited his true competitive spirit as an active baseball player, swimmer. He went on to become the 1931 AAU diving champion, mid-Atlantic States, while a midshipman, and subsequently Eastern intercollegiate diving champion in 1932.

Upon graduation June 1, 1933, due to congressional legislation limiting commissions in the U.S. Navy, the same kind of shut-everything-down thinking we are still fighting in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, he was discharged from the Navy, the same as Admiral Bulkely, and commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He went inactive for 1 year before being recalled

in 1934 and commissioned as an ensign in the regular Navy.

His first duty was aboard the U.S.S. *Portland* as aircraft gunnery officer with Scouting Squadron 11. They are all biplanes, of course. The aviation unit aboard the cruiser, and that is even more than a biplane, that is a float plane biplane. In 1937, he was detached from the *Portland* and reported to Pensacola for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1938.

Imagine this, it took him 9 years after he reported in to Annapolis. That is stick-to-itiveness. For the next 2 years he served with Fighter Squadron 4 above our very first carrier, the *Ranger*, until being transferred in 1940 to Norfolk. There were clouds of war on the horizon for duty with the Wasp Air Group.

I found out at the funeral he was on the Wasp when it was sunk in the Battle of the Solomon Islands in September 1942. They told me he was the LSO, the landing officer, bringing in all the planes coming back to be recovered, only to go down when the ship went down.

From November 1942 to August 1943, after returning from the Pacific, he had consecutive duty at Jacksonville, Melbourne, FL, dying to get back into the fight. I can feel his fighter pilot's heart jumping out through these words of Barney Barnum's.

Then he fitted out Squadron 15. He went on to command that squadron from 1943 to February 1944 and then assumed command of Air Group 15, which was later to be labeled Fabled 15, aboard the U.S.S. *Essex*, the Galloping Ghost, they called it. The Japanese claimed they sunk the *Essex* six times during the war and never got her.

In addition to all the responsibilities incumbent with being the CAG, commander of the Air Group, McCampbell became the Navy's highest scoring pilot, 34 enemy planes destroyed, the greatest number ever shot down by an American pilot during a single combat duty tour. It took McGuire and Dick Bong two tours to get to their totals of 40 and 38.

His phenomenal feat of destroying nine Japanese aircraft in one day is unequalled in the annals of combat aviation. We have one Army Air Force pilot who shot down seven in Europe; no, six, flying a reconnaissance Mustang. It did not even have a full load of ammunition because of the cameras. They called it, instead of P-51, they called them F-5's and F-6's, the P-38 and Mustang photo versions.

It was somewhere off the Philippine Islands, October 24, 1944, that McCampbell shot down those nine aircraft. In an interview later, David was quoted as saying, it was just me and my wing man. I stand corrected, Mr. Speaker, 60 incoming Japanese bombers and supporter fighters. I screamed for help over the radio like a wounded eagle, but there was not anyone to send.

The air director that day was John Connally, later Secretary of the Navy

and Governor of Texas, wounded the day Kennedy was murdered, assassinated.

I asked him what I should do, and he said "Use your judgment." You don't think of getting out of there, because that is not what you are trained to do. So my best judgment was to attack, 2 against 60, and attack we did. He went on to say in combat: You just do not think much of anything but the enemy, shooting him down, because that is what we were trained to do. I had help, of course, my wing man.

And I am learning this along with you, Mr. Speaker, for the first time; shot down six planes that day. So he became an ace on this mission also; 15 airplanes between the two of them.

Colonel Barnum said, I have heard David say "I'm not a hero," but as I read his Medal of Honor citation, I know you will all agree with me that indeed he was truly a hero.

I will close on this, Mr. Speaker. His Medal of Honor citation: David McCampbell, son of Alabama, Annapolis graduate, rank and organization commander, U.S. Navy Air Group 15; place and date, first and second Battle of the Philippines Sea, the biggest naval battle ever, by the way, June 19, 1944. Entered service at Florida. Born January 16, 1910, Bessemer, AL. Citation for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commander Air Group 15 during combat service against enemy Japanese aerial force in the first and second battles of the Philippine Sea.

An inspiring leader fighting boldly in the face of terrific odds, Commander McCampbell led his fighter planes against a force of 60. The Medal of Honor has it up to 80, 80 Japanese carrier-based aircraft bearing down on our fleet on June, 1944. Striking fiercely in valiant defense of our service force, he personally destroyed this seven hostile planes, later upgraded to nine, during this single engagement in which the outnumbering attack forces was utterly routed and virtually annihilated.

During a major fleet engagement with the enemy, the next, October 24, Commander McCampbell assisted by but a single airplane, intercepted, and daringly attacked a formation of 60 hostile land-based craft approaching our forces. I see, they had it right. He takes on 90 and gets 6, he takes on 60 and gets 9.

Fighting desperately but with superb skill against such overwhelming air power, he shot down nine Japanese planes and completely disorganizing the enemy group, forced the remainder to abandon the attack before a single aircraft could reach the fleet. His great personal valor and indomitable spirit of aggression under extremely perilous combat conditions reflect the highest credit upon Commander McCampbell and the U.S. Navy.

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He is also credited with the destruction of 24 grounded airplanes and his

air group, which became known as Fabled 15, was credited with the destruction of more enemy airplanes than any other Navy group in the Pacific war. That means in history.

It goes on to mention all the places that he fought, the Marianas, that was called the Turkey Shoot of Iwo Jima, bloody Palau, the Philippines, Formosa, and Nansei Shotos. He took part in the first battle of the Philippines. Over 400 enemy planes were destroyed in one battle. His remarkable exploits continued up to and including the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

It goes on to talk about the ships sunk, a Japanese battleship, 3 aircraft carriers, a heavy cruiser, additional ships, 3 more battleships, another carrier, 5 heavy cruisers, 4 light cruisers, 19 destroyers. They destroyed the navy.

And I remember George Bush's backseater Leo Nado. I said, "Leo, in 58 missions, how many times were you jumped by Japanese aircraft?" He said, "Congressman, Mr. Bush," he says "I still call him 'Mr.'" because that is what he called ensigns and lieutenants," he said, "Mr. Bush and I never saw a Japanese airplane." I said "What, in 58 missions getting shot down twice?" He said, "No, our fighter pilots, those Hell Cat pilots," he is talking about McCampbell, and he gestured with his arm, Leo says, "They swept the skies clear in front of Mr. Bush and myself." Bush of course in his combat missions was hit with ground fire.

But we have buried another great hero at Arlington. He is in the new part of the cemetery, the plot where all the Vietnam veterans are.

Mr. Speaker, I will be a conferee on the Senate-House authorization bill conference this year. I was just talking to Speaker GINGRICH about it. I will be a conferee. I tell you that I will dedicate myself to a good authorization bill by thinking about people like Navy ace of aces David McCampbell.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—BENNIE MAJERS/RACHAEL GINDER

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

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my weekly report from Indiana. There are special people in our society who reach out and lend a caring hand to all who are alone in the world. These individuals make our community a better place to live. Every weekend when Ruthie and I return home, we meet good people who are doing just that. I call them Hoosier heroes, Hoosier heroes because they are generous in their acts of love, because they sacrifice and serve as an example for the rest of us in our community.

Today I want to recognize Bennie Majers and Rachael Ginder, both of Madison County as Hoosier heroes. These two women shared their story

with me during my visit with them over the Fourth of July break. I met with them because a good friend of mine, Judge Dennis Carroll had shared with me how much they had contributed as advocates for children in our community.

For over 16 years, Bennie Majers has been investigating the accidental deaths of children that turn out to be homicides. She is able to pursue most of these unthinkable cases because of her own life story. As an abused child, Bennie witnessed her own father murder her young brother. Bennie is known throughout Madison County and around the country because of her determination and hard work to uncover similar heinous crimes. She told me she does it in the memory of her young brother because she wants to make sure that other young people do not have that happen to them.

Her reputation as a victims advocate has earned her national appearances on the Oprah and the Geraldo shows. Certainly Bennie is one of those people who is helping out our community. She works with the sheriff's office in Madison County and develops profiles to indicate where a murder may have occurred of a young child. Her heart is filled with love and hope, and her impressive résumé is full of efforts to help children. Her commitment is indeed commendable.

The story of Rachael Ginder is also one of those that deserves mention and special recognition. Rachael and her husband Ron have provided foster care for nearly 150 children, many of whom are difficult and hard to place. Rachael shared with me that often those children have come back to them as adults and thanked Rachael and Ron for the love that they provided them and gave them a chance for a better life.

Many of the children that they have had are severely retarded, mentally handicapped. The doctors often say that some of the children have very few months of live or only days. But the Ginders have been willing to love them and to never give up hope on those children who enter their home. In their hearts, their thoughts and their prayers, they feel that it is their special gift to love these children, to give them a home where they can be nurtured.

One particular story involves a young girl named Melissa, who was born with no brain tissue, only a brainstem. The doctors gave her only a few days to live. She came to the Ginders when she was 15 months. They have adopted her as their own child, and now she is a young girl of 15 years who enjoys listening to music, the piano and the flute, and she continues to be a joy for all those in her house.

With the strength and hope in their hearts and God to guide them, the Ginders continue loving these children, like Melissa, unconditionally. The Ginders open up their hearts to these children, children who desperately need them, and they shower them with

love. The Ginders seek to be more Christlike in their approach as they continue to give to those who are least fortunate in our society.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to lift up Ron and Rachel Ginder and Betty Majers and her husband as Hoosier heroes in the true sense of the word. They have made sacrifices in their lives so that young people who are less fortunate than they were have a chance for hope and a better life in the future.

FAMILIES FINISH LAST IN GOP WELFARE REFORM BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, today we passed the Republican majority's welfare reform bill, H.R. 3734. I think this triumph of the Republican majority again proves what we have said all along, that Democrats put families and children first, Republicans put families and children last. The Republicans are at least open and consistent, I appreciate their honesty. They are open and consistent in their extremism. As Speaker GINGRICH has said, politics is war without blood. The Republicans have declared war on families and children and they do not hide it. They have declared war on working people. They do not hide it. They are consistent. The American people will have a clear choice in November. There is no camouflaging of their intentions. The Republicans have done more than they said they would do but they clearly have laid out a pattern which shows that they are not for families, they are not for children. They use the rhetoric, they use the slogans, but the proof is in their actions. Today's welfare reform legislation certainly proves that.

I am all for welfare reform. I am in favor of reforming any program and any function of government, in fact. That is part of our vital function here, to keep the process of reform going. There is not a single government program or a single function of government that cannot stand improvement. The process of reform should be a permanent, ongoing process, and welfare certainly needed reforming. It did not need reforming because the poor people have ruined it because poor people do not administer anything. Poor people have no power. Poor people have no say in how we have administered any program, and certainly they have had no vital function here in the administration of the welfare program. If the welfare program needs reform and needed reform, and I think it did, it is because the people who are running it, including the policymakers in our Congress and our various State legislatures and city councils, it needed reform because we have not operated properly. Did it need such extremism as we have seen