

And now, to be able to realize that heroes like Pete D'Alesandro, who was a Congressional Medal of Honor winner from my district, will be one of the first veterans who finds that place as his final resting place, it was just another great opportunity to be with great Americans and to thank God for my life and veterans for my way of life.

EUROPE AND JAPAN MANIPULATE AMERICAN MONETARY POLICY

(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, powerful banks of Europe now control 26 percent of our Federal Reserve system.

Think about it. The banks of Europe control one out of every four shares of our monetary system.

Unbelievable.

If that is not enough to repossess our Lamborghinis, the same statistics reflect the following:

Japan is now the single largest holder of American debt.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. When Europe and Japan can manipulate American monetary policy, something is wrong, very wrong.

I yield back all of the freebies that Uncle Sam has given to Europe and Japan since World War II.

A NEW DAY IN CONGRESS

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker and new Members, take note:

Soon Members will consider an appropriation of somebody else's money, the residents of the District. I appreciate the expeditious way the District appropriation is being moved this year.

The Speaker, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT), the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG), and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK), with whom Mayor Tony Williams and I met early on, understand that D.C. should be first, not last.

We also appreciate the communication that characterizes the process led by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK) working with the ranking member, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. Speaker, all can see that this is a new day in the District. Let us make it a new day in the Congress as well.

District residents have ordered up a new mayor and a revitalized city council. They have done their home rule homework. Mayor Williams and District officials deserve a new attitude from the Congress. That attitude begins with basic respect for D.C. law without appendages, a 'you-demand' consent of the governed for my colleagues' constituents. Mine deserve the same.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m.

CORRECTING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2035) to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2035

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY.—Section 30104 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "\$81,200,000" and inserting "\$98,313,500".

(b) MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION.—Section 32102 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "\$6,200,000" and inserting "\$9,562,500".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2035 and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2035, a bill to correct the authorizations of certain programs at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is a simple but important measure. When NHTSA was reauthorized last year as part of the TEA-21 highway bill, the administration mistakenly provided the committee with authorization figures that were insufficient to color the agency's needs. As a result, NHTSA found itself without funds to meet its mission to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

The bill simply increases the authorization levels for motor vehicle safety

and information programs to a total of \$107.9 million annually, approximately a \$40 million increase over current law. It is the committee's belief that this increase will put the agency in the position it would have been absent the administration's error. While this is a substantial increase over the enacted authorization levels, it is \$8 million less than the administration's latest request, which included funding for items that were not part of last year's authorization bill.

Without increased funding, the agency will not be able to crash test many of the new car models released in 1999 and 2000, depriving our constituents of important safety information. The agency will also have difficulty finding the necessary funds to work with car manufacturers and suppliers in the development of the next generation of air bags and other safety devices. They might even have to curtail their efforts to alert the public to potential safety defects in automobiles.

This bill strikes the appropriate balance between ensuring that the agency is able to meet the obligations we set forth in the highway bill and making sure that wasteful spending remains in check. As Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, I can assure my colleagues that we will continue our vigorous oversight of this agency to make certain that the agency is meeting its ultimate measure of success, reducing fatalities on the Nation's highways.

All of us know just how important issues of auto safety are to our constituents. This bill does not relieve the Committee on Appropriations of the need to pass transportation spending legislation that remains within the budget caps. However, as the transportation appropriation bill moves to conference, it gives the appropriators added flexibility to fund automobile safety programs that are important to our constituents.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2035 raises the annual budget authorization for the National Highway Traffic Administration for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 to provide for an annual maximum authorization of \$98.3 million for motor vehicle safety programs and \$9.6 million for motor vehicle information programs for a total annual authorization of \$107.9 million. An increase in NHTSA's authorization is necessary because last year, when the committee acted on the reauthorization bill, NHTSA failed to provide the committee with the correct funding request for both its safety and information activities.

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With the increase in funding provided by H.R. 2035, the National Highway Traffic Administration will be able to undertake important motor vehicle safety and information activities that

it otherwise could not. This bill was ordered reported by the full committee by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2035.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SENSE OF CONGRESS REJECTING NOTION THAT SEX BETWEEN ADULTS AND CHILDREN IS POSITIVE

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 107) expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 107

Whereas no segment of our society is more critical to the future of human survival than our children;

Whereas children are a precious gift and responsibility given to parents by God;

Whereas the spiritual, physical, and mental well-being of children are parents' sacred duty;

Whereas parents have the right to expect government to refrain from interfering with them in fulfilling their sacred duty and to render necessary assistance;

Whereas the Supreme Court has held that parents "who have this primary responsibility for children's well-being are entitled to the support of laws designed to aid discharge of that responsibility" (*Ginsberg v. New York*, 390 U.S. 629, 639 (1968));

Whereas it is the obligation of all public policymakers not only to support, but also to defend, the health and rights of parents, families, and children;

Whereas information endangering children is being made public and, in some instances, may be given unwarranted or unintended credibility through release under professional titles or through professional organizations;

Whereas elected officials have a duty to inform and counter actions they consider damaging to children, parents, families, and society;

Whereas Congress has made sexual molestation and exploitation of children a felony;

Whereas all credible studies in this area, including those published by the American Psychological Association, condemn child sexual abuse as criminal and harmful to children;

Whereas, once published and allowed to stand, scientific literature may become a source for additional research;

Whereas the *Psychological Bulletin* has recently published a severely flawed study, entitled "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples", which suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children are less harmful than believed and might be positive for "willing" children (*Psychological Bulletin*, vol. 124, No. 1, July 1998);

Whereas, in order to clarify any inconsistencies between the two conclusions the authors of the study suggest and the position of the American Psychological Association that sexual relations between children and adults are abusive, exploitive, and reprehensible, and should never be considered or labeled as harmless or acceptable, the American Psychological Association has issued a public "Resolution Opposing Child Sexual Abuse";

Whereas the American Psychological Association should be congratulated for publicly clarifying its opposition to any adult-child sexual relations, which will help to deny pedophiles from citing "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples" in a legal defense, and for resolving to evaluate the scientific articles it publishes in light of their potential social, legal, and political implications;

Whereas the Supreme Court has recognized that "sexually exploited children are unable to develop healthy affectionate relationships in later life, have sexual dysfunctions, and have a tendency to become sexual abusers as adults" (*New York v. Ferber*, 458 U.S. 747, 758, n.9 (1982));

Whereas *Paidika—The Journal of Pedophilia*, a publication advocating the legalization of sex with "willing" children, has published an article by one of the authors of the study, Robert Bauserman, Ph.D. (see "Man-Boy Sexual Relationships in a Cross-Cultural Perspective," vol. 2, No. 1, Summer 1989); and

Whereas pedophiles and organizations, such as the North American Man-Boy Love Association, that advocate laws to permit sex between adults and children are exploiting the study to promote and justify child sexual abuse: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) condemns and denounces all suggestions in the article "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples" that indicate that sexual relationships between adults and "willing" children are less harmful than believed and might be positive for "willing" children (*Psychological Bulletin*, vol. 124, No. 1, July 1998);

(2) vigorously opposes any public policy or legislative attempts to normalize adult-child sex or to lower the age of consent;

(3) urges the President likewise to reject and condemn, in the strongest possible terms, any suggestion that sexual relations between children and adults—regardless of the child's frame of mind—are anything but abusive, destructive, exploitive, reprehensible, and punishable by law; and

(4) encourages competent investigations to continue to research the effects of child sexual abuse using the best methodology, so that the public, and public policymakers, may act upon accurate information.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SALMON) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SALMON).

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. There are no lower life forms than adults who sexually abuse children. Child molesters rob children of their innocence and subject them to a lifetime of nightmares. Those who engage in this activity deserve the harshest punishment.

Those who excuse this evil conduct, particularly those in positions of influence, are also pretty low on the food chain and deserve the harshest possible condemnation.

Towards this end, we are here today to consider House Concurrent Resolution 107, which condemns and denounces all suggestions in an article published in the *Psychological Bulletin*, a journal of the American Psychological Association, that sexual relationships between adults and "willing" children might be positive for children.

The resolution also stresses that Congress will vigorously oppose any public policy or legislative attempts to normalize child sexual abuse.

The study in question, "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples," escaped public scrutiny until talk host Dr. Laura Schlessinger brought this matter to the attention of her listeners.

Dr. Laura denounced the study, which reviewed 59 earlier studies of dubious validity, as "flawed pseudoscience." She reported that 38 percent of the studies were never subjected to peer review or published, and that all of the studies were based on self-reporting.

Also unsettling, no follow-up analysis occurred on the college students examined in the studies.

We should all be indebted to Dr. Laura. While the mainstream media ignored what some call the "emancipation proclamation of pedophiles, the article did not escape the attention of groups such as the North American Man/Boy Love Association, which highlights the conclusions of the article on its web page, and for defense attorneys who have been encouraged to cite the article in closing arguments in child sexual abuse criminal cases.

It was irresponsible for a respected academic journal to publish a study which implies that adult-child sex could be a positive experience. But I applaud the APA for responding to the recent public uproar over the study by clarifying its opposition to any adult-child sexual relations, and for promising to consider their social responsibility when making publishing decisions in the future.

The APA's actions will help to deny pedophiles from citing the study in a legal defense. House Concurrent Resolution 107 has been revised to include language praising the APA for its commitment in fighting child sexual abuse.

While I am delighted that the Congress is considering this resolution denouncing attempts to normalize child