

I was appalled that both the director of the Office of Management and Budget and senior officials of the Department of Defense refused to submit to questions from the committee. Both OMB and OSD have gladly taken questions from the press on the subject. What do they have to fear if the cancellations are truly objective and justified?

Their failure to appear is all the more troubling because this administration admits that mistakes were made on the cancellations.

GUAM CALLS FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. PACKARD]. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow in the Committee on Resources at 10 a.m., a hearing will be held on H.R. 100, which is the commonwealth bill for Guam. I want to thank the chairman of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Alaska, [Mr. DON YOUNG], for allowing us to hold this hearing to achieve some final resolution on this commonwealth proposal, which has been developed on Guam throughout the decade of the 1980's, and which has been alive as proposed legislation in this Congress and previous Congresses going back to 1988 and the time of my predecessor, Mr. Ben Blaz.

The hearing will afford us an opportunity to get clarification from the administration, who has been negotiating this document, along with the Guam Commission on Self-Determination. And the person in charge of that is John Garamendi, the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

We hope that people will understand that the commonwealth proposal is something that has been arrived at on a bipartisan basis on Guam. It is something that has achieved wide consensus on Guam, and is something which needs serious attention.

It is numbered H.R. 100, in light of the fact that next year, 1998, marks the 100th anniversary of Guam's association with the United States. Some 100 years ago, as a result of the Spanish-American War, Guam was taken and the U.S. flag flown over Guam on June 20, 1898, approximately a month earlier than Puerto Rico was taken by the United States.

Most people know Guam as a military installation, perhaps a little bit as a result of the wartime experience of the people of Guam, but Guam today is a proud island of 150,000 people, with a significant indigenous population eager to exercise their self-determination.

We have a \$3 billion a year economy fueled mostly by tourism. The military presence continues to be important, and of course Guam is very important in the strategic picture of the United

States in that part of the world, but the military no longer holds the commanding position it once did in terms of its impact on the local economy.

Joining with the three Governors, three living Governors of Guam, Gov. Carl Gutierrez, the incumbent, Gov. Joe Ada, and Gov. Paul Calvo, the latter two Republicans and the first a Democrat, is a large contingent from Guam numbering over 40 people, and I will enter their names into the RECORD.

These people reflect a good cross-section of the people of Guam. They reflect the energy and the concern and the determination of the people of Guam to reach the next level of their political development, and this next level of their political development is embodied in H.R. 100, which provides for a new expanded relationship with the Federal Government based on the principles of mutual consent and the establishment of a joint commission, provides for local control of immigration, and allows Guam to have fuller control over its own economic activities.

We hope that the administration tomorrow in their testimony, and I recognize that there are many problems, we have been in negotiation now for 4 to 5 years, that are still remaining on this issue, but we are hoping that the administration comes across tomorrow with a position that does not close the door to further discussion.

I know the Committee on Resources, which is the only committee to have the flags of the territories flying in its committee room, will take seriously its responsibility to deal with insular areas in a creative and fair-minded way. This is a call for greater participation in American democracy. It is a call whose time has come. One hundred years is just too long.

Mr. Speaker, the list of names referred to above are submitted herewith for the RECORD.

GUAM DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR HEARING ON H.R. 100

Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, First Lady Geri Gutierrez, Former Governor Joseph Ada, Former Governor Paul Calvo, Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Senator Anthony Blaz, Senator Mark Forbes, Senator Vicente Pangelinan, Senator Francis Santos, Mayor Paul McDonald, Mayor Isabel Haggard, Chief Justice Peter Siguenza, Judge Alberto Lamorena, Judge Joaquin Manibusan, Archbishop Anthony Apuron, Carlos Baretto, Leland Bettis, John Blaz, Bill Bufford, Toni Bufford.

Dennis Crisostomo, Hope Cristobal, Toni Cross, Vicky Cruz, Darrell Doss, Melissa Finney, Bernie Gines, Melanie Gisler, Elizabeth Gray, Jose Guevera, Carla Gutierrez, Hannah Gutierrez, Steven Hattori, Martin Jenkins, Scott Kimmel, Elfrie Koshiba, Diane Martos, Mary Matalas, Ben Meno, Kyle Oh.

Romy Pangilinan, Leonard Paulino, Tita Paulino, Rene Quintans, Frieda Ramarui, Rory Respicio, Ron Rivera, Richard Rodriguez, Florencio Rupley, Eileen Sablan, Anthony Sanchez, Peter Sgro, Laura Souder-Betances, Attorney General Charles Troutman, Dan Tydingco, Shingpe Lee Wang.

FREEDOM WORKS AWARD TO MARTHA WILLIAMSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to present the Freedom Works Award to Martha Williamson, executive producer of CBS networks television show "Touched By An Angel" and "Promised Land."

Martha Williamson takes her responsibility as a television producer very seriously. Her fine work on "Touched By An Angel" and "Promised Land" has proven that values and principles are good for TV and good for TV ratings.

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That is because values strike a chord with the millions of Americans who struggle each day to reaffirm the values of responsibility and honesty and faith in their lives. Martha is serious about creating entertainment that reinforces the importance of family, faith and community. For that reason I have chosen to honor her work.

I established the Freedom Works Award to acknowledge individuals and groups who seek the personal reward of accepting and promoting responsibility without reliance on or funding from the Federal Government. The stand Martha has taken on behalf of profamily television is exactly the type of personal initiative I sought to highlight when I established this award.

Mr. Speaker, no Federal Government agency, no government rule, no government regulation requires Martha to produce profamily television. Rather, Martha has taken it upon herself to ensure that at least once a week families all across America have a chance to sit together and view television that stresses the values of faith, family, honesty, and responsibility. The millions that take advantage of that opportunity each week attest to her success.

I want to be very clear, Mr. Speaker. Martha Williamson does not do politics. What she does through her work is to take on the tough issues which affect us all, issues like suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and race relations in the inner city.

Millions tune in weekly to "Touched By An Angel" and "Promised Land" and countless letters have poured into the show with stories of marriages that have been restored, debts that have been forgiven, and suicides that have been averted as a result of the uplifting message of Martha's work.

Mr. Speaker, I have raised 5 children. When you raise 5 children you learn a few things. As a young parent I remember very clearly the challenge I faced in making sure that my children were not exposed to the destructive influences all too often seen in the modern entertainment industry.

As a lawmaker and, most important, as a parent, I want to personally thank

Martha Williamson for her work and honor her devotion to American families by presenting her the Freedom Works Award. She provides millions of Americans with an uplifting hour of entertainment each week. The size of her audience should remind all of us and should remind the entertainment industry that family programming sells. The market responds to families everywhere working to reinforce values.

Mr. Speaker, freedom works and, Martha, if I may, your programs, both of them, work for me and my wife. We watch every week. Not only do we watch, but our minister and his wife watch and then the four of us get together and we compare notes and we discuss the show, and we see what lessons we can draw for ourselves and our lives.

The encouraging thing that I receive from my minister, not that my judgment is something I would trust on this matter, but that his is, that Martha, your shows are always true to Scripture as well as to sound values, sound advice, sound lessons for the American family. I want to add, then, my personal and, for my wife Susan and myself, our personal appreciation for your show.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority leader for yielding. I want to begin by congratulating the majority leader. This is a wonderful award, the Freedom Works Award, and I think he is doing excellent work in helping to single out "Touched By An Angel" and "Promised Land" and Martha Williamson and the work which she is doing in this area. I cannot give him enough praise for helping to create something like this that does focus upon that which should be given special honor.

Television has been called a vast wasteland and it struggles every day to find a balance between America's insatiable appetite for escape and its extraordinary capacity to teach. Entertainment programming in particular often panders to the familiar human desire to turn the brain off simply by turning the tube on. Yet as a mass medium, television has the greatest potential since the dawn of civilization for prodding society to confront its troubles and to look within for a renewal of the values of community and caring.

This potential is usually realized in news or documentary formats or in made-for-television specials, but not in regularly scheduled entertainment programming. Yet out of this tension, there occasionally rises programming that breaks the mold, that finds the balance but projects a level of quality and thoughtfulness that transcends its format and sets a new standard for the rest of the industry. Martha Williamson and her colleagues have ac-

complished as much with the creation of these two excellent shows. They get high ratings, but they send a positive family message out to America.

I recently discovered that the poet Maya Angelou wrote a poem especially for "Touched By An Angel." It closes with these lines: "Yet it is only love which sets us free."

I want to congratulate Martha and everyone who works on this program for having the courage to send this simple message to every American home each week. I congratulate CBS for having the courage of putting these two programs on. The outstanding public response to them is evidence that their judgment was correct. In conclusion, once again I want to congratulate the majority leader for taking the leadership in creating this award.

NAFTA EXPANSION PULLED FROM SUSPENSION CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. PACKARD]. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH has tried it again. Earlier this year, the Speaker attempted to insert the Caribbean Basin initiative into the budget bill. The Caribbean Basin initiative would have expanded NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, passed 4 years ago, would have expanded NAFTA to 26 Caribbean and Central American nations all buried in a budget bill that no one really would have understood or seen. Today Speaker GINGRICH was trying it one more time. H.R. 2644, the United States-Caribbean trade partnership, again basically the same issue, there was an attempt today to put it on the Suspension Calendar and ram it through Congress with no amendments, with not very much discussion and put together with a whole lot of other issues and a whole lot of other pieces of legislation. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of people on both sides of the aisle that do not think we should expand NAFTA with only 20 or 30 minutes of debate, we should expand NAFTA to 26 more Caribbean and Central American nations, fortunately because there is so little support for that in this body, even though the support comes from the Republican leadership, that initiative was pulled off the calendar today.

That means that this Congress will in fact have an opportunity to debate the Caribbean Basin initiative at some point, and I believe that Congress ultimately will defeat it because there simply is not the support in this body for expanding NAFTA for those kinds of trade agreements.

That clearly speaks to the next step. The next step is within the next 2 weeks, Congress will likely vote on giving the President the authority, the fast track authority to negotiate other

trade agreements with Latin American countries. There clearly is not a majority of Members' support in this Congress to give the President fast track authority to expand NAFTA. It is pretty clear that this body should think twice before we rush headlong into a series of trade agreements that cost us American jobs, in trade agreements that jeopardize American food safety, in trade agreements that question the viability of truck safety on America's highways, that we should think twice before rushing into another series of trade agreements that jeopardize health and safety and jobs in this country before we fix the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, passed in 1993 in this country, has already cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs. The North American Free Trade Agreement has jeopardized American food safety, stories of strawberries that have infected Michigan schoolchildren with hepatitis A, strawberries coming from Mexico, raspberries coming from Guatemala, all kinds of food products coming into this country, not well enough inspected at the Mexican border; food products grown under conditions not acceptable in this country, where pesticides that are banned in the United States in many cases are actually legal in Mexico and Central America and other Latin American countries, where the North American Free Trade Agreement, and if expanded by the President's and Speaker GINGRICH's request, expanding those trade agreements to other countries in Latin America clearly will mean more problems at the border, more problems with food safety, more contaminated food in our country's food supply and our country's grocery stores, more problems with truck safety as trucks come across to the tune of thousands of trucks a day across the border now confined only to New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and California, but as those trucks move into the other 44 States of the mainland, we clearly will have even more problems with truck safety.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, we should defeat fast track, not rush headlong into an agreement, into a new series of agreements that costs American jobs, jeopardizes American food safety and truck safety. We should defeat fast track today. I applaud the Speaker for pulling off the calendar the Caribbean Basin initiative. It was a bad idea. Fast track is a bad idea. We should defeat both those agreements when they come to the floor of the House of Representatives.

A HISTORIC VISIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 21, 1997, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS] is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about a very controversial and