

guy, quite frankly he always reminds me of a grizzly bear who has just kind of rubbed his eyes and messed his hair a little, and you are going to get direct from him.

He has this great friendship with this wonderful black American, this lady of African-American descent, Delores Tucker. They have traveled together on the rock lyrics and how it is poisoning a whole generation of white Americans, Hispanic Americans, African-heritage Americans.

This will be very interesting. This could be one heck of a debate, because although the Bible is on one of the two nightstands on either side of our bed, I have to concede the Book of Virtues is on the other one.

I just put him to one test. I said, "Let me ask you something, Bill." He told me the book was coming out. I introduced him at a Christian Coalition meeting 2 or 3 years ago. I said, "What's this new book you've got coming out? Explain it to me." As I am just going up to introduce him, I lean back, I say, "It's got everything in it, Aesop's Fables, everything?"

He says, "Yeah."

I said, "Here is the acid test. My favorite most impressive morality story as a young man, other than all the scriptures I was getting from my family, it was a Disney film but it was from an Italian classic, Pinocchio. Is Pinocchio in that book?"

"Absolutely it is." Lampwick, Pleasure Island, smoking cigars, and shooting pool. Today it is Michael McCurry talking about toking a few joints and doing more than shooting pool, taking your pleasures wherever you may, and all of a sudden you are a jackass and suddenly you are enslaved to something, enslaved to a sex addiction, enslaved to drugs, enslaved to something, but you lose your freedom when you indulge yourself hedonistically to the extreme.

That Pinocchio story is a powerful story because what was it about? A little boy with no feelings who developed feelings and it turned him into a real boy. And whatever happened to Lampwick, the party guy? We do not know. But he said, "It's in there," and sure enough it was. Everything is in there.

What Bill Bennett was trying to respect was the wisdom of the ages, that absolute truth exists. There are certain core values. The 10 Commandments are not new and they are not old. They are just eternal.

So I think that might be an interesting development, and it will certainly keep my classmate AL GORE on his toes, and it may add a dimension, if it turns out to be true, to this race.

The other thing was, get this little play by my daughter Theresa Ann Dornan Cobban, who ran one of the best and cheapest presidential campaigns in the country, mine. She said, "Dad, the jury in Little Rock, AR, is deadlocked, and the judge said you go back in there and you come to a decision."

Deadlock is no good for the Clintons because that means they will call for a new trial and they will just keep going, and it will just take it right into September and October. The prosecution, when they wrapped up down there, said the monkey does not get the monkey grinder to dance to his tune. The monkey grinder, the owner of the banks, spreading all the money illegally into Clinton's gubernatorial races, the junior associate in the bank, that would be the monkey, he danced to the bank president's tune, and he is the one who has plead guilty, turned State's evidence and taken his lumps.

I do not know what is going to happen with that trial, but we may end up with something beyond Nixon. Because when Nixon won in 1972, nobody knew that Watergate was going to come back to cause him to fire his Doberman pinschers, Haldermann and Erlichman, on April 30, 1973. Nobody dreamed it would pull him down on August 9, 1974.

But this time, if Dole cannot save the country, then we are going to have impeachment proceedings in the spring of next year, of 1997, with all of this weight of scandalous material building up, building up, building up, until, as two Democrats told me on the center of the aisle back there, it is kind of dangerous to be a friend of the Clintons because you either end up dead or in jail. So we have got a moral crisis in this country.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). The Chair would just remind the gentleman at the microphone that Members are to address their remarks to the Chair and not to the viewing audience, if the gentleman from California could observe that.

Also, as a reminder, the gentleman from Minnesota has 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. DORNAN. I thank the gentleman. I certainly yield back to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I thank the gentleman. I just want to close this, and I know that he is going to have an hour to talk about some other issues that are important to us and the American people.

But I wanted to talk a little bit tonight about the partial-birth abortion issue, because I think it is one point where the American people can begin to turn the clock back, that they can begin to recover the lost moral ground that we have already seen.

We have heard some of the quotes from Billy Graham, we have heard some of the quotes from our Founding Fathers. We have talked a little bit about Robert Maplethorpe and what he did in Great Britain in terms of recovering the fumble of slavery and beginning to return Great Britain to a much more morally oriented society. As a result, the British are a much more

moral and better society because of that.

I think the news that Bill Bennett may well be the vice presidential nominee of the Republican party is very good news, because I have known Bill Bennett for a number of years. He is one person who has probably the strongest sense of truth and morality and character of any human being that I have met. He is an intellectual. He is a Ph.D., I believe from Harvard, and perhaps Congressman DORNAN can correct me, but he is an intellectual as well as being someone who is well grounded in basic American values.

I would hope that the American people would not lose faith, would not lose hope in this American system that we have, that we can somehow recover this fumble. As I said earlier to Congressman DORNAN, we are only a handful of votes away from overriding the veto of this grisly procedure we call partial-birth abortions. I think if the American people join forces, if they send one loud, clear, demanding signal to the American Congress, that somehow we can find the votes to override that veto and once and for all begin to send a message that there are points beyond which the American people simply will not retreat.

COMPELLING ISSUES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk this evening—this evening, it is 6 at night in Los Angeles, Mr. Speaker, and only 4 in the afternoon in Hawaii—I want to speak tonight about one of the most heartbreaking, agonizing, complex stories of American history that has haunted me my entire life and came to another tragic conclusion this evening.

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It is the story of the world's greatest Nation, the United States of America, the most noble Nation to ever exist, with all due respect to the mother country, Great Britain, to wonderful little homogeneous nations like Norway or New Zealand, and to a multi-lingual nation who has avoided war and persecution for almost 500 years, Switzerland.

Given our size, the problems we have overcome, the destructive moral evil that destroyed our morality for our first four score and 7 years, then four score and 10 years, then a century, then another century of neglect, slavery and its aftermath, we have overcome so much. And just in this century, when we could have been isolationists, and were at first, we entered a war called the Great War. And because it broke out again, bringing fathers back into conflict with their own sons, World War II, we put Roman numeral one on

the Great War, where my father won three World Chevrons, now called Purple Hearts.

World War II, the greatest cataclysm of pain and suffering and evil of all time, with the Communists weighing in with all of the war crimes and tragedy and even greater loss of life inflicted by Stalin and his Communist thugs, as did Hitler and his gang of cutthroats. We entered that. And we probably could have cut an isolationist path in spite of the war in the Pacific brought on us by the warlords of Japan.

We have expended in this century more blood and more treasure than any nation, without any strings attached, with no territorial gain, no economic gain, no oil leases, in spite of what cynics said about our noble cause in trying to keep at least half of Indochina, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, trying to keep them free, part of the free world, as we had kept half of the Korean Peninsula free at great loss of treasure and great loss of young life, it appears that this noble Nation, in this century, in all of those conflicts that we probably could have avoided, as immoral as that would have been, it appears we have left live American heroes behind to the not so tender mercies of their captors.

That is what I want to talk about tonight. And to do it I will take a book that has been absolutely my bible on the POW crisis in Vietnam. It is simply called, "POW," by John Hubbell and published in our bicentennial year, 1976, by Readers Digest Press, and read through you, Mr. Speaker, to 1.3 million, maybe 1.5 million now, listeners to our C-SPAN televised proceedings.

I am afraid that to 99 percent of the audience listening tonight, Mr. Speaker, they will have not heard these facts, because this wonderful book, "POW," that was painful and yet ennobling and uplifting to read was not a best seller. Let me retrieve it.

Last night, at 2 a.m. in the morning, Mr. Speaker, the Armed Services Committee brought down its conference report between the House and the Senate on the 1997 Defense authorization bill. Like most authorization conference reports, or appropriations conference reports, there was much compromise and some gnashing of teeth on both sides.

The POW-MIA issue, frankly, took severe hits, and in this case the gnashing of teeth is by those families that would be described in scripture as "the salt of the earth," who gave us their sons, their young fathers, their husbands to fight for freedom in Korea and Vietnam and were left behind.

First, Mr. Speaker, a recapitulation of what was just proposed to all the conferees from the Senate and the House, of which I was one. And let me put a rumor to rest right now. I was a conferee at every meeting. I did not miss one, right down to the wire at 4:30 tonight. Treated with the ultimate of respect by my chairman, and I return that respect, the gentleman from South Carolina, Navy Captain FLOYD

SPENCE, a medical walking miracle and one heck of an American hero.

FLOYD SPENCE treated me with dignity and let me do the lead-off report at all the conference meetings, when my conferee status was in doubt with the media, and because there were so many personnel issues involved, he always let me lead off, as I engaged in the conference discussion tonight at the last lap more than anyone else.

Here is what the Clinton administration said they were going to veto if it was in the final House-Senate product. They said if there was anything in there on demarcation of theater missile defense, they would veto it. They want to get by on the cheap. Even if he gets 4 more years he will leave office without this country being defended from missile attack.

The ABM Treaty. Multilateralization. If the House had prevailed, Clinton said he would veto it. And then two of them, the only two others that are what they called "veto bait" were BOB DORNAN's, mine, HIV-positive discharge. I had a partial victory there. And homosexuals trying to join the military not being asked. Returning to the Ronald Reagan-George Bush policy on homosexuals in the military. Clinton said he would veto that.

I think that is a big bluff. Scared the pants off the other Chamber, not me. Because if he was going to veto something where the conference of the Senate and the House said we are returning to a clear, simple, nonconfusing policy of no homosexuals in the military, to use Senator SAM NUNN's language, homosexuality is incompatible with military service, he would not have dared touch it. But he bluffed and we caved. So all of that is out.

Homosexuals in the military is a tiny little thing. As I told some press people who said, "Did you lose that one?" I said, "Not hardly." If you will go back on a nexus search of everything I said in 1993, that under the Nunn-Skelton-Dornan language we got 95 or 98 percent of what we wanted, and they are putting out more homosexuals now than ever in history. This year we are running at a rate of a thousand this year, if we continue this rate up through July. And last year it was 777 homosexuals were pulled out of the military. The highest in a decade.

So, obviously, whatever Clinton thought he was implementing, what the courts are looking at is the Nunn-Skelton-Dornan language, and that was 98 percent there. All I wanted to do was close that 2 percent gap. And I have been told no because Clinton bluffed on that 2 percent.

The 2 percent was merely saying to a young man or woman, after we had told them, through the recruiter, we do not want to recruit homosexuals and then said to them, here it is in writing, and put it in front of them and got them to sign to it. All the gentleman from California, Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, and I wanted to do was to merely say, by the way, no Communist

days of have you ever been, just are you now a practicing homosexual or do you think you ever will practice if we recruit you into the Army. A "yes" answer to those two simple questions and we could say politely, young man, young lady, we do not want you to join the military.

That way they cannot say I was confused, I do not read too well, I was so scared when I was joining, or misty-eyed because I was going to serve my country that I did not hear all of this. Why did they not tell me they did not want homosexuals, it would have saved them 5 months of training and a waste of all these uniforms and schooling and everything. So I will fight that battle next year.

On the HIV-positive discharge, I am so right on this that it hurts. Here is a letter from the Marine Corps. A letter from the Bureau of the Navy, Headquarters of the Marine Corps, Annex 2 up here. There are no, no Marines on active duty out of 56 who were HIV who got it from tainted blood or any infected tissue or blood product at all. That means that all 56 got it by violating rules and restrictions on off-limit bars or houses of prostitution, which is almost zero to a handful, and all the rest got it by homosexual conduct or dirty drug needles. That means they violated military rules. It is down to about 850 now, not a thousand.

We are going to keep this regiment of people on active duty because of Clinton and the failure of this conference to face up to the truth. I had it passed as law on February 10, when Clinton signed the Defense authorization bill for this year, 5 months late. He dismissed that he had made us, had not bluffed, he had made us take out defending the homeland from one nuclear rogue missile. He had forced us to take out the provisions where we do not want U.S. soldiers under foreign or U.N. command, took that out, and he took out a provision I helped to write that this Congress, House and Senate concurring, decides where American troops serve.

In World War I, in World War II, and it fell apart in Korea, became a U.N. action. It certainly fell apart after the Tonkin Gulf resolution. No declared war. And we had prisoners being dragged through the streets of Hanoi, July 6, 1966.

The liberal Washington Post had to editorialize on Bastille Day, July 14, that if the North Vietnamese kept continuing to treat our men as criminals and air pirates and were going to put them on trial and possibly even execute them, then the results would be absolutely horrendous.

Senator Russell, who the Russell Building is named after, Senator Russell said we would turn North Vietnam into a desert. A lot of people misquote that as a parking lot. We were not going to pave it, it would be a desert. A moon landscape. And it worked. They never again talked about trying them, but they beat 20 or more to

death, they executed 100 in the villages, and they killed lots of civilians that had been captured during the Tet offensive. They kept on torturing our men horribly for 4 or 5 more years, but they never again talked openly about putting them on a public trial. But no declaration of war was in Vietnam. It fell apart there.

This House and Senate should lay down the constitutional hard line that the President in article II, section 2 is only referred to by the Framers of our constitution as the Commander in Chief of the forces. And then there is a comment, it says and when the militia, that is the National Guard, is called up, he is the commander there, too.

All of the authority over the armies and the navy, they use plural for armies, armies and the navy, resides under article I, section 8, in this Congress, the House and the Senate. Foreign treaties over on the north side of the beltway, but both of it, and all spending and appropriations and tax bills over here, start here, but we share the authority and the control over our military in every aspect except the commander at the top, where only one person can speak, over the quality, the size of the military, how many people will be on active duty, whether women will or will not go into combat, whether homosexuals will or will not serve, what the colors of the uniform will be, what their weapons will be, their pistols, their rifles, their tanks, their artillery, their ships, their planes, their helicopters, and in how many numbers, and what kind of fuel they will use, and where we will preposition ships, and it should include where they will fight and die under Old Glory.

And it should be whether we decide they will serve under a NATO command with a ratified treaty under SEATO, which died because we could not stand up to communism to the bitter and there, or in CENTO, which fell apart when a good man, Jimmy Carter, inadvertently cut the legs out from under the Shah of Iran, and then he passed away with cancer.

This was all stripped out by Mr. Clinton on February 10. But he only griped about one thing that day, just 5 months and 3 weeks ago, he said the Dornan amendment on HIV, people carrying the fatal venereal disease, AIDS virus, they can disobey the law if they want and I will not order Janet Reno and my Attorney General to defend this law that I am signing into law.

And then a few Republican lameducks around here, and a few Democrats, including a few that I think are utterly corrupt and brought about the death of people, in one case the death of a woman, they gutted this out of the bill, and they did it again.

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Well, they did not get a total victory because I won as the Chairman of Military Personnel on something called end strength. I vowed that every time Clinton or any President want to keep this

regiment of people, and I said it before and I will say it again, God love them, they are on a track to death. I am fighting to get the money to extend their lives. I want them to have good care. But they have admitted to me, quote, a Navy chief petty officer, "I know I should not hold down this billet." Another said, "I know I am not doing right by the military. I'm going to too many medical appointments, taking too much toxic medicine like AZT. I am not performing my job. I know I caused another man or woman to be fired when I was fired off of my aviation job and I have been retrained into their job."

Whenever Presidents want to keep HIV-positive AIDS-infected personal on active duty, I will always consider them of line. They can stay on active duty and draw pay, but I am always going to add a thousand people, men and women who can as healthy people be trained for combat and be deployed anywhere in the world, even though I do not think we should go there, until we wake up and decide where they should go, people who can be deployed, trained for combat, and do not have to take toxic medicines like AZT. I will keep that thousand on active duty to weight off against this politically protected group of people who need our prayers and super medical aid and should not have to play this game of pretending they can cut it, when in all but a few muscular cases they cannot, and they should be home with their families with as much money as they can make on active duty doing everything they can to extend their lives.

I am always going to add to the end strength more people. And guess what, Mr. Speaker, I did not just add a thousand; I did not add 5,000; I added 20,000 or more over and above what Clinton wanted to cut military down to.

Now, that is HIV and homosexuals in the military. I won two big ones, Mr. Speaker. It looks like this conference has signed off on no Hustler magazines, pornography and soft core pornography, if that is what you want to call Playboy Magazine, or Penthouse, which outsells Playboy, and Hustler outsells them both. This garbage, this direct assault on my mother who has long gone to heaven, my wife who is very much alive, my sisters-in-law, my aunt who is alive in her 90's, and my three daughters and five granddaughters and maybe a sixth granddaughter on the way.

Pornography is a frontal, direct, vicious, specific assault upon women. It treats them—well, some homosexual pornography is a direct assault upon boys or young men or ephesbes—young men 18, 19, 20—just barely over the age in most States of maturity. Most pornography is a direct assault on women, cheapening down like slavery to a product, meat on a rack. And we have gotten this first behind the counters. Just by ROSCOE BARTLETT of Maryland proposing it, all these PX managers started to hide this stuff and make the

young, macho guys who think demeaning women by buying this garbage is manly, and it is not. It is unmanly. They started hiding all of this stuff.

Some of them with guts, practicing Protestants and Christians and observant Jews who work in the PX system saying, Hey, this is enough. Just threaten to take it out, and I want to junk it anyway. But when this is signed into law by Clinton, that is the end of our PX's facilitating pornography.

No freedom of speech problem here. They can get it at the local drug store or they can keep it in their footlocker, but it helps the Navy to tell these guys, stop putting these graphic, gynecological exam shots up on the walls of the carrier hangar deck. Stop that. You can stick it in your footlocker and corrupt yourselves, but you are not going to put it on the walls.

That helps commanders to take that, not puritanical, but strong, manly, decent line, or if it is a female officer, an ethically womanly line, to not have this garbage up. It helps by doing this. So that is a big victory.

And the biggest one of all for me personally, was Clinton signed five Executive Orders, what the Pope called culture of death, Executive Orders on his first day on the job, second day in Office. January 22, 1993, 20th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision; a lying decision based on a gang rape that never took place. There was not a rape that took place or an abortion that took place. Norma McCorvey, the *Roe* in *Roe v. Wade*, is now reconciled with her three daughters. Each one she had threatened to abort, and all of them are alive, praise the Lord. And she has reconciled with them and become a Christian. It took her a couple of steps in how hard to fly in the face of Kate Michaelman and Eleanor Schmiel and Patricia Ireland. But she has squared herself away with the Lord and that phony decision, *Roe v. Wade*, on its 20th anniversary with 35 American babies at various stages of gestation killed in their mother's wombs, on that 20th anniversary, Clinton, with a smile from ear to ear, signed those five Executive death orders. Only one has been reversed.

I do not say this pridefully; I say it so they will know where to come and get me to try to reverse it or put some blame, the pro-abortion movement. I reversed one of his five Executive death orders and he signed it into law on February 10, and the Senate tried to strip out and it went through conference and it is there. Why? I will give away a secret. Because I put in closing that 2 percent gap on homosexuals in the military. I knew I would not win that in this election year, given the complexion of both bodies. But sure enough, it worked. They played off that.

If DORNAN will drop the homosexuals in the military, we will leave his Public Law alone and that is in spite of a vote in the Senate 51 to 45 to take out

DORNAN's no abortions in military hospitals. So there are those four.

There are some other things that are kind of strange. Senator BYRD protected two SR-71's. That is fine. We lost our Buy America. To you working Americans out there, DUNCAN HUNTER of San Diego fought hard. Mr. JIM TRAFICANT on this side. Try again next year.

And then there was some other small things. One Senator put in a policy on nondeployables. All the nondeployables; not just those with the AIDS virus, and it was a phony attempt to counter me. Once I said I will accept it, they did not even want their own. They dropped it.

We won on the House side on getting work on four beautiful F-18 Hornet fighter aircraft. We are going to get that work done in depots. Funding for depots is a 60/40 split on U.S. versus outside work. And that is the report, except for the House receding to the U.S. Senate on POW/MIA language.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I will not be able to vote for the Defense authorization bill on this floor tomorrow if it comes up or when we come back in September. I will have to vote against it in spite of getting nine out of 11 things in the bill, in spite of being the point man with OWEN PICKETT, my Democratic vice chairman from Virginia, at my side on everything, including the multiple POW/MIA hearings, including one that lasted 11 hours and 45 minutes, half a day, with no breaks. We only used the breaks to come over and vote and ate on the run.

Mr. PICKETT and I stood by our men and women in uniform with pay increases, basic allowance for quarters, health provisions refined. Most of my work was on the grinding routine of the military personnel subcommittee, as DAN COATS of Indiana and now the new chairman, DIRK KEMPTHORNE of Idaho, did so assiduously on the other side.

But now without mentioning any names, here comes the POW/MIA tragedy, and what a tragedy it is.

On February 10, again that same day that Clinton signed the Dornan abortion language, the HIV which was stripped out by my own party 3 months after it was in law, a mistake, against the will of 99 percent of all the men and women who are at the E-1 enlisted level E-2, E-3, the sergeants, the NCOs and most of the field officers, all the junior company grade officers that I have spoken to, this House in a gutless move pulled it out. However we did trade it for two pro-life positions in what was called the continuing appropriations bill a few weeks back.

Now, here is what Clinton signed into law: The Missing Persons Act. The guts of it, the core of it, basically were nine things. I will leave it up, Mr. Speaker, to every American who tracks us in this Chamber and follows the proceedings of this House. If we were debating this right now in the Committee of the Whole for the Armed Services Commit-

tee, and I was controlling the debate and yield myself such time as I might consume, I would march down these nine points and I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that all Americans would evaluate these.

I will take them the way they were stripped out or allowed to stay, nine of them. I fought for three, and I held three, but six will be stripped out when Clinton signs this bill.

Section 1902(a) of the 1996 Missing Persons Act designates a period of not longer than 48 hours for a unit commander; that is, a squadron commander, Marine company commander, or higher, to report to the theater commander in the theater. That could be very small. The *Mayaguez*, that was a small theater of action off the main port of Cambodia. When a person is missing, it is 48 hours for the unit commander to say to the theater commander, Two days ago Lieutenant Dornan never came back from that patrol. Only one of his radiomen made it back. It was 2 days ago. Let us move on this.

Now that has been moved to 10 days. I ask any person with any logic, what about Scott O'Grady? Scott O'Grady came up on the radio. He told me this in my own office, Tip O'Neill's old district office, Tom Foley's old district office, Jim Wright's old district office in the Rayburn Building. It is my office now, and in that office he told me, I came up on the radio, Congressman, every night for 6 nights and nobody heard me. Only on the sixth night.

Imagine, he was rescued the sixth night and nobody thought he was alive. I said, "I didn't think you were alive, Scott. I gave up on you." He said, "Don't feel bad, my mom and dad had given up, my sister and my brother, and so had my unit and all but a few of my wingmen."

One close friend that I met in Aviano told me that he diverted from another capping mission, another deny-flight mission over Bosnia, deny flight to the Serbians, that he flew back in the general direction of where Scott went down, and when he came up on the radio, he got so excited. They played the tapes for me there at the fighter squadron headquarters in that front base at Aviano, Italy. And he said, "Is that really you, Scott? What was your call sign in Onsong, Korea?" And he came up with it and he said, "It is you. It is you." He is telling him, "It is you. It is you." Very dramatic.

Day six, now it has been moved to day 10. Ten days not to report that someone is missing? If it is your fault that someone is missing, you have 10 days to cover your tail.

Number 2, section 1502(b), the theater commander after receiving a report from a unit command that a person is missing has 14 days to forward a report to the Secretary concerned, Navy, Air Force, Army, the Navy takes care of the Marine Corps, that all necessary actions were taken, that all appropriate assets were used.

This is called accountability, Mr. Speaker, to resolve the status of the

missing person and that all pertinent information was safeguarded. This new gutting of this provision has a unit commander, that can be a company commander on a small ship off the coast, coastal ship, reporting directly to the secretary of some service back in the Pentagon. What kind of an idiotic disconnect is that?

This next one, number 3, is one that I managed to save. But as JIM TALENT of Missouri said, it is worthless without all the other ones that are stripped out of this.

Section 1503.4, a legal counsel will be appointed by the Secretary of the services, or of Defense, to represent a missing person's interest at all boards of inquiry. You know how this is handled most of the time? Go look at that movie "A Few Good Men." Tom Cruise plays a lawyer new on the base. They gave him what they thought was a nothing case and he turned out to be a good lawyer and a big star, but that is what happens. They give to the lowest person in the Judge Advocate office, generally, this nonwinable case.

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So a young captain is told, you will help this missing person's interests at all boards of inquiry. And he says, I do not know the issue. I do not know the theater. I have not been overseas yet. And what are the regs here? What do I base all this on?

No teeth to back up this appointed legal counsel. I fought for it and got that one, but I am wondering what it is worth now.

Number 4, 1505(b), for missing persons last known or suspected of being alive, a board of inquiry will be convened every 3 years after the initial report of disappearance. Chairman DIRK KEMPTHORNE of Idaho had a good point. What about if a family does not want to have this brought up every 3 years, that they have made peace. They are convinced their son was killed, died in captivity. They want to let him rest in peace.

I called it the Kempthorne provision. Good, let us have the families opt out. Then we made it better than that. Everybody is considered opted out except for those who do not think that they got justice and that their son, last known alive, and in the case of the gulf war could be a daughter now, a daughter, suspected of being alive or last known alive, you opt in and want to review every 3 years. Killed. Stripped out.

I am telling you, Mr. Speaker, as I stand here and you sit there, the missing in action, POW families in your State of Colorado are distraught. They are enraged. They are heartbroken. They are literally crying angry tears that this is stripped out.

Now, number 5, 1506, penalizes any Government official who knowingly willingly withholds information related to the disappearance, whereabouts or status of a missing person from his case file. Anyone who knowingly and

willingly, DUNCAN HUNTER of San Diego wanted to add maliciously, they would not accept that, withholds information from the case files because their tail is on the line, the have done shoddy work about someone, their whereabouts, about their disappearance or their status, stripped out, no accountability.

And they know that I am on the brink of bringing charges against two Americans who are innocent until proven guilty, but I want to bring charges against Robert Destat, French name, and Chuck Trowbridge for I think wrongfully and willfully withholding information from one of my best friends in the Air Force, Carol Hrdlicka over her husband.

Remember, Mr. Speaker, I started the POW bracelet at the inspiration of a young 16-year-old named Kaye Hunter who then left for school in Taiwan the next week. She said, I want to wear a POW bracelet, when I had referred to this Montagnard bracelet, on the debut of the Robert K. Dornan show, February 7, 1970. I said that I would wear this Montagnard bracelet, never take it off until the POW's are accounted for. I have never had it off, since September of 1968. That is 28 years I have had this on.

Out of this round Montagnard bracelet that I got at the little village of Kontum, north of Pleiku, 13,000 of these POW bracelets were born. And here is David Hrdlicka's, May 18, 1965, my best friend from the Air Force. Carol, his wife, called me at midnight last night. His son has gone through a full Naval career flying F-18 Hornets, now a first officer with American Airlines. She said, we have not lost yet. We are going to keep the accountability for people who knowingly and willfully withheld information from me. I have to tell Carol, Mr. Speaker, it is gone, stripped out.

Number 6 prevents a missing person from being declared dead without credible proof that if a body is recovered and is not identifiable through visual means, a certification by a practitioner of an appropriate forensic science, pretty broad, a practitioner of an appropriate forensic science, usually a mortician, says that the body recovered is definitely the missing person. Stripped out. We cannot even get this provision through that says a credible practitioner of a forensic science must say, if a body is not visually identifiable, this is the person we are saying it is.

Now we can go back to this routine of a chip, a bone, without even any DNA material to extract from it, that a little chip of a bone in a mass grave, as happened with the case of a C-130 crew in a terrible rain storm. They buried in a mass grave a bag of 10 bodies mixed together, pieces of bones of bodies where not one piece of one bone was able to identify one person. All the families were rolled on that. So there is number 6, stripped out.

Now, numbers 7 and 8, I held for three out of nine. I held these. Section 1508

permits the primary next of kin to seek judicial review at a U.S. district court but only on the basis that there is information that could affect the status of a missing person, new information that was not adequately considered during the DOD administrative review process. That is pretty new. That means new information. And somebody can block new information from coming forward if it makes it look like he has done a shoddy job and he has nothing to worry about because we took out the penalty provision.

So like the young captain being assigned as legal counsel but without any trail of records that he can base his research on, what is that worth? Now we have judicial review but people can obfuscate this thing.

I have never been into conspiracies on this, but always been suspicious of people who homesteaded in this gut-wrenching tragic area for their whole career, giving up promotion and advancement and confusing the relative sometimes and then holding back information when the enemy was being given the information in Hanoi, but they held it back from the families.

The third out of the three that I managed to hold on to was section 1509(b)(1), which permits retroactive review of the case of missing persons known to be suspected of being alive or whose capture was possible at the end of the Korean war or cold war.

This is an important one. If I had not gotten this back, the POW families from the Korean war, where we left, I always have used the figure in this Chamber, 389 known, healthy prisoners were left behind when others came across Freedom Bridge.

Now in my research, when magazine articles from the Times declassified documents that terrific people at the DMPO, that is the Defense Missing Persons Office, have been finding at the Eisenhower Library and in other research documents, and tell Mr. Gudaboi or whatever your name is over there, you better stay out of the way of these honorable, hot analysts and researchers. I will get your name correct. I am masacring it here, but you know who you are, you are a financial person.

Mr. Speaker, this financial person is not an analyst and he must not stop people from traveling to Russia or to anywhere else or doing their work at the Eisenhower Library and think that he is going to replace them as an analyst, when he has been an obstructionist or like Bob Destat and Chuck Trowbridge, you will find yourself, until this bill is overthrown with Clinton's signature, I am moving on this penalty provision while the sun is shining. I am going to bring some justice to these families.

So I got the Korean war and cold war prisoners back into this because Col. Philip Corso, now in his 80's, I have seen him on film saying that he himself went in the Oval Office to a boyhood hero of mine, Gen. Dwight D. Ei-

senhower, one of only 8 five-star generals, the man who drove Hitler to suicide in less than 3 years and 5 months, the President of the United States for 8 years, one of our rare two-term Presidents in this century. And he said to Colonel Corso, whose heart is bleeding over this now, I accept your recommendation, declare them all dead, even though we knew, I will accept your recommendation to write off these hundreds, not 389 but 900 people we left behind in Korea. That group just coming up to speed.

They had one 2-hour hearing in the Senate and my long hearing over here in the House. And that is the first time there was a House hearing from this chairman in almost half a century for these people whose young men, their husbands and sons, started going missing when first the North Koreans attacked across the 38th parallel and then when they drove us down to the Pusan pocket and we fought back under General MacArthur with the brilliant Inchon landing in October 1950 and then hit the boarder with China. And then in comes the Chinese, because of cabal of perverts in the British system, perverts that all went to Cambridge, Burgess, MacLean, Andrew Blount, Philby, a gang of homosexual spies gave away our secrets that they learned through the British foreign ministry, gave them to the Russians and the Russians gave them to the Chinese in Beijing and they told the Koreans, keep fighting, the United States will never bomb the allied bridges.

There is a chain of death and treason for you, and now we leave behind hundreds of prisoners, just as they are finding out. This was attempted to be repealed and stripped out by one person in the Congress of the United States.

Then we come to number 9, stripped out, 1513(b), permits the civilian Defense Department employees who serve with or accompany the Armed Forces in the field under orders who become missing as a result of hostile action to be covered by this act. It is stripped out, Mr. Speaker.

Let us clarify this. I will read it slowly and then I will flesh it out with some anecdotal true historical circumstances.

Section 1513(b), now public law since February 10, about to be stripped out if this conference passes tomorrow and is sent and Clinton signs it into law in October. It is in the public law now. All of you, all of these Defense Department employees who back up our men all around the world, civilian tech reps at Aviano right now, some that are accompanying our forces, State Department and/or otherwise AID people, Agency for International Development, all around the world, they were in Somalia, they are in Haiti, they are in Bosnia, listen to this, if you are a wife at home or a husband at home and your wife is overseas as a civilian defense employee under orders, accompanying our Armed Forces in the field and you become missing as a result of hostile

action, you are now covered by law since February 10 and you are going to be stripped out of law because people did not listen to what we were doing and saying.

They did not listen to all these letters I have here from the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, President Dole's Veterans for Dole, the Dole campaign, some Democrat Senators and Congressmen, they listened to nobody. They just deferred to one human being and this is stripped out.

Here are those examples. Wake Island. The then War Department and the Navy Department, each one had its own separate status, answers to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, no overriding Defense Department or Secretary of Defense. They both recruited in the western United States, actually all over the country and brought young college kids, maybe their studies were getting then down, they said, I will go make some good money on a little tiny atoll called Wake Island and Guam and Midway, but Wake Island is the one I am thinking of.

They went out there, hundreds of them, and began to build up the pill boxes, the revetments, the buildings to fortify Wake Island. Before they hardly got started, Wake Island was attacked by the Japanese on December 8.

Wake Island held out miraculously. I was 8 years old and tracked every day of it. They held out until the 23d of December, 2 days before Christmas 1941.

The marine major who served here as a Congressman from Maryland for 10 years, Devereaux, under his commander, who got short shrift, he answered to him but Marines, somehow or other, they earn it most of the time, they get the glory. But Sprig, that was the nickname, Cunningham was the Naval commander in boss of Wake Island. He could have laughed and jumped on the last PBY out. Instead he put some women on it and sent one of his lieutenants to tell the story. They held out. One last F-4F Wildcat pilot sunk a Japanese destroyer, a light cruiser, amazing story, and Sprig Cunningham and his marine commander, Major Devereaux, took all these construction workers and said, if it was the old west it would have been called deputizing them, we make you a part of the U.S. defense force here.

Here is a pot, the old World War I style helmet my Dad wore a couple of decades before. Here is a rifle, Springfield 1903, A-3 bolt action, no M-1 at the time, defend this island. And they fought and died alongside the military, just like a lot AID people in Vietnam, which I am coming to in a minute.

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When the island fell the Japanese had hundreds of these civilian War Department or Navy Department workers, hundreds of them. Some died in the hospitals, some were shipped off to Japan to die in the mines in Manchuria, but most were kept to continue doing what they were hired to do, but

doing it for the evil war lords of Japan. They started again pouring concrete, building, carpentry, all the skills they were hired for, and they built up Wake Island into a fortress that it never was under us, and we correctly bypassed it, headed for the heartland for islands where we could have B-29 bomber distance to the heartland of Japan. So we went for Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Rota and then up to Okinawa and kept getting closer, and we bypassed Wake. We did hit Guam and liberate Guam.

When we bypassed Wake Island, what happened to all these civilian contract workers? With the war only months from ending, with us only bombarding Wake a couple of times with ships passing on the way to the bigger battles at Leyte and Okinawa, the Japanese lined them all up and murdered them, assassinated them, executed them. They worked as slaves for the imperial war lords of Japan. The Wake Island commandant was executed for this war crime, and they were all executed.

When I brought that case up, when I brought up a friend of mine named Tom Hayden, not the evil Tom Hayden who is a State senator who gave aid and comfort, and this time I use that language because nobody is protected by Rule 18; Tom Hayden of California gave aid and comfort, sustenance, encouragement of morale building strength to the enemy in Vietnam, arrived in Hanoi, received champagne and roses at the airport; not that Tom Hayden. Not the one who betrayed freedom and serves as a State senator in Sacramento against the Constitution of the great State of California which does not require a declared war, which federally we require to use that term, aid and comfort; but in California it just says giving aid and comfort, assistance, sustenance and encouragement to an enemy engaged in conflict with American fighting forces. Not that Tom Hayden. Another Tom Hayden as handsome as a movie star, carried a 45, was the youngest AID, Agency for International Development, person representing the Mekong Delta, Corps IV in Vietnam, and was under combat conditions several times, won a Purple Heart and was given the highest civilian decorations for fighting during the Tet offensive when Communist forces were coming at people. He is now somebody like the good Tom Hayden, and like those people in Wake Island will not be covered as they are covered today since February 10 when this provision is stripped out.

So I saved legal counsel, it is almost meaningless without the rest of this, I saved judicial review, only on new information, allied people, and that is kind of worthless without the rest of this, and then I did save the Korean War, Cold War and Indochina War missing persons known or suspected of being alive.

Mr. Speaker, might I inquire, please, how much time I have left?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). The gentleman from Califor-

nia has about 11 minutes and 35 seconds.

Mr. DORNAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish that I had a national radio show where the producers or syndication owners would allow me to read for about a week from this great book with a plain brown cover, POW, a definitive history of the American prisoner of war experience in Vietnam, 1964 to 1973, by John G. Hubbell in association with Andrew Jones and Kenneth Y. Tomlinson. I just saw him out in the hall recently. I believe he still works for Readers Digest.

Listen to some of our workers, civilian workers in Vietnam and what happened to them during the Tet offensive. I called this provision of the Missing Service Personnel Act written by Bob Dole and Chairman BEN GILMAN of this House and by liberal Democrat of honor FRANK LAUTENBERG of New Jersey and gutted last night at 2 o'clock in the Senate House conference; I called this last amendment to protect civilians under orders traveling with our Armed Forces in the field, I called it the Mike Benge amendment.

And here is why. Page 424. This chapter has a Latin title. I remember it in my Latin. Jesuit priest taught me. *Illegitima Non Carborundum*. Do not let the bastards get you down, talking about these vicious Communist captures.

"After being captured during the Tet offensive, Mike Benge, the Agency for International Development agriculture adviser, Betty Ann Olsen, a missionary nurse, and Hank Blood, a missionary linguist, had walked the jungle trails together for months. At first the three were kept chained.

The first reference in the book to them is their terrible circumstance of capture. Now this book is episodic and comes back to them.

At first the three were kept chained together by their North Vietnamese army escorts who ate well themselves but kept the prisoners on a starvation diet until they were too weak to attempt escape. Then the chains were removed. The diet was not improved, though it was always a small serving of rice, manioc, and only occasionally a piece of fish or meat, terrapin, turtle, iguana or gibbon ape.

The spring of 1968, they were captured on 1 February, throughout the spring of 1968, the party would camp by rivers. Here Benge contracted malaria. For most of 35 days he remained delirious or blind. Betty Ann Olsen cared for him, keeping him warm when the chills took him, feeding him, bathing him. At length the attacks began to subside.

Betty Ann was seized with a fever, headache, severe pains in the joints and muscles.

You ladies across America, you young women, you women analyzing the glory of the Olympics, think about Betty Ann Olsen. For freedom and Jesus Christ she finds herself undergoing the tortures of the damned. She

was diagnosed with dengue fever. She rested as much as she was allowed to, increased her fluid intake and recovered within a few weeks.

The party kept moving all summer trending southwesterly toward Cambodia. Betty Ann and Hank both developed malaria. Hank, who is 53, a decade younger than I as this moment, was 16 years older than Mike, who was 37. By the way, Michael Benge survived all of this, and 20 years older than Betty Ann who was 33. He seemed to get much sicker than they did and have more difficulty recovering.

And in addition to the malaria, the terrible jungle skin diseases tore ugly running sores into him, and these itched maddeningly. Their North Vietnamese captors would do nothing for them, and there was little the Americans could do for each other except to huddle together for warmth against the cold monsoon rains which were now upon the land.

One morning Blood complained of chest pains. Betty Ann examined him and told Benge the older man had pneumonia. A short walk away was a Communist base camp, complete with hospital facilities. Mike pleaded with the officer in charge of the group that Blood be taken there. His pleas were denied. It took Hank three days to die. He was buried in a shallow, unmarked grave beside a jungle trail. His earthly remains are still there. Mike and Betty Ann were allowed to say prayers over the grave. Then the party moved on.

They crossed into Cambodia, turned north, then east. By late summer, they were back in the vicinity of Ban Me Thuot, where they had been captured. By now, scurvy had loosened their teeth, and their gums bled constantly. Mike and Betty Ann were covered with running sores; their hair had turned white and came out by the fistful. Betty Ann was anemic and suffering terribly from dysentery. They wondered to what purpose they had traveled and suffered all these months; they seemed to be going nowhere.

Still, they encouraged each other and tried to keep each other's spirits up. Mike told Betty Ann of his family's ranch in Oregon and of his three-year hitch in the Marine Corps. Betty Ann told Mike of growing up in Africa's Ivory Coast, where her American parents were missionaries. They starved. They chewed at pieces of buffalo hide they found on the mountain trails; and they grabbed bamboo shoots and munched at them.

Ill and tired himself, Mike worried more and more about Betty Ann. She seemed to be giving out. Their captors showed her no mercy. When she lagged on the trails, they would slap her, knock her down, pick her up, drag her. She kept getting to her feet, moving on.

The monsoon rains hatched out the worst scourge of the Asian jungle, the blood-sucking leech. By September the jungle foliage was covered with leeches. They were shiny black, and some were enormous. They brushed off by the hundreds onto all who passed. One day Mike found himself following a trail of blood—anemic, dysentery-wracked Betty Ann's. When they made camp that evening, she was too weak to pick off the leeches that covered her. Mike removed them, then tried to carry water from a nearby creek to bathe her. He was not strong enough, though, and could get no help. Again he implored the officer in charge, pointing out that there was a North Vietnamese battalion encamped close by. Surely, it would

have a doctor or a medic who could help Betty Ann. Perhaps he would have some medicine, some food for her, something. She was dying. The officer in charge was not interested.

Betty Ann was five days dying. Like Hank Blood, she was laid in a shallow, unmarked grave near a jungle trail. Mike prayed over her. Then the party moved on.

Mike developed beriberi. His legs swelled so that he could barely lift them. When he came to a log he had to sit down and lift one leg at a time over it with his hands; and he dared not sit down unless there was a tree close by, so he could pull himself up again. His captors continued to do nothing for him but to keep him moving and to feed him a small ration of rice daily. It occurred to him that they were waiting for him to die. But, suddenly, he knew something they did not know; he was not going to die. Someone had to survive, to make it known what had happened to Hank Blood and Betty Ann Olsen. It was up to him and he would do it, no matter what it took. He would do it by putting one foot ahead of the other, living one hour at a time, for as many steps and years as it took. He was going to do it.

They walked on, into a village near the Cambodian border. The wretched prisoner was displayed to the locals. "Look at this American," his guards shouted. "He's been riding in cars and airplanes too long. He can't even walk."

Benge, who was fluent in Vietnamese, spoke up in reply: "It is not true," he shouted. "I have walked halfway across your country. These men have starved me almost to death. I have beriberi and dysentery and malaria, and they have given me no medicine, no care of any kind. And yet I am alive, and I go wherever they take me."

The villagers muttered among themselves. The soldiers hustled Mike Benge out of the place. They took him back into Cambodia, which they called the Land of Milk and Honey.

And the story goes on and on. They take him into a village. Here Mike was ushered to a cage-like hut in a stockade area of the base. U.S. Army Lieutenant Stephen R. Leopold, captured on May 9 of 1968, 3 months after Mike, a green beret officer who occupied a cage of his own, he watched Benge approach. He guessed him to be over 60 with his white-haired beard and the way he used a stick to limp along. Soon the two were communicating.

Benge discovered that Leopold learned new Latin and asked to learn the language. Leopold's presence in a Communist cage was ironic. Only 24, he was not long from the campus of Stanford where in 1965 and 1966 he had been editor of the Daily, the Stanford newspaper.

In that capacity he had mounted cogent stands, like I was doing at the time on a television show, I, BOB DORNAN, against the conduct of the war under LBJ and had favored restricting American involvement only to military advisers, only to trained South Vietnamese to fight their own war, and like so many other editorialists at the time, BOB DORNAN on television and radio, he had not had his way. I always had what I call the Dornan pipeline: air power, sea power, and nobody on the ground in Vietnam until they could speak Vietnamese, and that would choke it down through the language

schools at Monterey and what eventually became Rosslyn, and yes, I was not just a willing person to sign off on this undeclared war.

The point I am making here, Mr. Speaker, is that although Hank Blood and Betty Ann Olsen were civilian missionaries, Michael Benge, if he had died on that trail with them was a worker for the United States Government sent into a combat area working in the field with our men under orders, and someone said to me:

"Who cares about these civilians? They all make \$100,000 a month while I, flying naval aircraft, was only making \$5,000."

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Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Michael Benge was not making \$100,000 a month. He was making a GS salary lower than probably an Army major or Navy lieutenant commander. No. Just this one civilian aspect is treacherous.

Let me tell the Members about this book. There are passages in here of such medieval, unholy, vicious torture, with 20 of our men beaten to death by three Cubans, that the fact that someone who had dodged the draft three times, the third time actually giving up an induction date of July 28, 1969, to have an administration led under those circumstances, removing the trade restrictions, normalizing relations, removing the combat status, so if we located live Americans we could not even pull off a covert raid, although I would hope somebody would do something like that, direct action; and now we are driving for the Vietnamese to get an ambassador appointed, and then the battle starts for most-favored-nation status.

The people who gave the orders to torture to death our military men, like Ron Stewart, Norm Schmidt, Ed Attergerry, J.J. Connell, "Freddy" Frederick, Ken Cameron, a man called, in the forefront of the book, "the faker", who now we know was Major Earl Cobiell, beaten insensate, lashed across his face with a strip of rubber from a tire, and would not even blink, and this foul-mouthed Cuban who became a brigadier general and was sent to the U.N. named Fernandez, and nobody in my country had the guts to arrest him. These people were tortured to death: Tom Benson, Roberts, and then it is dedicated to Betty Olsen and Hank Blood. I will read again from this book.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro