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Mrs. KELLY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

TREATING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A DISGRACE

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, today we learned the joyous news our colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE], was found not guilty on all charges against him. JOE was one of the most admired and distinguished Members of this body. He is much beloved by his constituents of his Pennsylvania district. JOE, however, was targeted by a prosecutor looking for a trophy. He wanted to put a trophy of JOE on the wall, he wanted to convict a Congressman, a prosecutor intent on bringing JOE down in order to further his own career.

Well, as time went on it was clear that JOE was innocent. The prosecutor, however, had to double his efforts or admit that he had wasted the taxpayers' time on a questionable, very questionable prosecution.

Today, after over 4 years of brutal attack by an abusive prosecutor, JOE MCDADE was found innocent of all the charges against him. A jury of his peers heard the evidence and decided that they were groundless. Unfortunately JOE's defense cost him his entire life savings. He has been put through a travail that none of us would like to emulate.

Well, we rejoice with JOE, but we also add the fact that he was found innocent, and we stand committed to try to make up at least for the financial loss that he suffered. He has suffered a catastrophe at the hands of an out-of-control prosecutor, a prosecutor gone berserk in order to bring down a public official in order to make himself look good.

And what has the cost been to this man personally, a loyal hardworking public servant who committed his entire life to his country and to his constituents? We will welcome JOE back here joyously after this great victory.

But today something else happened. Today President Clinton announced that he is reneging on his agreement, as stated by his White House spokesman, to sign a bill which would pay for the legal expenses of Billy Dale. This is a bill that passed this House overwhelmingly, to pay the legal expenses of Billy Dale.

Now you may remember who Billy Dale is. Billy Dale was the civil service employee at the White House who ran the travel office. He was fired by the White House early on in order to give basically a relative of the President a

chance to take over that office and to give a Hollywood chum of the President a chance at the contracts to give travel services to the media who cover the White House.

Billy Dale was fired unjustly, and when there was a large protest about this, the President decided, and whoever it was, that they would not just be satisfied with firing Billy Dale, but they would have to file charges against this man, this guy, this ordinary working man who spent all of his life trying to do his duty, had been in the military.

He was there in a bipartisan job in the White House, just a little public servant, somebody, a civil service fellow, and he was fired, and he was then not only fired but prosecuted in order to cover up the wrongdoing and the wrong action that was taken against him.

Well this was something that was again confirmed by the fact that Billy Dale, with all of the prosecutorial power of the Federal Government against him, when it was taken to court it took 2 hours, 2 hours for a jury to find that Billy Dale was innocent of all the charges against him.

Yet, like JOE MCDADE, Billy Dale was not a rich man, and Billy Dale's entire life's savings was destroyed by trying to defend himself against a vindictive President who was trying to cover up his own wrongdoing.

Now, after the President agreed through his spokesman at the White House that he would sign a piece of legislation, legislation that passed overwhelmingly in this body, to make up at least to some small degree the injustice that was given to this man, Billy Dale, who ran the travel office there at the White House, the President now is reneging on that agreement. The President said, "Oh, not until all the legal fees of all the people who were being investigated by this Congress are paid are we going to pay for Billy Dale."

Well let me remind the President, and I guess I cannot speak directly to the President, but let me remind all of you that the President of the United States is talking about people who were not found innocent of crimes, or are being investigated, versus Billy Dale who was found totally innocent of all the charges against him. This is an absolute travesty.

President Clinton must stand by his word. Through his spokesman, he committed to sign the bill that would pay Billy Dale's legal expenses and make up for the wrongdoing that his administration was involved in in basically relieving Mr. Dale of his job in the first place and then bringing criminal wrongdoing against Mr. Dale to cover up that tactic against this civil servant.

Mr. Clinton has gone too far, he has to keep his agreement with us, and he must keep faith with the values of the American people instead of treating some civil servant like this. It is a disgrace.

WE NEED TO GO FURTHER WITH HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to come to the floor this evening to clarify and conclude a debate that we had earlier today on the floor of the House. First of all, let me acknowledge that I am grateful in a bipartisan manner that this House and the Senate has passed the Kennedy-Kassebaum legislation.

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There are many aspects of the legislation that we could cite as being positive, and some that we need to have further refinement. But there was a dialog on the floor of the House today that I engaged in with my friend, the gentleman from Iowa, as to my concern of the heavy burdens falling upon our physicians throughout this Nation.

There is no doubt that I am gratified to have been able to support and cosponsor the legislation that was just passed, that allows Americans to have portability with their health insurance, and not to be penalized for pre-existing disease. We need to go further. We need to ensure that all Americans have access to good health care.

At the same time, I am familiar and interact with many aspects of the medical profession: those physicians who practice in rural America and urban America. In fact, I have served on an indigent health task force for the State of Texas, where we were fighting against the closing of rural hospitals throughout that State. One of the problems, of course, was the inability of many of the physicians to be able to practice in those communities because of limited access to insurance that would cover those constituents, and, as well, limited access to viable hospitals.

It is those physicians who practice in inner city America and rural America who have private practices who I am concerned will be heavily burdened with the fraudulent provisions that are so severe in this legislation. We want to get rid of the fraud and abuse and certainly the bad practitioners, but overall, America's physicians take the Hippocratic oath, and all they want to do is to serve their patients.

If you have an office situation that is small and not necessarily computer-processed, and you have an inadvertent staff person who repeats the billing to Medicare or some other service, then you are charged with knowingly and intentionally and recklessly providing this documentation, and are subject to the fraud provisions.

I really think that we have an opportunity, as this bill is signed, to revisit this question and to study this question, to ensure that those physicians who serve our most needy of Americans in rural and urban centers around the Nation are allowed to do their practice, the practice of medicine, and that we

do not hinder them and tie their hands so they are not able to serve those constituents, and that they are not subjected to some of the harshest fraudulent provisions that are in this particular legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike, that we consider whether or not, as we watch this legislation progress, that it is not too severe to inhibit those who might serve those most needy constituents.

ANTITERRORISM LEGISLATION AND THE STATUS OF AMERICAN MILITIAS

Mr. Speaker, let me point out two other matters that we have had the opportunity to discuss this week. One, there has been a conference committee, bipartisan, in which the President has instructed the leaders of Congress to respond to the concerns of the American public and to pass antiterrorism legislation, which would include wiretapping, increased services or increased resources to our law enforcement, and, as well, would provide for taggant, what we would call the kind of tracking devices, to determine who might have been behind any kind of explosive incident or tragedy.

It seems as if, however, we have not been able to come to a meeting of the minds, and that Members of this House, Republicans, have refused to listen to the President and to the American public asking for greater national security. I hope we can find an opportunity to come together on this issue, and not allow partisan politics to divide us on this question of terrorism.

I hope also this House will have hearings on terrorism, domestic and international. I would also like my colleagues to join me in the support of House Concurrent Resolution 206, which I will offer, that will suggest to this Congress that we join together to determine the state of militia in this Nation, to determine whether there are those who are organized in a violent manner to overthrow this Nation. If they are in the form of militia, then we should find them, identify them, and prosecute them to the fullest of the law, and certainly the Department of Justice should be involved in this prosecution. We must not tolerate terrorism, domestically or internationally.

I would encourage my colleagues in the House to get on with the business of an antiterrorism bill, and to join me in this militia legislation that will bring individuals to justice who would overthrow this Government.

TRIBUTE TO TROOPERS WHO SAVED LIVES IN ATLANTA'S CENTENNIAL PARK BOMBING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FORBES). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I would certainly be remiss in my duty if I did not brag on and recognize four of our

First District of Georgia heroes that led the safety efforts in last Saturday's early morning Centennial Park explosion in the Olympics in Atlanta. The gentlemen that I want to recognize are Mr. Ted Riner, Mr. Tommy Sisson, and Mr. David Averitt. These are all State troopers who lived in Statesboro, GA, who were on detail at the Centennial Park in Atlanta.

I also wanted to recognize Mr. Tom Davis, who married a Statesboro girl, who is the daughter of my friends, Bobby and Floyd Naxton, in Statesboro. Tom was the GVI agent in charge of Centennial Park. If you can visualize the scene a little bit, in fact last Monday, Libby, my wife and I were at an Olympic medal ceremony in Savannah, and it was very similar to the scene that had happened on Saturday, just a few days before. The Spinners were playing, a great popular group, everybody was dancing, everybody was having a good time, folks were celebrating the Olympics from all over America, from all over the world, and so forth.

I was thinking, this is what the scene was like Saturday morning early, at 1:20 a.m., when the bomb exploded. As we know, Mr. Davis was among the very first to know of the bomb, and immediately he began evacuating the area. Mr. Riner, Mr. Sisson, and Mr. Averitt all were key players.

There were only 9 people evacuating about 150 partiers. Some of these partiers had been drinking, some of them were tired, some of them did not want to be interrupted in their partying, and yet these brave men very calmly but very firmly led these 150 people, this group, out of the way of danger, and when the bomb went off, only two people were fatally wounded, which, of course, were two too many. However, you can only think of how many people would have died if it had not been for the efforts of these four men and the five others who were with them.

The interesting part, being true Americans, true officers who will do their duty and act without question when the time of emergency comes, they laughed later when they were told that they were heroes. They said, why are we heroes? We were just doing our jobs.

Then they talked about being wounded, as all three of them were. Mr. Davis was not wounded, but the three of them were, the three others were. They said that even as they were being told to lie still and being taken to the hospital, their first concern was, how many people were injured, and what about each other? They all, Riner, Sisson, and Averitt, had known each other. They know Pam, David's wife, and they were all very fond, and that was their first concern each one of them had, for the other person and for the public in general.

Mr. Speaker, as long as America has men like this, people like this from all over the country, heroes that come

from everyday walks of life, our country will continue to be a great Nation. I am proud to say that I know some of these guys vicariously. I certainly know of them very well and know their families, and I am very, very proud of them.

Just think what it would have been like, how much more tragic the explosion in Centennial Park would have been, if it had not been for their fast and immediate action. So I salute them, and I know all 435 Members of Congress join me in this salutation: Job well done, gentlemen.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF OF THE LATE HONORABLE HAMILTON FISH, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mrs. KELLY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, since he was first elected to the 91st Congress in 1968 until his retirement in 1994, Hamilton Fish, Jr., has relied heavily on the support of his staff. During his 26-year tenure there were more than 70 staffers who served him loyally. The following is a list of those who served at least 3 years or more, as recalled to my memory.

The first of these is John Barry, from the Catskills in New York. He met Ham Fish in 1965 and became a trusted friend, adviser, campaign manager, and confidante, launched and ran a successful campaign, getting Ham elected to Congress the first time in 1968, and from that point on continued as his campaign manager and adviser and served as his administrative assistant until he retired, from 1968 until 1982.

John currently resides in West Palm Beach, FL. It was my joy and pleasure to serve Ham and work with John Barry. John was a remarkable man whom Ham was very lucky to have on staff.

John Nacarrato is another one. John Nacarrato was elected eventually to the Ulster County legislature, but he served as district director for Hamilton Fish until he retired in 1992. John is my friend from the early Ham Fish days, and he owns and runs PJ's Restaurant in Kingston, NY. I go up there to see him often.

Helen Fuimarello, this is another woman who met Ham Fish and volunteered on his campaign, then joined him. She came from Hamilton Fish's staff onto my staff and helped me set up my office in Dutchess County. She retired from Federal service in 1996, and currently works part-time for our State senator, Stephen Saland. Helen and I remain good friends and I rely on her excellent advice always.

I want to mention Aya Ely. Aya Ely was Ham's personal secretary from 1968 until 1987. She was an absolutely remarkable woman.

Then there was Marion Clow. Marion kept us all in line. She was on Ham's staff from 1969 until she retired about 1983.