

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

U.S. WINS IN THE WTO AGAINST EUROPEAN UNION IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Office of the United States Trade Representative [USTR] for its success in the World Trade Organization [WTO] case against the European Union's [EU] banana regime. Ruling in favor of the United States, a WTO panel recently found that numerous aspects of the EU import licensing system are squarely in violation of WTO provisions. As an institution, the new WTO offers the United States enhanced opportunities to break open foreign markets which are unfairly closed to U.S. companies. Through skilled use of the WTO dispute settlement system, Ambassador Barshefsky and her negotiators have secured a more level-playing field for U.S. businesses in the EU market.

I want my colleagues to be aware that this decision against EU licensing procedures represents a big win for U.S. trade objectives. First, it will help demonstrate that trade agreements can serve as an effective means of resolving trade disputes. And, by doing so, it underscores the value of pushing ahead with new trade negotiations. The banana case represents the first U.S. victory against the EU in the WTO, and should provide renewed hope for resolving numerous contentious disputes, particularly those we have which concern protectionist EU agricultural policies. Also, in her statement yesterday announcing the decision, Ambassador Barshefsky mentioned that the report does not find that duty-free preferences for Caribbean imports are inconsistent with WTO obligations, and she pledged to support future economic diversification in the Caribbean.

Finally, by giving life to some of the new WTO agreements—such as the General Agreement on Trade in Services and the Licensing Agreement—the panel outcome will contribute to international trade rules which will be of benefit to a wide range of U.S. trade interests in many WTO disputes to come.

Again, I congratulate Ambassador Barshefsky and request that my colleagues join me in calling on the EU to step up to the plate and support the new multilateral system by expeditiously bringing its unfair practices into conformity with the WTO ruling.

THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion

of the 180th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Paterson, N.J.

As one of the oldest parishes in Paterson, St. Paul's was founded in 1817 by newly arrived English immigrants Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Collet who missed the Anglican worship services they had enjoyed so much in their homeland. The church's first formal service was the baptism of the Collet's infant son, performed by a clergyman traveling to Paterson from Burlington and the congregation's first members consisted of friends and neighbors who attended the christening.

Over the past 180 years, north Jersey residents have been able to practice their Episcopal faith in Paterson and have done so under three different roofs. The first services were held in the old Dutch Reformed Church of Totowa on Water Street and the old Paterson Academy Building on Market Street. Following its incorporation as St. Paul's Episcopal Church in 1825, the church acquired 13,000 square feet of land at Hamilton Square (Market and Colt Streets) gratis from Roswell Colt, head of the Society of Establishing Useful Manufacturers. A few months later, members of the congregation began constructing a church of their own, a simple wood edifice with a square belfry, and worshipped there until June 28, 1848, when the building was destroyed by a horrendous fire that erupted at a nearby machine shop.

One parishioner, Robert Johnson, lost his life when he rushed into the sanctuary to save the church's organ, which had been played every Sunday by Mrs. Collet, the parish's founder and first organist. While parishioners were devastated, they did not lose hope or faith. While holding worship services at Odd Fellow's Hall on Main Street, they immediately began making plans for a new church at the site of the original structure.

On a bright, cold January day in 1851, members happily gathered at their new Gothic-style limestone church for dedication services. A year later, a gallery was installed to accommodate an overflow of worshipers. A house on Church Street was acquired for a rectory.

When membership continued to increase, the church purchased land to construct a larger building on the fashionable "Eastside," on Broadway and East 18th Street.

Ground was broken October 9, 1893 and the cornerstone was laid on May 10, 1895. Designed by William Halsey Wood of Newark, the new church, styled after Durham Cathedral of England. Wood left no stone unturned in creating his masterpiece. A stickler for detail, he outfitted the building with strong, lofty towers with slitted windows like those Anglicans historically installed in their churches to withstand assaults by mighty armies. The interior of the parish was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany, who complimented the congregation's handsome mosaic and marble alter with nine magnificent Tiffany windows.

As membership in the congregation grew, St. Paul's took on many new ventures in the community. In addition to serving as a house

of worship, it became a pacesetter for innovative, humanitarian programs. In so doing, it has continued to practice teachings of the Bible and serve the entire community as a 20th century Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the city of Paterson in recognizing the momentous occasion of the 180th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and in celebrating the church's survival and importance in the community.

MAY IS PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, conducted by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. This observance is important because it focuses attention on the health benefits of physical activity in the daily lives of all Americans. The 1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health revealed that more than 60 percent of adults do not achieve the recommended amount of physical activity. The report brought together, for the first time, what has been learned about physical activity and health. The report found that people who are usually inactive can improve their health by becoming even moderately active on a regular basis. In addition, the report shows that physical activity does not have to be strenuous to achieve health benefits.

In March, voluntary health organizations and State health groups briefed Members of Congress and their staff members on the importance of physical activity and health. I attended this briefing and heard from one of my fellow Mississippians, Dr. Ed Thompson. He noted that even slight increases in daily exercise would greatly reduce the number of premature deaths due to heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. Dr. Thompson urged Mississippians, as well as all Americans, to follow the recommendations of the Surgeon General's report and to get physically active.

One organization dedicated to helping motivate more Americans to be physically active is the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity. This organization represents over 100 groups which have identified physical activity and health as their primary mission. The NCPPA will use its nationwide network to provide leadership to State and Federal policymakers as they work to increase the understanding, communication, and promotion of physical activity and health.

I encourage all Americans to look for ways to incorporate physical activity into their daily routine by taking the stairs, working in the garden, walking the dog, or biking to work. It takes only 30 minutes of physical activity per day to make a difference.

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I encourage all Americans to participate in the Physical Fitness and Sports Month by developing a daily physical activity routine.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS CLIFTON,
CHIEF OF POLICE, BOROUGH OF
TOTOWA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Thomas Clifton, chief of police for the Borough of Totowa in New Jersey, who has retired after 39 years of service to the community.

Chief Clifton is a dedicated officer who has served Totowa well throughout the years and is respected by his peers throughout the State as an outstanding law enforcement official.

Thomas Clifton rose through the ranks of the police department. In 1980, he became deputy chief of police of the detective bureau and held this challenging post for 10 years. In March 1990, Thomas Clifton was promoted to the rank of chief and has served in that capacity with distinction.

In 1993, Chief Clifton was instrumental in renovating the borough's headquarters, purchasing a new communications system, and in computerizing the department's records. Under his leadership, the department has been readied for the 21st century and made law enforcement in Totowa smarter and more efficient.

Chief Clifton has been a vital and effective force in the growth of law enforcement not only in Totowa, but in the entire area. His innovation and leadership will set the standard throughout the Totowa Police Department for years to come. We are grateful as a community for Chief Clifton's lifelong dedication to insuring our safety and the security of the Borough of Totowa.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Chief Clifton's family and friends, the Totowa Police Department, and the Borough of Totowa in recognizing the 39 years of outstanding service to public safety of Chief Thomas Clifton and wishing him continued health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NO. 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge No. 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 90th anniversary and golden member banquet on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the beautifully renovated Croatian Center in Merrillville, IN. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the union's golden members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. Honorees who have pledged their allegiance for 50 years include: Frank

Boskovich, Mary D. Cost, Olga J. Curley, Lillian Damjanovich, Violet Evans, Eleanor Fischer, Adolph Kurpis, Joseph J. Labas, Annebelle Mazlack, Robert D. Medved, Henry Mikulich, Elizabeth Morgavan, Helen Mrak, Vincent R. Mrzlak, Rosemary Muick, Mary Pastuovic, Mary Pintar, Frances Sasak, Albert P. Seibal, Frederick J. Simunic, Donald R. Starkey, Jack Tomlin, and Marion A. Youngerman.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with approximately 280 additional lodge members who have attained this status.

This memorable day will begin with a mass at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, IN, which will be officiated by the Reverend Father Benedict Benakovich. Following dinner, there will be a program featuring guest speaker, Mr. Bernard M. Luketich, national president of the Croatian Fraternal Union. The festivities will be culturally enriched by the performance of several Croatian entertainment groups. The Croatian Glee Club, "Preradovic," directed by Brother Dennis Barunica, and the Hoosier Hrvati Adult Tamburitza Orchestra, directed by Ed Sinndicich, will both perform at the anniversary celebration. The Croatian Strings and Junior Dancers, and the Adult Kolo Group, under the direction of Elizabeth Kyriakides, will provide additional entertainment for those in attendance.

I am proud to commend lodge president, Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

THE 12TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO
THE PASSAIC SEMI-PRO BASE-
BALL LEAGUE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, as they celebrate their 12th annual salute to Passaic semi-pro baseball reunion dinner, in honor of the baseball greats who left behind a legacy of greatness and fond memories in the sport of baseball.

This year's event is truly a special occasion as the careers of four great men are highlighted in recognition of their outstanding and invaluable contributions they have made not only to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, but also to themselves, their family, and friends, and their teammates. The distinguished group of honorees includes Al Ianuzzi, Emil Majka, John Kopec, Jr., and Ed Szerencsits. Although a tribute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League, I feel that is only fitting and proper that the careers of these four gentlemen are equally recognized for their proud accomplishments.

Al Ianuzzi, born 1923, began his distinguished baseball career when he played varsity baseball at East Rutherford High School as a first baseman. In his senior year, Al's contributions helped lead the Wildcats to the group 2 State championship and earned him a place on the Passaic Valley Conference All-

Star Team. He continued to play even when in the U.S. Army, and after he was discharged, Al played semi-pro baseball with great area teams, such as the Carlstadt Cubs and the Carlstadt Pros. He finished his outstanding career with the Passaic Demuro Comets.

Emil Majka, born 1926, began his distinguished baseball career when, as a young teenager, he played for several years with the Passaic Industrials. A well-rounded player, Emil served the Industrials as a second- and third-baseman, and also at shortstop. He also played second base with the Holy Rosary St. Stan's in the Clifton Recreational League, eventually helping the team to a first-place finish. Later, Emil played Legion baseball, playing third base for Passaic Memorial Post No. 200 and batting over .400. An integral part of the team, he contributed significantly to the Post's Legion championship and played an outstanding game in the State championship in Trenton where he batted over .500. During this time, he also played shortstop for the All-Passaics. Upon entering service with the U.S. Air Force in 1944, Emil played third-base with his squadron's softball team and after being discharged, played third-base for the Okonite Co. of Passaic, of which he was also an employee. Emil is currently retired and lives in Garfield with his wife Anne, and has two sons.

John Kopec, Jr., born 1931, began his distinguished baseball career early on, playing at Pulaski Park—South Field, mostly with the Bisons. He also played shortstop for the American Legion Rosoc-Duc Post No. 359 and the Passaic High School Indians as a second-baseman. John's superb playing contributed to the Indians 1948 Valley Conference co-championship and their 1949 championship. In 1949, John made first-team All-Valley Conference as a second-baseman. His semi-pro activities include stints with the Bisons, the Maple Leafs, the Comets, and the Clifton Dodgers.

Ed Szerencsits, born 1937, began his distinguished baseball career as a pitcher at Pope Pius XII High School in Passaic from 1953 to 1955. He went undefeated in high school and led the team to the parochial group B north Jersey sectional championship. During this time, Ed made first- and second-team all-State for private schools. His semi-pro career began in 1955 playing for teams such as the Demuro Comets, under Ted Lublanecki, the Granatell Indians, under Milt Stein, and the Clifton Dodgers, under Ray Mastrobert. Ed also had pitched for Seton Hall University under coach Ownie Carroll, taking the Pirates to the metropolitan collegiate baseball title in 1959. He was 22d in the Nation E.R.A. in 1958 and 10th in the Nation E.R.A. in 1959. In 1959, Ed was signed to a professional contract with the Milwaukee Braves by Honey Russell and the current manager of the New York Yankees, Joe Torre but was released by current Chicago White Sox manager, Roland Hemond, after spring training.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Al's, Emil's, John's and Ed's family and friends, and the people of north Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable contributions to the sport of baseball, made by these four gentlemen, during the 12th annual salute to the Passaic Semi-Pro Baseball League.