

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes:

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Chairman, I would like to thank the gentlelady from New Jersey for all of her hard work on this legislation and her efforts on this amendment. I would also like to discuss another accounting related matter.

I have been informed by a constituent that the Federal Accounting Standards Board (FASB) may propose a rule eliminating an accounting practice known as "pooling".

Pooling is an accounting method used when two companies merge to become one.

In a pooling, the acquiring and acquired companies simply combine their financial statements.

I believe it is important that this issue be discussed publicly before any final rule is implemented.

In addition, it is my understanding that in the past the Federal Accounting Standards Board has not always sought adequate input from the accounting or banking communities on proposed changes in regulations.

I would like to thank the chairwoman for her efforts on the pending amendment. I would also appreciate it if she would keep this in mind when the conference committee meets so that we include language either in this bill or future legislation to ensure that this process is an open and fair one.

I thank the gentlelady for her time and attention to this matter.

TRIBUTE TO DR. W. HAZAIAH WILLIAMS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. W. Hazaiah Williams, a great man of many talents who passed away from complications of diabetes April 24, 1999. Dr. Williams' accomplishments were considerable.

Dr. Williams brought to the Bay Area some of the world's leading artists, including Marian Anderson, Roland Hayes, Dorothy Maynor, Veronica Tyler, Theresa Berganza, Sherrill Milnes, Grace Bumbry, Jean-Philippe Collard, Cyprien Katsaris, Grant Johannesen, Leon Bates, Tatayana Nikolaeva, Natalie Hinderas among hundreds of others.

William Hazaiah Williams Jr., was born in Columbus, Ohio, on May 14, 1930, and was the youngest of six children born to the Rev. W. Hazaiah Williams, Sr., and Cora Leon Williams. The Williams family moved to Detroit when William Hazaiah Williams, Jr., was 11 years old. He attended Adrian College in Adrian, MI, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University School of Theology in Detroit, MI, and a Master of Theology degree from Boston University's School of Theology in Boston, MA. Dr. Williams did postgraduate work in Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, and received two honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees, one from the Pacific School of Religion and the other from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, both located in Berkeley, CA.

Dr. Williams founded the Church For Today in Berkeley, CA, in 1956, the church in which he was active as the pastor until his death. Dr. Williams formed the Center for Urban-Black Studies at the Graduate Theological Union in 1969, where he served as the president, in addition to his service as a full professor for 20 years. He also taught at the San Francisco Theological Seminary and at the College of San Mateo, CA, and was the founder and president of the Alamo Black Clergy, an East Bay, California, consortium of ministers of various denominations. Dr. Williams led civil rights causes in the San Francisco Bay Area and served as Executive Director of the East Bay Conference on Race, Religion, and Social Justice. His community work also included eight years of service on the Berkeley Board of Education, during the period in which the Berkeley schools were integrated.

Dr. Williams lectured extensively at colleges, universities, and institutions throughout the United States, among them: the California Institute of Technology, Howard University, Stanford University, Vanderbilt University, University of Oklahoma, Lewis and Clark College, Beloit College, St. Procopius College, Georgia Technological University, University of Washington, Merritt College, Evergreen State College, University of Santa Clara, Claremont College, San Francisco Theological Seminary, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Interdenominational Theological Center, Gammon Theological Seminary, and the Pacific School of Religion. He delivered keynote addresses at conferences on racism for the National Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mission. In the mid-1970s, he was a delegate to the World Council of Churches' Symposium on Black and Liberation Theology in Geneva, Switzerland.

In addition to religion and civil rights, Dr. Williams was profoundly devoted to music. Dr. Williams taught himself piano at the age of three, and held his first public performance at the age of five. Later, he studied piano at the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, the Detroit Conservatory of Music, and Detroit's Robert Nolan School of Music. At age 15, he was Concert Manager of the Robert Nolan Choral. While in college in Adrian, MI, he hosted a musical program on local radio.

In 1958, Dr. Williams founded Today's Artists Concerts. For over three decades, this organization presented an annual concert series in the Bay Area, as well as concerts in New York, Paris, and Haifa, Israel. In 1981, he established the annual Yachats Music Festival in Oregon. In 1993, Dr. Williams created Four Seasons Concerts, of which he was the President and Artistic Director until his death. Dr. Williams served on the Board of Directors of the Oakland, California Symphony and the Ross McKee Foundation for the Musical Arts, and was an honorary board member of the Chicago Sinfonietta.

Dr. Williams leaves behind him a son, William Hazaiah III; a daughter-in-law, Linda Vanterpool; a granddaughter, Lauren of Elk Grove, CA; a daughter, Countess of Los Angeles, CA; a former wife, Countess of Berkeley, CA; a brother-in-law, Louis Irwin; sisters Ruth Williams and Naomi Sharp; brother William James Williams; and sister-in-law Rubye Williams of Detroit, MI; nephews Frederick Cornell Sharp of Southfield, MI, and Michael Hazaiah Williams of Detroit, MI; the members of the Church For Today; and the staff of Four Seasons Concerts. While Dr. Williams is sorely missed here, we honor and celebrate his legacy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIE SEVELL

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true champion of the arts in New Jersey, Ms. Marie Sevell, and to offer my congratulations on her being honored with the sixth "Francis Albert Sinatra Tribute to the Performing Arts" award from the Garden State Arts Center Foundation.

The Garden State Arts Center Foundation was established in 1984 to support the Garden State Cultural Center Fund, now in its 32nd year. By raising money through benefit receptions, grants, donations and the sale of sponsorships, the Foundation has helped to provide free performances to New Jersey's school children, senior citizens, and other deserving residents.

Marie Sevell's commitment to the arts in New Jersey spans over thirty years. As the current Chairwoman of the Foundation, and as a long-time, generous financial contributor to the Cultural Fund, Marie has over the years helped to enable millions of school children and seniors enjoy the wonderful free programs presented at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

It is truly fitting that such a tireless advocate of the arts should receive an award as esteemed as the Francis Albert Sinatra Tribute to the Performing Arts, which recognizes dedication to improving the cultural life of residents

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in the state of New Jersey. Marie Sevell joins the ranks of this award's many distinguished past honorees, including the beloved Frank Sinatra himself, and I wish to join her family and friends in applauding her on the occasion of this outstanding achievement.

HONORING TODD OLSON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize the hard work, strength and courage of one of Colorado's finest, Mr. Todd Olson of Carbondale, Colorado. I applaud his positive outlook and determination and wish him luck in his battle with leukemia.

For over 20 years, Mr. Olson has worked to help others enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of Colorado. Guiding visitors on exciting river trips on the Colorado and Roaring Fork rivers, Mr. Olson came to love working outdoors. In 1970, he made his way to Aspen after growing up in Minnesota. He began work as a ski instructor for Aspen Skico and later became quite fond of summer rafting. His love of the outdoors and the rivers led him to become a guide for Glenwood's Whitewater Rafting.

At age 47, Mr. Todd Olson maintains a dual career as ski instructor in the winter and raft guide in the summer. Throughout his life and outdoor career he has experienced great challenges and has overcome many obstacles. Now as he faces a life threatening battle with leukemia, I hope that his battles with nature will give him encouragement and the will to continue fighting.

Mr. Speaker, it is with this in mind that I wish to pay tribute to Mr. Todd Olson for his work to maintain and help others enjoy the wilderness of Colorado. Mr. Olson is a man with spirit, a man who knows the meaning of enjoying life. I would like to thank Mr. Olson for the example he has set, and I would like to let him know that our thoughts and prayers are with him.

IN HONOR OF VOLNEY J. TEEPLE

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Volney J. Teeple, a life-long Michigan resident, who will be named Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor this week. This honor was ordered by the President of the French Republic and is the highest civilian award bestowed by the government of France.

Mr. Teeple was born in 1897 in Pinckney, Michigan, and enlisted in the armed forces in 1918. During World War I, he was sent to France where he helped assemble and maintain the U.S. air fleet.

After the war, Mr. Teeple returned to Michigan, where he married and had three sons. Each of his sons followed in their father's footsteps by serving in the military, and his eldest

son, William, died serving his country in World War II.

In 1966, he retired after a 28-year career with Union Carbide. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and played in both the American Legion and World War I drum and bugle corps. Volney Teeple has spent his recent years hunting and fishing in Northern Michigan, and he still enjoys listening to the Detroit Tigers games on the radio. At 102, he very well may be the Tigers longest fan.

Today I would like to join the French Ambassador in honoring Volney J. Teeple for his commitment to his country so many years ago. Thank you for your lifelong service and your commitment to the United States of America. Your contributions will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID MINGE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, due to the death of my mother, and in order that I might attend her June 18 funeral, I was not present during several rollcall votes on June 17 and June 18. I would like to enter into the RECORD votes that, had I been present, I would have cast on amendments to and final passage of H.R. 1501 and H.R. 2122.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 235, 236, 237, 238 and 242. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 234, 240, 241 and 244.

The provisions I would have voted for are targeted at improving gun safety and at reducing the risk that firearms would fall into the hands of convicted felons and others who should not own firearms. These are common sense reforms that deserve support.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SHIRLEY WARE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Shirley Ware, a longtime resident of East Oakland, CA whose strong voice for labor will be remembered by the many people whose lives she so positively affected.

Ms. Ware was one of the first African-American women elected to lead a major union. She served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oakland-based Health Care Workers Union/SEIU Local 250 for more than ten years, managing the multimillion dollar budget of the second largest health care union in the United States. As Secretary/Treasurer, Shirley Ware and the "New Leadership Team" brought Local 250 from the brink of financial disaster into an era of economic stability. During her leadership tenure, Local 250's membership grew from 21,000 to 46,000 members. Ms. Ware left SEIU stronger, bigger, and better.

Ms. Ware was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on August 24, 1941 to Mary Jane Jones and the late Robert Wilson. When she was a child,

her family moved to Oakland, where she attended Fremont High School; Ms. Ware later attended Chabot Community College, where she earned her certification as a licensed nurse.

Shirley Ware entered the labor movement as an organizer in 1963, when her co-workers in an East Bay nursing home complained to her about working conditions. Her natural instincts as an activist said, "organize." Her co-workers gathered around her. Confident and strong, Mrs. Ware knew what to do. They would organize, and, together, they did. Without knowing it at the time, Ms. Ware had begun a 30-year career in organizing, a calling to which she would dedicate the rest of her life.

Shirley Ware was a unique and a special role model for young people, African-Americans, women, union activists, and for all of us. In the years following her initiation into union work, she became an LVN. Then, as one of the first two women hired by Local 250 as a field representative, she worked diligently to present the workers' point of view on a full-time basis. For the next two decades, health care workers would see Shirley as a tenacious, hardworking fighter, and a critical voice for patients' and workers' rights. Her opponents saw her as a dynamic and powerful adversary.

Ms. Ware was a member SEIU's Public Sector Board and, in 1998, was appointed as a trustee to the pension trust of the Service Employee International Union. Ms. Ware also was a delegate to the Alameda Central Labor Council for 31 years, was elected to the executive board in 1989, and was named "Unionist of the Year" in 1991. Since 1989, Ms. Ware was a delegate to the California State Democratic Central Committee and served as a delegate to the 1992 and 1996 Democratic National Conventions. In addition, Ms. Ware was a member of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission from 1970 to 1997, and served as the Commission's chair from 1992-1994. She was the Oakland Mayor's appointee to the Private Industry Council.

"Shirley dedicated her life to the cause of helping workers," said Sal Rosselli, president of Local 250. Throughout her career, even during the last year of her life, Ware expressed deep concern for the members of Local 250 as well as for other health care workers. Even after she learned last year that she had cancer, Shirley Ware remained fully engaged in the struggles and challenges of the Union.

Ms. Shirley Ware, lifelong organizer and advocate for working people, passed away on April 23, 1999. Ware is survived by her mother, Mary J. Henson and her stepfather, Melton Henson of Calaveras County, CA; two daughters, Mary Marlene Williams and Jannis Tolvert Gideon; two sons, George Marvin Willoughby, Jr. and Jaddias O'Neil Franklin; one son-in-law, Andrew Williams; one daughter-in-law, Luctricia Franklin; 12 grandchildren: Dwayne Lawson, George M. Willoughby III, Dana Willoughby, Donald and Demerits Franklin III, Wakter A. Vachemin, V, and Marchael Gidion; one great-grandson, Solomon Tolvert; one stepbrother, Melton Ray Henson, Jr. and his wife, Shelia; one stepsister, Melinda Faye Henson; and other relatives and friends.