

use of limited air strikes can only accomplish limited results. We are witnessing that right now. And having politicians select targets rather than letting military commanders fight the war they know and are trained to do is absolutely wrong.

When President Clinton first initiated the air strikes, we were told we would be in and out in a week or two, and that bully Milosevic would be put in his place. Well, now we are hearing the administration say that we might be in for the long haul, maybe ground troops, an ill-conceived plan obviously from the get-go.

The American people do not know what to believe as this war escalates. We need to learn the history lessons of the 1960's.

BANKING PRIVACY ACT

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

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, Americans are generally concerned about their withering rights of privacy, and my fellow Members will be shocked to learn how at-risk those rights are in regard to our banking records.

Serving on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, I recently learned that we Americans do not even have the right to insist that our banks not disclose our personal financial information, our checking account, our savings account records to other companies, and other companies want these records so that they can market and sell us products.

Madam Speaker, I believe that America ought to have the right to simply inform our banks that those records are private records of to whom we write checks, from whom we receive checks. What is in our savings account is a private matter, and we ought to have the right to advise our banks not to share it with anyone.

To that end, Madam Speaker, I will shortly be introducing the Banking Privacy Act, which will give Americans the right to simply keep their records private, keep their private personal lives to themselves, to give Americans what they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CONTINUING OUR FIGHT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

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

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, when I look at my young nephews, I see the innocence and joy that only childhood can bring. This is the time of their lives that should be treasured and preserved. It saddens me to know that so many children are robbed of this innocence, or even worse, lose their lives at the hands of abuse.

Even while our overall crime statistics have declined dramatically, child abuse continues to rise. According to the Child Welfare League of America, five children and infants die each day from abuse and neglect. This is five children too many.

Last year I sponsored the Volunteers For Children Act, a bill that was signed into law by President Clinton. Volunteers For Children will help to protect children in after-school activities from being in the care of people with dangerous criminal records.

This is an important step, but it is not enough. We must attack child abuse at every opportunity, by investigating reported abuse thoroughly, by ensuring that children are not returned to abusive environments that they have been taken out of, and penalties for convicted abusers need to become much tougher. Furthermore, we must ensure that children have safe places to go whenever they are in danger.

Madam Speaker, as my colleagues all probably know, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and today has been designated Children's Memorial Day, a day to remember children who have been killed and to resolve anew to stop violence against children. I would hope that the spirit of this day and this month will carry on, and that we can increase our efforts to prevent these terrible and violent acts against innocent and defenseless young people.

WHAT AMERICANS CAN DO IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HATRED AND VIOLENCE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, children are our future, and as our prayers remain with the families in Littleton, Colorado, in the shadow of the conflict in Kosovo, it is important that we acknowledge that we can do something. Yes, we can offer our prayers. We can commend those young people who were brave and courageous and helped their fellow students. We can give our most heartfelt affection and love to those who have lost their loved ones.

But we can do other things. I want to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT), as we just passed out of the Subcommittee on Crime H.R. 1501, which would include intervention on behalf of those children at risk who need mental health services, who are substance abusers, and who, in fact, can be helped.

We need to stop the proliferation of guns. We need to find out why the Internet allows us to have instructions to build bombs, and yes, we must teach our children not to hate. I do not think we can stand by idly and say we do not know what to do, we cannot do anything. We can lift our voices in prayer, but at the same time, we can fight against hatred, we can fight against

the misuse of the Internet and guns, and certainly we can help our children who are disturbed and need mental health services.

WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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

Mr. CANNON. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Earth Day to introduce legislation that will clean up a significant environmental problem in southern Utah: the Atlas uranium mill tailings. This legislation will begin the process of removing 10 million tons of low-level radioactive contaminants from the banks of the Colorado River.

These wastes sit just outside of Moab, Utah at the gates of the breathtaking Arches National Park where hundreds of thousands of people visit each year.

The Colorado River provides the sole source of drinking water for tens of millions of people in Arizona, Nevada and California. These radioactive wastes threaten that water supply.

Currently the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has responsibility for cleanup. My legislation will transfer jurisdiction from the NRC to the Department of Energy, where remediation and relocation can begin so as to avoid any further health risks and environmental degradation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. Today on Earth Day, let us put aside our ideological differences and commit together to accomplish good environmental policy.

PUBLIC PAYS FOR BAD GOVERNMENT POLICY

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Madam Speaker, the Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless in my home State of Georgia provides funds for housing and other services for the homeless in the Atlanta metropolitan area. But an amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) to H.R. 1073 would delay funding to the Task Force and set a bad precedent in the distribution of funds for homeless services in the metropolitan area.

This amendment creates an administrative carve-out that supersedes current policy. In other words, this amendment is aimed at micromanaging HUD. And why would anyone want to do this? Because the Cobb Family Resources, an affordable apartment community in Cobb County, is run by the wife of the representative who introduced the amendment and who was able to get it passed out of the subcommittee.

Madam Speaker, it appears that the amendment is trying to give preferential treatment at the expense of

the needy in our communities. That is what I call bad policy and bald-faced personal service at the public's expense.

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But then, what would anyone expect from anyone who supports the Council of Conservative Citizens, a modern day Ku Klux Klan?

CONGRESS CAN GIVE OUR TROOPS AND THE DEFENSE BUDGET THE PRIORITY THEY DESERVE

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, we are beginning to see evidence of military shortages everywhere. At the same time, our military is dangerously overstretched. We have fewer and fewer resources and more and more missions, many of them of dubious value and wisdom.

Less than a month into a small operation, the President is already calling up 30,000 reservists. The U.S.S. *Enterprise* went to sea short of 400 personnel. Today there are 265,000 American troops in 135 countries. Our troops are not being taken care of properly.

It is tragic that it has taken the war in Kosovo to expose the total mismatch between resources and missions in the U.S. military: world policeman, global social worker, all the while cutting back dramatically and drastically on weapons procurement, training, and personnel.

This administration has not given our troops the priority they deserve. For 7 straight years, the President has sent Congress a defense budget that falls short of its needs. If Congress had not added to this budget each year since 1995, we would be in even worse shape.

Kosovo illustrates the problem, but we in Congress have the power to correct it.

LET US COMMIT TO ENDING PAY INEQUITY ON "TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER TO WORK DAY"

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today is "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," and on this day Democrats call for action to make sure that our daughters can earn the same wages as our sons.

As we go into the 21st century, pay inequity is persistent and real. Today women must work for 14 months to earn what their male counterparts earn in a year. We earn 74 cents to every dollar that a man earns. In Illinois, my State, it is actually worse. Women earn only 70 cents.

Pay inequity hurts women and their families. Women lose about \$420,000 in

wages and benefits because of unfair pay practices. It is time to put an end to this very real and costly inequity in the workplace once and for all. Democrats, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. ROSA DELAURO), and I am proud to have joined her, have introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, H.R. 541, to help eliminate the wage gap that still exists between men and women.

When my granddaughter Isabel, who is just 1 year old, enters the work force, I certainly want to be part of the solution guaranteeing that she makes exactly what her male counterparts make.

WILL LEADERS ADMIT A FAILING POLICY IN YUGOSLAVIA?

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Michael Kelly, the editor of the National Journal, said, "It is not too much to ask that the planners (of the war) do not lie, to themselves and to the public, about how their plans are faring. And what is going on with the plan in Yugoslavia is that it is failing, catastrophically."

He added that: "We started a war to protect a people, and we know that, far from being protected, the people are being slaughtered and driven destitute from their homes to starve in the hills."

Columnist Doug Bandow, in yesterday's Washington Times, wrote: "... NATO's blundering assault on Yugoslavia has created every condition it was supposed to prevent."

Even Senator JOHN MCCAIN said yesterday, "The NATO bombing was intended to bring Milosevic to the bargaining table. Most evidence indicates this has had the opposite effect. Apparently, he has greater support than he had before."

We have made things many times worse by our bombings. I doubt, though, that our leaders are big enough to admit that they made a horrible mistake and that we should get out of this war as soon as we possibly can.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Madam Speaker, we are always shocked and stunned by the unexpected, unpredictable, the unimaginable. Perhaps that is why the incident in suburban Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, 2 days ago has left us dazed and numb. But should this incident have been unexpected?

In serene Springfield, Oregon, in friendly, congenial, Paducah, Kentucky, even in the home State of our president, Jonesboro, Arkansas, in fact

over the past 38 months eight other major school shootings that have occurred and taken lives of far too many of our youth.

Very recently, in fact last week in my home county of North Carolina, a teenager 19 years old shot and killed a deputy sheriff. Earlier this month in my district, Vance County, North Carolina, two twins 11 years old shot their family, killed their father, injured their mother and sister.

Madam Speaker, I believe we must search for and find a prescription for peace, both in our lives and in the lives of our children. We should seek to engage our youth. Perhaps each day we should pause, put aside our problems, take stock in our blessings. Each day we should take time to make an extra effort to go out of our way to be kind to someone. We should avoid the differences that divide us, and concentrate on the many common interests that bring us together.

We should get involved. We should work together, confront the problems, and seek to find a prescription for peace within our families and with our youth.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1141, 1999 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1141) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. OBEY

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Obey moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 1141) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, be instructed to disagree with the across the board reduction of funds appropriated with an emergency designation in division B of Public Law 105-277 in the Senate amendment, having the effect of reducing by 44 percent funds made available for counter drug activities, antiterrorism programs including security enhancements at U.S. embassies, Y2K computer upgrades, Plutonium disposition and Uranium purchase, the Coast Guard, Domestic Disaster Assistance, Child Survival, and other emergencies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) will