

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MANUEL TZAGOURNIS FOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER AND TO THE FIELD OF MEDICINE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay special tribute to one of Ohio's most outstanding individuals. Dr. Manuel Tzagournis will be stepping down from his position as Vice President for Health Services at The Ohio State University. He is without question a great physician, a great teacher of medicine, and a very close friend.

Dr. Tzagournis began his long association with Ohio State as an undergraduate student. He earned his bachelor's degree, medical degree, and master's degree from OSU. After medical school, he started his residency at OSU in 1961, and received a fellowship in endocrinology in 1965–66. A very bright and talented physician, he was named an Instructor of Medicine in 1966, promoted to Assistant Professor in 1968, Assistant Dean of the College of Medicine in 1973, and Dean of the College of Medicine in 1981.

In 1983, he was appointed Vice President for Health Services at Ohio State, responsible for all components of the College of Medicine and University Hospitals. And, in 1994, Dr. Tzagournis was named Vice President for Health Sciences with the additional responsibility for academic and fiscal leadership of the colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and the Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute.

Dr. Manuel Tzagournis is not only one of Ohio's best physicians and administrators, he is nationally recognized as an expert in the field of endocrinology. Dr. Tzagournis has written myriad articles in professional journals and several textbook chapters on various medical topics. His professional attributes are remarkable and his contributions to healthcare and medicine are unparalleled.

Manuel Tzagournis has been honored by his colleagues, friends, students, and various medical, academic, and civic organizations for his outstanding contributions to medicine, academia, and the community. He was named to the Board of Directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, DC, in 1998. Both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly have honored him for his service and achievements. He has twice been selected to receive the outstanding faculty award by the College of Medicine's student research organization. He received the Health Care Leadership Award from the Hospital Association of Central Ohio in 1996, and received the Distinguished Physician Award from the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

Mr. Speaker, more significantly than his professional recognitions, Manuel Tzagournis is a devoted husband and father. He and his lovely wife, Madeline, are the proud parents of five wonderful children. I am very happy to say that they are our close friends.

It is often said that America's success is dependent upon the efforts and dedication of her citizens. Dr. Manuel Tzagournis has dedicated his life to the betterment of the lives of others and clearly exemplifies that statement. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues of the 106th Congress to rise and join me in paying very special tribute to the extraordinary career of Dr. Manuel Tzagournis. We wish him and his family the very best now and in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3194,
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS
AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today we are on the verge of passing a budget bill that breaks our commitment to effect real change in the areas of Social Security, Medicare reform, prescription drug coverage for seniors, managed care reform, gun control, minimum wage, campaign finance reform, and immigrants rights. Our constituents deserve better than a bill that fails to deliver meaningful solutions to these problems. After a full year in the 106th Republican-controlled Congress, this body has only enacted one significant piece of legislation (the "Financial Modernization Act of 1999"). This breach of duty leaves me no choice but to vote no on H.R. 3194.

We find ourselves six weeks into the 1999–2000 fiscal year without a complete budget and facing an omnibus bill that haphazardly lumps together five of the thirteen necessary appropriations measures needed to keep the government from shutting down. So it should come as no surprise that, six weeks late and with less than 24 hours to read H.R. 3194, we are locked into a final, single vote—yes or no—on a crucial funding bill littered with special interest, deceptive, and other egregious yet-to-be discovered provisions.

Despite Republican promises to protect Social Security, this bill raids the Social Security Trust Fund by at least \$17 billion. Equally offensive is the decision to exclude Congress members' paychecks from the "across the board" spending cut indiscriminately imposed on all discretionary spending. This same irresponsibility manifests itself on the international front, as a woman's right to choose is threatened by an imprudent return to Reagan-era limits on indispensable aid to respected international family planning organizations.

Things did not have to come to this point. H.R. 3194 could have brought a constructive

close to what has otherwise been an unproductive and lost year. Bipartisan cooperation resulted in progress on a number of fronts, including: funding for 100,000 teachers in the classroom, another 50,000 cops on the beat, and additional funding for health-related research. We agreed to promote economic growth by extending the research and experimentation tax credit, and we extended needed relief to Medicare providers. Congress did the right thing by increasing pay for military personnel, meeting our financial obligations in the Middle East under the Wye River Accord, and keeping the bill clean of harmful changes to our environmental laws.

With the end of Congress' session for 1999 in sight, perhaps the best I can say is that we could have built on these successes had the majority in Congress not decided to handle its work like a crash course in legislating. I look forward to next year, when we will be given another opportunity to complete our unfinished business for the American people.

A RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE
TO THE MILLENDER-DORTCH-
PACKARD-BONNETT FAMILY:
ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following tribute for the RECORD.

Whereas, The Black Family, rich in tradition, knowing that archaeologists unearthed human remains nearly two million years old and traced it to the beginning of the Old Stone of Africa; May the historical record of African past be common knowledge of mankind; and

Whereas, The Dortch-Millender families settled in Alabama in the mid 1800's and began a lifelong experience of raising a strong family of offspring with respect, responsibility and courage; who would position themselves in various professions and humanitarian endeavors, but who never forgot where they started; and

Whereas, William Dortch, Sr. married Patsy Packard and from this union came eleven children; Mose Millender married Aurelia Bonnett and from this union came 11 children, with both families very principled and very religious—"You gave us Hope"; and

Whereas, Shelly Millender, Sr. married Everline Dortch and from this union came five children; Dicksey Marie, Nora Lee, Shelly Jr., William Mose, and Juanita—"You gave us Love"; and

Whereas, Dicksey married James Chappell, Sr. and later Vernon Battle; Nora married Herbert Mathews, Sr. Shelly married Doris Rice; Juanita married James McDonald, Jr., and from these unions came 19 children—"You taught us to Care" and

Whereas, Wanda, Yolanda, LaMont, James Jr., Gayland, Michelle, Mark, Yuri, Herbert

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Jr., Eryka, Vikki, Shelly III, Derrick, William, Jr., Valerie, Angela, Sherryll, Michael (Chris), Roderick (Keith), our children—"You gave us Joy"; and

Whereas, Wanda married Ted Levatta; LaMont married Debra Perkins; James Jr. married Donna Pickney; Mark married Leveta Pretlow; Yuri married Neil David Brown; Herbert married Toni Lecour; Nikki married Maurice Thomas; Angela married Juan Demaris Thomas; Keith married Lori Blair—"You are continuing the tradition of commitment to family" and

Whereas, Our thirteen grandchildren of the offsprings of this family tree are: LaMont Carl, DeJeana Marie, David, DeNae, Courtney Nicole, Cammaron Avery, Kendall, Austin, Chandler, Ayanna Damaris, Ramia Regina, Myles Chandler, Alexandria Katlinmarie—"You give us Promise"; and now therefore, be it

Resolved, that Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, proudly recognizes the virtue, vision, wisdom and profound love of these family members and prays that God will continue to bless this family for generations yet unknown as we move into a new millennium—2000.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3194, the Omnibus Appropriations Bill of 1999. This is massive bill put together at the last minute with very little chance for Members to study its contents. It combines five appropriations bills as well as two very admirable but totally unrelated pieces of legislation. In addition, it contains countless budget gimmicks in order to label it "balanced". In short, it is dishonest.

I cannot in good faith support this agreement which was completed outside the regular budget process, includes untold pork, relies on numerous budget gimmicks and raids the social security trust fund.

The final bill relied on numerous budget gimmicks as offsets: a pay shift for all military and civilian employees by one day at the end of the fiscal year which will push such outlay into the next fiscal year; a transfer of reserves held by the Federal Reserve to on-budget accounts; and an across the board cut of .38 percent in budget authority. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the already passed appropriation bills will result in spending about \$17 billion of the Social Security trust fund.

Moreover, this bill exceeds all of the balanced budget caps passed in 1997, but masks this action by declaring programs like Head Start, begun in 1964, and the census as emergency funding. We should forego such a charade and be honest with the American people about the federal budget.

Since my first day here in Congress, I have fought for the protection of Social Security and honest budgeting. This final package, contrary to its supporters claims, raids the Social Security trust fund and threatens the future solvency of Social Security and Medicare. In ad-

dition the budgetary gimmicks utilized will only make next year's budget even more difficult.

Congress could have chosen to keep their promise to pass all appropriations in regular order by September 30th. They could have worked with other Members to ensure the final product did not spend any of the Social Security trust fund. Instead, they chose to delay until the eve of Thanksgiving and force a massive and dishonest spending measure on the House. As such, I will oppose this bill and urge my colleagues to do likewise.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY BURKHART

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. For more than thirty years, Larry Burkhart has educated the children of Ottawa, Ohio as a teacher, coach, and current guidance counselor at Ottawa-Glandorf High School.

Larry Burkhart has dedicated much of his life to ensuring that our children are prepared and ready to face their lives. While growing up in Northwest Ohio, Mr. Burkhart first realized the difference that teaching can make in the lives of our youth while attending Miller City High School. After graduating from high school, he went on to college and graduated from Bowling Green State University. Not long after graduation, Larry Burkhart began his long and distinguished career in education by teaching industrial arts.

Larry Burkhart truly has made an enormous difference with his students. Through personal interaction and diligent attention to their academic achievements, he has helped them through some of their biggest successes and disappointments. He spent several years in the classroom before becoming a guidance counselor—a position in which he has served for the past twenty-seven years.

In addition to his service as a teacher and guidance counselor, Larry Burkhart has made an immeasurable difference on the more than 750 athletes he has coached in the last three and a half decades. During that time, he has helped instill in those students the qualities of respect, sportsmanship, competitive spirit, dedication, and hard work. Larry Burkhart's students, both athletes and nonathletes alike, will carry with them throughout their lives the positive aspects he has taught.

Clearly, Larry Burkhart has given freely and unselfishly of his time and energy for the betterment of our children. He understands that our children are the future of our nation and the best way to prepare them to lead is to provide them with the best education possible. His caring and guidance for his students and his strong support for the profession of education distinguish him as one of the community's most respected educators.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that America prospers due to the wondrous deeds of her sons and daughters. Without question, Larry Burkhart has dedicated his life to the future of our nation through the education of our children. I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Larry

Burkhart. For his extraordinary service to education, we salute him and wish both him and his family the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TIM DONOHUE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, November 11, 1999, as the work of this House paused while Americans honored our veterans, we in the congressional community lost a veteran of our own. Timothy Leo Donohoe, a former House doorman and virtual fixture for many years at the Speaker's Lobby East door before his retirement in 1997, died suddenly on Veteran's Day at his home on Capitol Hill. Tim was only 54 years old, and he is greatly missed by the friends he leaves behind.

And, Mr. Speaker, Tim Donohoe leaves many friends. Tim served the Congress for 25 years, most of them for the Doorkeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms, so he knew most everyone who worked on and around the House floor. It was Tim's job as a doorman to know every Member of Congress, including the Senators who often appeared at his door, and he did, whether a Member had been here for 20 years or 20 minutes. Tim also knew the many committee and support staff whose work brought them to the floor, as well as the many members of the Hill press corps who gathered in the Speaker's Lobby looking for news. All who worked with or around Tim appreciated his wit, his good humor, and his reliable information about what was really going on in the House. When the House was in legislative session, Tim was at that door—we could count on it. He always did his job diligently and magnificently, in the grandest traditions of the House.

Everyone who had the good fortune to know Tim Donohoe well agrees that he was one of the kindest, most selfless people one could ever meet. Though these traits may have resulted from a classical Catholic education, which for Tim culminated in a master's degree in theology from St. Paul's College in Washington, I suspect they were innate, simply a manifestation of Tim's character. He cared about others more than himself, and it showed.

Mr. Speaker, our world would be a far better place if there were more like Tim Donohoe. Our world is a better place for Tim's having been here. He is, and will continue to be, sorely missed.

A RESOLUTION PRESENTING A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. THOMAS KILGORE, JR.

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

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