

the President's bill is unfair and wrong. It is punitive and hurtful toward our Nation's seniors and should be repealed. The last Congress sent to the President legislation to repeal the Social Security provisions, but the President stood by his original plan and it did not pass. Nevertheless, this issue is not resolved as far as I am concerned. We must address this issue, which is why I have introduced the language in this legislation to repeal the onerous 1993 tax increase on our seniors. This bill is very simple. It does these three things. It is common sense and fair. Simply altering a few necessary portions of our Tax Code, it would help all Americans and give a fair and level playing field. Best of all, every penny in reduced revenue is offset by reductions in the funds available to the Department of Commerce and the Department of Energy. This is a small but important step forward in the debate over our Nation's future. This is legislation we cannot afford to live without.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It is imperative for our country's present and future generations that we address these issues today.

RECOGNIZING MARIAN ANDERSON ON CENTENNIAL OF HER BIRTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JENKINS). 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, let me first of all thank my friend and colleague and ranking member of the Science Committee for the diversity of his portfolio, and, that is, to come to the floor to celebrate a very famous but eloquent and certainly musical American, and that is in the name of Marian Anderson.

I thank the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN] for allowing to join him in a tribute on a very special day here in Washington. Certainly as I was coming to the floor, I took advantage of the beautiful sunshine, albeit quite chilly here in Washington DC, and it caused me to be reminded of that famous day some years ago, April 9, when the first lady of music, contralto Marian Anderson, ascended the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and began to sing not to the 75,000 that were present but to the world and to the Nation. Her dignity and her ability to communicate in song clearly is worth giving tribute to, and I appreciate this opportunity to do so.

As I look over her history and we were able to acknowledge today at the Congressional Black Caucus meeting this day and this effort, we looked at her history. Certainly she came from a very proud family. She graduated from high school. You might consider her, as W.E.B. Du Bois described many in the early days of this century, the talented tenth. She was certainly someone

whose family, albeit she was born an African-American in this Nation, had great hopes and aspirations for her. They had great dreams for her as an American, as a talented young woman.

Sadly, of course, she grew up in the shadow of Jim Crow. But her spirit was undaunted by the atmosphere of what she lived, and the God-given talent that she had was one that she wanted to share with all to hear. She was initially, of course, extended an invitation to speak in a facility that later became known as white-only, that she could not sing. But good Americans, well-thinking Americans who recognized the value of diversity and the importance of a talent in an eloquent woman as Marian Anderson should be heard.

And so this tribute that I give is as well to Marian for her talent but for the good Americans who rallied around the excitement that she had to be able to convey to America that we all stand as one.

Mr. Speaker, my tribute today, as I bring it to a close, is to congratulate the life and legacy of Marian Anderson. I wish that I could conclude this by a musical salute that all could hear, but I was moved by the moment and moved by the history of that moment, having not been there or been around to have heard it, but certainly all those who have been able to tell me of it pay great tribute to how she brought the country together, recognizing the value of our great history, of African-Americans but as well the history of all the good people who allowed her to so sing.

Let me conclude by sharing some of my time with the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN] for him to bring some final remarks and say that on this day that the proposition 209 was again reaffirmed. I would ask that we look to the good people of America to recognize that diversity is legal and that Marian Anderson represented that diversity some many years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. BROWN].

Mr. BROWN of California. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I want to thank her very much for coming to the floor and adding her contribution to this tribute to Marian Anderson.

In closing this special order this afternoon, I would just like to say how honored I am to join with all of my colleagues honoring the centennial of the birth of Marian Anderson. During the long journey of her life, as has been mentioned and despite her unique achievements, Marian Anderson nevertheless encountered bigotry throughout her career. She met it all with unparalleled dignity, quietly refusing to back down from her rights, to forsake her own standard of politeness or to hold any grudges.

One can lose a lot of time hating people, she succinctly explained. As you remember, President Clinton urged in his State of the Union Address this year that Americans must continu-

ously fight bigotry and intolerance. To follow the example set by Marian Anderson, I would like to close this special order this afternoon by quoting what she saw was the mission of her life, and I quote: "To leave behind me the kind of impression that will make it easier for those who follow."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of illness.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for yesterday and today, on account of family illness.

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. PORTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHIMKUS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BRADY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, today and on April 10.

Mr. BONO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes each day, on April 15 and 16.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STEARNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. PICKETT.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. STARK.

Ms. FURSE.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHIMKUS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD.
Mr. HYDE.
Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
Mr. RILEY.
Mr. EVERETT.
Mr. HUNTER.
Mr. FORBES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Michigan) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GINGRICH.
Mr. WALSH in two instances.
Mrs. ROUKEMA.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. PITTS.
Mr. SOLOMON in two instances.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. HOYER.
Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Mr. GALLEGLY.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KING.
Mr. UPTON.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2656. A letter from the Executive Director, Defense Environmental Response Task Force, Department of Defense, transmitting the report on the actions of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force for fiscal year 1995, pursuant to Public Law 101-510, section 2923(c)(1) (104 Stat. 1821); to the Committee on National Security.

2657. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Streamlined Research and Development Clause Lists [DFARS Case 96-D028] received April 7, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

2658. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Retirement of Regular Commissioned Officers at Age 62, Exception for Deputy Chief and Chief of Chaplains"; to the Committee on National Security.

2659. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the final report for the plan ensuring the provision of medical care to any natural child of a member of the Armed Forces will be available no later than June, 1997; to the Committee on National Security.

2660. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a

report entitled "Moving Toward a Lead-Safe America: A Report to the Congress of the United States", pursuant to Public Law 102-550, section 1061(b) (106 Stat. 3927); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2661. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting a report on whether organizations make sensitive consumer identification information available to the public, and whether such activities create undue potential for fraud and risk of loss to insured depository institutions, pursuant to Public Law 104-208 section 2422(c) (100 Stat. 3009); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2662. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 96-7030—*Carole Kolstad v. American Dental Association* (March 21, 1997)); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2663. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "District Heating, Cooling, and Cogeneration: Benefits, Constraints, and Recommendations," pursuant to section 172(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; to the Committee on Commerce.

2664. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's report entitled "Annual Report to Congress—Progress on Superfund Implementation in Fiscal Year 1996," pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 9651; to the Committee on Commerce.

2665. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 97-A, which relates to the Department of the Navy's proposed enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability of defense article(s) previously sold to the Coordination Council for North American Affairs [CCNAA], currently identified as the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO] in the United States, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(5)(C); to the Committee on International Relations.

2666. A letter from the Chairman of the Board, African Development Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the African Development Foundation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on International Relations.

2667. A letter from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Inter-American Foundation, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on International Relations.

2668. A letter from the president and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 1997"; to the Committee on International Relations.

2669. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter notifying Congress that on March 25, 1997, a standby evacuation force of the U.S. military personnel from the United States European Command and the United States deployed to Congo and Gabon to provide enhanced security for the more than 300 American private citizens, government employees, and selected third country nationals in Kinshasa, Zaire, should their evacuation become necessary (H. Doc. No. 105-63); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

2670. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting notification that OPM has approved proposals for

five personnel management demonstration projects for the Department of the Army, submitted by the Department of Defense, pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 342(b) (108 Stat. 2721); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2671. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 1997"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2672. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a copy of the Bureau of Justice Assistance report entitled, "Fiscal Year 1995 Annual Report to Congress," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3789e; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2673. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 95-7164—*Rafic Saadeh v. Fawaz Farouki* (March 4, 1997)); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2674. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 96-5148—*United States of America v. Consumer Health Services of America, Inc. and Roger Schlossberg, Trustee* (March 18, 1997)); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2675. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, transmitting an opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 96-3060—*United States of America v. Leo Darryl Harrington* (March 25, 1997)); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2676. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's report entitled "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program, Annual Report to Congress FY 1995," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9604; to the Committee on Science.

2677. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; to the Committee on Science.

2678. A letter from the Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, transmitting the annual report on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ww(e)(6)(G)(i); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2679. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Maritime Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999," pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1110; jointly, to the Committees on National Security and Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. STUMP: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1092. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for Department of Veterans Affairs property, to rename the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals and the National Cemetery System, and for other purposes (Rept. 105-47). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.