

Marv was a quiet man, respectful of others, slow to anger and quick to forgive. He loved reading, flying, computer programming, and bicycling. His proudest accomplishments were of course his children. His son George followed through on the love of country Marv tried to instill by serving in the military and his daughters both followed his love of computers.

That was in fact Marv's first love. After graduating from St. Francis High School in Wheaton, IL, in 1961, he attended a technical school specializing in computer programming. Having his daughters become adept computer specialists was a definite source of fatherly pride. Marv came back to the computer field toward the end of his working career after spending many years in sales.

As a young man Marv was drafted into the Army in 1965 during the first big draft of the Vietnam war. He felt privileged to serve his country as his father and his grandfather had done before him, and he thought it was his patriotic duty. He excelled in turbine generator school at Fort Belvoir, VA, graduating first in his class. He never got to use his mechanics training, though, because he was never sent to Vietnam. Instead he served out the rest of his time in Fort Campbell, KY as a company clerk, supply officer, and finished his last 9 months of service in his favorite duty, as a military policeman.

Marv spent the rest of his life focused on his wife, children, and community. For 10 years he and Kathy were team leaders for World Wide Marriage Encounter weekends for the Catholic church. They were privileged to coordinate more than 60 weekends to help couples make their good marriages into great committed relationships. Marv and Kathy facilitated marriage preparation classes for their church. Marv was also instrumental in forming the Rite of Christian Initiative for Adults at St. Mary's Parish in Greeley. He demonstrated his love of teaching and for young people as a confirmation teacher for 9 years. He was also a board member of Habitat for Humanity and Citizens for Responsible Government.

Marv understood the meaning of the grassroots political process and exemplified it daily. It is people like Marv who contribute to the greatness of America, the behind-the-scenes hard work essential to our communities and the makeup of the character of this great Nation. I am privileged to have known him and experience the results of his efforts. They will not go unappreciated. His memory and the influence he had on us and our Nation will far outlive his life. Each time we celebrate our independence and the freedoms we too often take for granted, we need to remember the contributions of people like Marv.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD a short poem that Marv considered his statement of his life's philosophy and indeed it was the best description of his life as a devoted father, a husband, and American.

DESIDERATA

(By Max Ehrmann)

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations of the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for there will always be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

ONGOING TOBACCO INDUSTRY NEGOTIATIONS

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

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the negotiations that are going on at the present time with the tobacco industry, they are requesting that they be excused from punitive damages.

I want to point out to my colleagues that the tobacco industry for 4 decades has misled and deceived the American people about their product. They have lied to the Congress, and they have kept documents secret. Last week we revealed documents that had not been public before from the Liggett Tobacco Co. where they had an attorney-client privilege to try to keep these documents from the public where they knew about a safer cigarette but did not want to make a safer cigarette because their lawyers said that would mean that the cigarette they were already making was unsafe and they would be presumably admitting that.

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They refused to turn over to medical people information about the harm from cigarettes because they were fearful of the liability that might attach to them.

Now those documents are simply the tip of the iceberg. There are over 150,000 documents that have claimed to be attorney client privilege. The attorney client privilege will not shield documents if there is fraud or criminal conduct involved, and I believe that if these documents become public, they may well lead to criminal charges being brought.

One of the reasons the tobacco industry is so anxious for a settlement is that one of the terms of their settlement is that these documents would be kept secret forever.

Now if these documents became public, we would know whether there ought to be punitive damages in some of these lawsuits. How can we agree in any negotiation to excuse the tobacco industry from punitive damages without knowing all the facts?

So I would hope that those people that are sitting down and discussing what might be a recommendation to the Congress for settlement of a lot of these issues regarding tobacco will not recommend to us to excuse and forgive the tobacco companies for any actions they may have undertaken that would amount to punitive damages before we know fully what actions they have been engaged in. What we do know is that for four decades they have acted in a way that we would never accept from any other business or corporation in this country. They have manufactured a product and sold it knowing it is harmful and claiming the contrary to be true. They have sold a product that is addictive, and they knew that to be the case, and they denied it. They were targeting our kids, and then they denied it. What are punitive damages all about except to punish people who have acted wrongly? And if the tobacco industry has not acted wrongly in these last four decades, what industry could possibly be accused of acting more wrongly?

I hope they do not come back and recommend to us that we forgive the tobacco industry for their wrongdoing and not hold them accountable if in fact punitive damages are warranted.

GIVE TAX RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE PAYING THE TAXES

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

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, we have legislation coming before this body that would give tax relief back to the American people.

My father took home 85 percent of his paycheck. My daughters are scheduled to take home 10 percent of their

paycheck at the current spending and the current tax rate on the American people. My brother takes home today only about 45 percent of his paycheck. This is not a legacy that we want to leave to our children. In the tax relief balanced budget plan that is coming before this body this body gives back 97 percent of tax relief to those earning less than \$100,000.

Mr. Speaker, \$100,000 is a lot of money for a lot of people, but it also gives 72 percent of the tax relief for families earning between \$20,000 and \$75,000. Our colleagues on the other side, there are those that voted against a balanced budget, those who voted against welfare reform. What we call the liberal faction and leadership of the Democrat Party would say that we are giving only a tax break for the rich. If you take a look at Karl Marx's Communist manifesto, the class warfare, the ideals of union from control of private property right on down the line is class warfare and controlling the American people. What we are trying to do is give tax relief to the American people that are paying taxes.

We went through a pretty violent debate in this body on welfare reform, but yet my colleagues on the other side that support a socialist model for this country would have us believe that people that do not pay any taxes should get back tax relief. Well, we had a welfare reform package. What this package does is the hard-working people that are projected to only get 10 percent of their dollars in their paycheck have some tax relief, and that is what is focused.

If we take a look at Japan, 1 in 11 workers works for the government; in France, 1 in 4. Now you see what kind of government that was elected in France over these last few weeks. France is controlled now by the socialists and the Communists that support big government and control of private property and on down the line. When they talk about Mr. Sweeney and the AFL-CIO, who do they represent? They represent government workers, and I would tell Mr. Sweeney that if he would support the Government officials and government workers necessary to do the legitimate works of the Constitution and this country, he would find a lot of Republican support. But to go out and fight for additional power for bigger government, for higher taxes, he is going to meet resistance.

And my colleagues on the other side just do not get the message that we want lower taxes on the American people to stimulate growth, to put dollars in their pocket, not the Federal Government. If we take a look at the legitimate functions of this country, then we supply the workers to do that, then I think we can come up with tax relief for all. Ninety-seven percent, 97 percent of the tax relief, goes to families earning less than \$100,000; 72 percent less than \$75,000, down to \$20,000, and those that do not get or pay taxes do not get tax relief. That is a form of

welfare. They get all of the other benefits from the Federal Government, but yet the burden of those people trying to send their children to school, trying to put food on the table, trying to do the things that you and I and every other American wants to do is being stymied by an oversized government, by overtaxes and regulation.

That is what this bill does, Mr. Speaker. It gives tax relief back to the American people that are paying the taxes, not nonpaying tax.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. GEJDENSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. LEVIN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington [Mrs. LINDA SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. QUINN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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tleman from Maryland [Mr. WYNN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WYNN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. NEUMANN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TAX RELIEF FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, a comprehensive tax bill says a lot about what the priorities of our Nation are, what the values of our Nation are, in the same way that achieving a balanced budget agreement talks about who we are. The devil, if you will, is in the details, in that one has to take a look at how these concepts translate into actuality, and they determine in large measure of what our priorities and what our values are. They do not exist just by themselves.

When you look into it, whether it is a balanced budget agreement or when you look into the tax cut package, you get a sense of what the priorities and values of this country are, and we have to be clear about what those values are as a Congress and as a nation.

American middle-class families, people who are working hard, playing by the rules, are looking at the various tax proposals that are on the table at the moment and they are in fact wondering "Who is on my side?"

The tax proposal that has been made by the Republican majority says to the American public that they are on the side of the wealthiest Americans. Under the Republican bill, over half of the tax benefits go to 5 percent of Americans, those who are making over \$247,000 a year. An additional quarter of the tax cuts go to families making between \$75,000 and \$250,000 a year. That means that the rest of the American people have to share what is left over. Under the Republican plan, the 80 percent of Americans at the lowest end of the income scale receive less than 20 percent of the tax benefits. This is simply wrong.

Democrats have proposed an alternative tax package whose benefits are targeted directly to working middle-class families. The message from the Democratic side of the aisle is that we are on their side, the message to working families today. These are just not my words. I might add that there have been a number of newspaper accounts in the last several days that comment on the Republican tax proposal.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says, and this is Thursday, June 12: "Bill Archer's Gift Horse: The Congressman's