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Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I just experienced something we all know we will have to experience and do not want to. I just experienced my mother passing away. And you know, it is very interesting that, while this was a tragedy in our personal life, there was a silver lining to this cloud; and that was the discovery of hospice.

While this Nation has concentrated on new life and the beginning of life and the excitement of new life and youth, which is an understandable thing, America as a whole has not concentrated in helping one another with the death process and the grieving process and the process of losing loved ones. Hospice was there to help our family. Hospice proved to be far more support than I had ever dreamed of.

Hospice, in 72 percent of the cases, is a voluntary organization and supported by Americans across this Nation.

TRIBUTE TO TOM ROGERS

(Mr. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take 1 minute to pay tribute to a man who is very much admired and respected and loved in our community. I refer to the 22d District of California.

Tom Rogers is an inspiring leader in the environmental movement. He is an able, compelling legislator; supervisor for Santa Barbara County. He is a human being of incomparable warmth, charm, positive, constructive spirit. He is currently involved in an all-out knock-down struggle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

I know I speak for all the citizens in our district in cheering him on and telling Tom Rogers and his family that he means the whole world to all of us. We thank him profoundly for all that he, his wife Katy, and the family have done for our community, but we also thank him for his high ideals and for the shoes that he gave me, without which I would not have won this seat in Congress.

We want to cheer him on and we ask that God will be his comfort and his strength.

MULTINATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO RULE ON U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICIES

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is inconceivable but true. A multinational organization, headquartered in another country, is about to rule on whether we here in the United States can establish our own immigration policies.

The World Trade Organization has set up a three-person panel which is

hearing the challenge presented by the European Union against our overwhelmingly supported anti-Castro law known as Helms-Burton. That law says that anyone who knowingly trafficks in illegally confiscated property which belongs to a U.S. citizen will not be allowed into our borders. Protection of private properties is not only an American cornerstone, it is also international law. Cuba should be no exception.

The administration must make it quite clear that the United States will not allow any international organization to dictate our foreign policy, and we must assert our willingness to use the national security clause to defend the Helms-Burton law. Anything short of this will compromise our rights as an independent and sovereign Nation. The U.S. Congress writes our laws and not a multinational organization.

EIGHTY PERCENT OF ILLEGAL DRUGS COME FROM MEXICO

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, in America today 80 percent of all heroin comes from Mexico; 80 percent of all cocaine and all marijuana comes from Mexico; 80 percent of all narcotics in your town, in my town comes from Mexico. It is so bad that Mexico's top government drug fighter was busted for helping drug traffickers.

And after all of this, reports now say that the White House is leaning towards certifying Mexico again as a co-operating partner in America's war on drugs.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I do not know who is sleeping in Lincoln's bedroom, but I think a bigger question to be answered around here and in Mexico is who all is in bed with these Mexican drug dealers? Last I heard it was still Uncle Sam, not Uncle Sucker. Take a look at it and think about it.

TIME FOR THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT IS NOW

(Mr. TAUZIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, it is time for the balanced budget amendment. The time is right. It is our responsibility to present it to the American public. For too long many of my colleagues have sought to protect the pork that has become too heavy a burden for the American people to bear.

The time for scare tactics is over, Mr. Speaker. If opponents of the balanced budget amendment really want to protect the American family and its future, they need to end this constant pattern of false and destructive rhetoric and help us do what is right for the country.

Mr. Speaker, the arguments our opponents are using are simply wrong

and they know they are wrong. The balanced budget amendment will not force cuts in Social Security. In fact, the balanced budget amendment is the only hope to save the program in the long run. Let me say it again: No one intends to cut or to touch Social Security. Mr. Speaker, funding for the collection and analysis of the striped bass, however, may have to get reeled in.

Mr. Speaker, we must all act responsibly for the good of the American people we were sent here to represent.

COMMUNITY PROSECUTION

(Mr. BLAGOJEVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, this morning President Clinton allocated \$16 million for juvenile drug courts. That is an innovative investment in our fight against crime. I am here today, Mr. Speaker, to talk about another powerful new strategy in crime fighting: Community prosecution.

With my bill to create a \$10 million nationwide pilot program, we can put prosecutors in neighborhoods across the country to devise creative solutions that can attack conditions that breed crime.

For example, in Portland, OR, neighborhood prosecutors organized teams of residents to patrol business districts and areas plagued by car thefts. Car thefts have declined. When Portland's residents feared a burned-out building would become a gang hangout, Portland neighborhood prosecutors made sure the landlords rebuilt. Gangs dispersed.

These successes in Portland indicate that community prosecution is more than just a good idea. It works. We should expand on this Portland model and apply it nationwide.

RECOGNIZING EFFORTS OF THE AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS

(Mr. MANZULLO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the charitable activities of the Aid Association for Lutherans, branch 2543, located in McHenry, IL, in the district I represent.

This organization is well-known for its volunteer efforts to help improve the quality of life in the community. In 1995, AAL received an award from the local county board for recycling 315 tons of paper and 1,000 pounds of aluminum. It also donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity and participated in the construction of one of the homes.

In recognition of its outstanding volunteer service throughout 1995, AAL, branch 2543, received a gold star from its home office, one of several it has earned over time.

I take this opportunity to personally congratulate each member of the local for its selfless efforts to help others. It is a fine example of how ordinary citizens get together and meet the needs of their community. I wish it continued success.

JUVENILE JUSTICE PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE EDUCATION REFORM

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, soon President Clinton will announce his juvenile justice package for the United States of America. I stand here today asking that that package include education reform.

Education is the centerpiece of the President's commitment for this Congress. I am happy that he is allowing and going to increase the Pell grant; wanting to increase the Pell grant to 218,000 more young people. People who are educated function better in American society, more opportunities are available to them.

Any education package, any juvenile justice reform must include educational opportunities, must include opportunities in co-op work experiences, must include a business education partnership where we might give tax credits to those businesses who hire young people. If we are going to have effective juvenile justice reform, we have to have education as the centerpiece of that. I pledge to work closely with the President to see that that happens.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 36. Joint resolution approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10,

United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE], from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, re-appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH],
The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], and

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI].

The message also announced that pursuant to sections 276h-276k of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group during the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

The Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], vice the former Senator from Rhode Island, Mr. Pell, and

The Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG].

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-661, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, vice the former Senator from Georgia, Mr. Nunn.

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak very briefly about campaign finance reform. The Congress should, and I believe we will, be working to fix the way we fund our campaigns. None of us wants to spend as much time as we do raising money. None of us wants to have to spend so much money every two years. I think that is a point that may be missed by many Americans.

What we want to do is have more time to work on those things which we think are good for America. However, reforming the campaign system will not be simple, and it will take time and effort. We must work together in a bipartisan way to achieve control in campaign spending, one that protects constitutional rights to contribute and participate in the political process.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can address these goals by increasing disclosure of where money comes from, reducing the role of soft money, enhancing the role of small supporters. Let us all work together to bring about needed campaign finance reform.

THE AIRING OF SCHINDLER'S LIST

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday evening, NBC aired Schindler's List, the epic film about the Holocaust directed by Steven Spielberg. Yesterday I was shocked to learn that a colleague here in this House criticized NBC for airing this movie, saying that it should outrage parents and decent-minded individuals everywhere.

This film was aired to educate and to enlighten decent-minded individuals everywhere. There is a difference between gratuitous violence and history. Is this film violent? Yes. Was the Holocaust violent? Yes. Is this film difficult to watch? Yes. And that is why NBC warned its viewers to use their discretion in allowing children to watch the film.

Steven Spielberg said that he would not allow his grade school children to watch, taking personal responsibility for monitoring his children's viewing habits, as all parents can and should do.

Mr. Speaker, NBC should not be condemned for showing this film. NBC should be commended for showing this film, a film that documents one of the darkest chapters of our world history, a chapter that we must never forget.

SCHINDLER'S LIST: SO WE NEVER FORGET

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday night 65 million Americans watched the movie Schindler's List when it was shown without commercial interruption on NBC network television. At a time when there is heated debate over the lack of quality television programming, this movie is a shining example of what network television can do right.

This award winning film depicts the horrors of the Holocaust in graphic and moving terms. More important, this is a true story. These were real events, real lives and deaths, real acts of human depravity and real demonstrations of human courage and dignity. These are the history lessons that all our children should learn, that human beings and their political ideology have often committed heinous crimes against humanity and that it must never ever happen again.

Mr. Speaker, I am outraged by the words of one of my colleagues, who has said that showing this film uncut on