

parties and their candidates. The soft-money loophole that the Federal Elections Commission carved into the post-Watergate campaign reform legislation—and anybody who has run for the Presidency knows how pernicious it is—has made a mockery of our efforts to broaden the base of our campaigns and restore public confidence in the political process.

Unfortunately, much of what is currently passing for a Congressional investigation of the subject is blatant hypocrisy—many of the lawmakers sounding so outraged about fund-raising phone calls by Mr. Gore and President Clinton are experts at taking special-interest money; some of their own campaigns have been fined for taking too much.

And all of it is a smoke screen for Congressional inaction. Speaker Newt Gingrich is leading the way in this regard. Two years ago, he and the President told a New Hampshire audience that reforming our campaign finance laws deserved the highest priority. Last week he pronounced a major bipartisan bill on campaign finance reform, the McCain-Feingold bill, dead-before-arrival in the House.

We know what the problems are: candidates prostituting themselves for big special-interest contributions; the soft-money loophole, which either the Federal Election Commission or the Congress should close immediately; campaigns waged almost exclusively on radio and television; politicians spending too much time with fat cats and not enough time in backyards and living rooms recruiting supporters from the people who ought to count in this country. And then there's the most important problem of all; the profound effect all of this is having on voter turnout and the willingness of ordinary citizens of get deeply and actively involved in public life.

The solution is painfully simple. Either we decide that public financing is the way to go—something that is a long way from commanding a Congressional majority—or we get behind the McCain-Feingold bill and, to the maximum extent possible, limit the ability of candidates to raise large amounts of special-interest money.

In short, we don't need any more educating about what the problems are, or any distracting sideshows, or any pre-emptory blocking maneuvers from the Speaker's office. We need Congressional action, and we need it now.

H.R. 2474, THE RAILROAD TAX EQUITY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1997

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have joined the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Mr. PETRI, in introducing H.R. 2474, the Railroad Tax Equity Adjustment Act of 1997. This is a significant piece of legislation which will remedy a serious tax equity problem which burdens our important freight railroad industry.

Because of the 1990 and 1993 reconciliation acts, the freight railroads have been paying 5.55 cents-per-gallon in fuel taxes into the General Treasury for deficit reduction. All other modes of transportation—highway, air, water—pay only 4.3 cents per gallon. This is an obvious inequity. Now, as a result of the

recent tax reconciliation law, this situation will get even worse. That law transfers the 4.3 cents deficit reduction taxes paid by highway users, including truckers, into the highway trust fund, leaving only the railroad and waterway users paying any taxes toward deficit reduction.

Mr. Speaker, the differential between what railroads pay in fuel tax and what other modes pay—1.25 cents-per-gallon—should be repealed as a matter of equity. In addition, the 4.3 cents in deficit reduction fuel taxes paid by railroads should be eliminated, to the extent such taxes paid by trucks are placed in the highway trust fund and spent for highway improvements. H.R. 2474, the Railroad Tax Equity Adjustment Act of 1997, will accomplish these goals.

The bill has two essential components: First, effective October 1, 1997, the 1.25 cents-per-gallon deficit reduction fuel tax paid uniquely by the railroad industry will be eliminated, reducing the overall deficit reduction diesel fuel tax for railroads from 5.55 to 4.3 cents-per-gallon. Second, in subsequent years, the excise tax rate on diesel fuel paid by the railroads will equal the portion of the corresponding 4.3 cents-per-gallon excise tax paid by highway users, including trucks, which is spent on highway infrastructure improvements in the preceding year. For example, if 2 cents-per-gallon of the highway users' excise tax revenues were spent in fiscal year 1998, the railroad industry's deficit reduction fuel tax in fiscal year 1999 would be reduced by 2 cents-per-gallon to 2.3 cents-per-gallon.

The current fuel tax inequity imposed on America's railroads must be remedied at the earliest opportunity. It is my sincere hope that the Ways and Means Committee will seriously consider including a solution, such as that contained in the Railroad Tax Equity Adjustment Act of 1997, as they develop the tax portion of the ISTEA reauthorization legislation. Furthermore, I fully expect the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to include in its reported version of BESTEA sense of the committee language urging that this situation should be remedied, as provided in H.R. 2474.

In the interim, I encourage all Members to give this issue their utmost attention and join with me and others in cosponsoring H.R. 2474.

RECOGNITION OF ERIN ROXANE CHEW

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in commending Ms. Erin Roxane Chew, a senior at Mercy High School in San Francisco and the recipient of the Congressional Youth Excellence Award in the 12th Congressional District of California.

Erin Chew's scholastic achievements are impressive indeed. She has maintained a high grade-point average while undertaking a challenging class schedule. She has supplemented her regular high school courses by taking a variety of honors and advanced placement courses. Her academic awards include numerous appearances on the principal's honor roll. Ms. Chew has also been

recognized in the "Who's Who of American High School Students."

In addition to her outstanding academic record, Erin has a remarkable record of community service. As her teacher, Carole Turner, said, Erin is constantly inquiring: "Do you have any work for me to do?" "I'd like to see us do a service project to help people outside of school that would get some of our more quiet kids involved." She has volunteered at the Donaldina Cameron House as a day camp leader for children in San Francisco's Chinatown. In Mercy High School, she is active with the California Scholarship Foundation, the National Honor Society, and the Service Club. She is also a teaching assistant in the Math Department, working with incoming freshmen.

Erin plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley next fall where she intends to major in computer science.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Erin Roxane Chew for her outstanding service to the community and in congratulating her outstanding achievements.

HONORING ARTHUR J.
GLATFELTER—RECIPIENT OF
THE SHIELD AND DOVE AWARD

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Mr. Arthur J. Glatfelter, an outstanding York Countyman who has given so much back to the people of York County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On October 28, 1997, Mr. Glatfelter and the Glatfelter Insurance Group will receive the Shield and Dove Award from Stepping Stone Counseling and Education Services, Inc., in recognition of their leadership and dedication to ending the plague of substance abuse and addiction.

Arthur Glatfelter has been a well-respected businessman for over 50 years. His success in the insurance industry has allowed him to contribute in countless ways to the betterment of York County. Through his leadership and willingness to reach out to others in the community, he has touched the lives of hundreds of people from all walks of life. He has opened doors for many young people—those who are disadvantaged, at risk for substance abuse, or without hope by giving them the opportunity and encouragement to learn the skills and gain the self confidence they need to become successful adults and share in the American dream.

Community service and a desire to give back are the values which have always guided Mr. Glatfelter, both in his personal life and business associations. The long list of national and local organizations on which he has served and directed include: the YMCA, the York County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Historical Society of York County, the York Symphony, the Farm and Natural Lands Trust, the United Way, the Civil Justice Coalition, the Margaret Moul Home, and the International Association of Fire Chief's Foundation, just to name a few.

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Arthur on a program which he started several years ago called Project Connections.

This initiative involves linking middle-school-aged students with local businesses through mentoring partnerships. Project Connections has provided long-term results, which I have witnessed firsthand, by providing the skills which are so vital to the future job market and exposing young people to various career experiences and learning opportunities they may have never had.

Two very important components of winning the war against drugs are providing ample opportunity to young people so they never have the desire to use drugs and helping those who are addicted find a positive substitute for their destructive behavior. The partnership that Stepping Stone Counseling and Education Services, Inc., has formed with local schools and businesses through their new TREND program [Turning Recreational Excitement in New Directions] addresses those components.

I commend the excellent work of Stepping Stone and applaud their efforts aimed at protecting and freeing York Countians from substance abuse and addiction.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Arthur J. Glatfelter on this well-deserved award. A.J. (Bud) is the greatest anyone could ever have.

**TRIBUTE TO HAMPTON BAYS VOL-
UNTEER FIREFIGHTER THOMAS
E. WILSON**

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this venerable Chamber to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Thomas E. Wilson, a volunteer fireman who has devoted 50 years of exemplary service to protecting the lives and property of his family, friends, and neighbors in Hampton Bays, Long Island.

On Saturday, October 4, 1997, Thomas Wilson will be honored by the commissioners, chiefs, officers, and fellow firefighters for his 50 faithful years of service to the Hampton Bays Fire Department. Since 1947, whenever fire or other peril threatened the Hampton Bays community, Thomas answered the call, whether it came in the dead of night, on a blustery winter day, or in the wilting heat of summer. Time and again, Thomas joined his comrades as they hastened to the scene, placing themselves in harm's way to aid another human being in danger, regardless of whether it be a friend, neighbor, or stranger.

While the Hampton Bays Fire Department has been truly blessed with many dedicated volunteers, Thomas Wilson has demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to his community. In his 50 years as a Hampton Bays Firefighter, Thomas has earned the trust and respect of his peers, who have chosen him for numerous leadership positions, including lieutenant and captain.

The residents of Hampton Bays demonstrated that same trust and respect for Thomas Wilson. For 20 consecutive years, the voters in Hampton Bays elected Thomas to the position of fire commissioner, where he served from 1957 to 1976. He is still active today, answering the emergency siren when duty calls and serving as the unofficial historian of the Hampton Bays Fire Department.

Demonstrating that true heroes are created over a lifetime of selfless acts and service to their God, family, and country, Thomas Wilson is the perfect role model for every volunteer firefighter who will come after him. So I ask my colleagues in this esteemed House to join me in congratulating Thomas for 50 years of service to the Hampton Bays Fire Department.

**TRIBUTE TO HAROLD EDWARD
DALE**

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Harold Edward Dale, a man who dedicated his life to flight and the building of aircraft. Mr. Dale built his first airplane, the Heath Parasol, at the young age of 16. During World War II, Harold designed fighter aircraft and was considered to be a valuable asset to the military. He served as project engineer for America's first jet powered bomber, the B-45 Tornado, and was also the project engineer for both the F-100 Super Sabre and the Mach-3 + F-108 Rapier fighter planes.

Harold assisted in the design of the first corporate jet, the Sabliner, as well as the first personal jet aircraft, the Weejet. The Saturn rocket sent Americans to the moon, and Harold served as program manager in the second stage of this endeavor. After retirement, he stayed active as a designated engineering representative for the Federal Aviation Administration. He additionally assisted in the development of the global positioning system used on Air Force One.

Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who served his family, his community, and his Nation. May his memory as one of the great pioneering military jet aircraft designers be honored and blessed.

**IN HONOR OF POLICE CAPT. DALE
E. AMARAL AND HIS 31 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF NEWARK, CA**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and congratulate Capt. Dale E. Amaral, a dedicated member of the Newark Police Department. After 31 years of outstanding service, Captain Amaral will be retiring from the force.

Dale Amaral joined the Newark Police Department on February 20, 1966, and has since served in numerous capacities. He began his career as a police officer, serving as patrol officer, narcotics detective, and robbery/homicide detective. He was promoted to detective sergeant in 1981. After a stint as detective sergeant, Dale worked as a patrol sergeant. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1986, and served as commander of the investigation division and then commander of the records division. In 1992, Dale was promoted to captain. In 1994, Captain Amaral returned

to the patrol division as commander of the investigations division.

Captain Amaral was selected as Newark's Officer of the Year in 1971 while assigned as narcotics detective. He was selected as Officer of the Year a second time in 1981 while working as a robbery/homicide detective.

Captain Amaral taught several courses in administration of justice at the community college level, and is a charter member of the Newark Optimist Club. His hobbies include travel, real estate, reading, and learning about space exploration.

Dale so loves law enforcement that he will begin a second career as a deputy sheriff with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department shortly after his retirement from the Newark Police Department. He will be sorely missed by his fellow officers, city employees, and most of all, the citizens of the city of Newark.

The city will be honoring Dale at a retirement dinner on October 3, 1997. I would like to join them in commendation of his hard work and dedication. I wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the Chamber on rollcall votes Nos. 484 through 489. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 484, "aye" on rollcall vote 485, "aye" on rollcall vote 486, "no" on rollcall vote 487, "aye" on rollcall vote 488, and "no" on rollcall vote 489.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID N. PINCUS

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David N. Pincus, a Philadelphia whose generosity and spirit of caring is recognized around the world.

David Pincus was born in Philadelphia in 1926. After graduating from Philadelphia's Central High School, David served in the Navy and upon his return, finished up his degree at Pennsylvania State University in 1948. Later that year, David went to work at Filene's in Boston where he learned the ropes of the retail clothing business. In 1950, he returned to Philadelphia and began working in the family-owned Pincus Brothers apparel manufacturing company, which had been founded by this father, Nathan, and four of David's uncles back in 1910.

Back in Philadelphia, Pincus settled in an apartment downtown and began volunteering two or three nights a week at Children's Hospital. It was there that he first saw children suffering. It was an experience that had a profound effect on him, and one which would eventually lead him to pursue a program of philanthropy and personal intervention on behalf of suffering children world-wide.

Since taking over as CEO of the family clothing business, David Pincus has kept the