

field hospital for soldiers wounded in the Brandywine campaign of 1777 and later at Valley Forge. Its graveyard contains the remains of both American and British soldiers killed during the Revolution. Its beautiful grounds, a wildlife conservatory, were selected by Governor Tom Ridge as the site for the signing of Pennsylvania's innovative conservation measure, the "Grow Greener" bill.

Mr. Speaker, St. David's Church and St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley have much to celebrate together as they mark their 300th anniversary. I congratulate everyone associated with these worship communities and wish them continued growth, happiness and success as they recall their journey: the road, the people, the vision and the faith, which brought them to this milestone.

SURGE OF CHINESE IMPORTS THREATENS VALUABLE MANUFACTURING JOBS IN WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my concern about a small manufacturer in my district that is battling a tidal wave of low-priced Chinese imports and to underscore the importance of strong trade laws.

Portec Rail Products, Inc. is a small business with manufacturing operations in Huntington, West Virginia. Portec makes steel rail joints which hold rail sections together and ensure smooth passage for commercial and passenger trains alike. Portec's West Virginia manufacturing facility represents the core of the kind of small, hard working American company that we all like to see succeed. Portec provides solid, semiskilled manufacturing jobs for many hard-working West Virginians. Additionally, Portec purchases steel bars from a West Virginia steel producer, further enriching the economy of the state.

During the last three years, U.S. imports of low-priced steel rail joints from China have increased exponentially. According to official U.S. Department of Commerce statistics, imports of Chinese rail joints increased from 78,000 pounds in 1997 to 355,878 in 1999, a 356 percent increase. There has been no let-up—during the first quarter of 2000, Chinese imports were at a record pace of 175,000 pounds—a figure which, if annualized, would amount to a 788 percent increase since 1997.

Chinese imports are also underselling U.S. prices, resulting in lost sales and depressed prices for the U.S. industry. When Portec loses a sale to what might very well be dumped imports from China, it loses the profits and R&D dollars necessary to develop new products and services for its customers. This threat is not just looming in the future—it is happening today and already has impacted Portec. In fact, Portec recently lost a contract to supply steel rail joints to our very own METRO in Washington, D.C. because the Chinese bid was lower. So, the threat to this small, West Virginia company is very clear.

I can assure you that Portec does not intend to leave the challenge unanswered, and in fact, I will do my best to help them combat the harmful import surge from China through trade

cases or other means. We must protect American manufacturing jobs from unfair import surges that injure American industry. The United States must maintain strong antidumping laws and ensure that they provide effective relief to small U.S. businesses before they are driven out of business by unfair trade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2000, I was detained with business in my District, and therefore unable to cast my votes on rollcall numbers 460 through 464. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 460, 461, 462, 463, and 464.

SCOUTING FOR ALL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, the House now debates a bill Democrats have crafted to revoke the charter of the Boy Scouts of America. It is hard to believe the Democrats in Congress have actually proposed this measure. It is also hard to believe a private institution, which has taught over 100 million boys in America core values and has donated hundreds of millions of community service hours, would be the target of this vicious attack by the party of Bill Clinton and AL GORE.

On June 28 of this year, the Supreme Court affirmed the Constitutionally protected right of the Boy Scouts of America to set its own standards for membership and leadership. Since the decision, Democrats have launched a vicious attack on the Boy Scouts seeking the financial destruction of the Boy Scouts by urging businesses and civic organizations to revoke their sponsorship of the Boy Scouts. In fact, when the Boy Scouts were derided at the Democrat National Convention this summer, AL GORE did nothing. He didn't object. AL GORE lost on two counts. The Supreme Court decision echoed the voice of mainstream America, and business and civic organizations remain committed to sponsoring the Boy Scouts. So here we are debating another pathetic Democrat attempt to force the hateful will of their party's agenda upon mainstream America.

One of the great ironies of the Democrat's bill to revoke the Federal Charter of the Boy Scouts of America is their claim of being "dedicated to giving working families the tools they need to take care of their children" and their claim they have "worked to make children our nation's top priority." Have the Boy Scouts of America not been fulfilling the Democrats' goals and more? Have the 100 million Boy Scouts, from diverse backgrounds far and wide, not been trained during their Scouting experience to embrace civic responsibility and "help other people at all times" as the Scout Oath states?

Consider the tenets of Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Consider the Scout Oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Shame on the Democrat party, Bill Clinton, and AL GORE for viciously attempting to destroy the Boy Scouts of America. It is unconscionable that millions of young Boy Scouts have been forced to endure this vicious attack. It is an insult that any member of Congress has subjected these young people to such hostility.

While I have never witnessed such a vitriolic attack upon young Americans, I am honored to go on record with America and the Members of this House who have raced to defend the Boy Scouts from this injustice. My son, Justin, has been involved in Scouting for many years now. I can see the developmental benefits he has reaped from his experience with the Boy Scouts of America. I do not know how I would ever explain to him that he could not be a Scout anymore, should Democrats win today's contest on the House floor. My colleagues, we must prevail on behalf of the Boy Scouts, by crushing this awful bill which the Democrats have proposed and by sending a clear message to the country: The Boy Scouts of America are deeply appreciated, celebrated, embraced and protected for the good work they do to raise young boys to be future leaders of a caliber much higher than the proponents of this bill which we must quickly, and resoundingly defeat.

HONORING RAYMOND C. BURTON FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Raymond C. Burton, who will retire at the end of this year, bringing closure to a distinguished career in railroading that has spanned three decades.

When Ray Burton went to work for the old Sante Fe Railway in 1963, he could not have foreseen the profound changes coming to the railroad industry. Particularly since 1982, when he was elected president and Chief Executive Officer of TTX Company, Ray Burton has been on the cutting edge of those changes.

Under Ray Burton's leadership, TTX has led the way in innovation, design and deployment of the equipment needed to construct today's modern, intermodal transport network. It was this leadership that twice earned him the Railway Age "Railroader of the Year" award—making him one of just three individuals to be so honored.

This past July, Ray Burton was elevated to the post of Chairman and CEO of TTX, a fitting reward for a man who led his company—and his industry—into the 21st Century well equipped to meet the challenges ahead. Ray will be missed when he retires at the end of this year, but the seeds he planted will continue to bear fruit for many more years to come.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF DR. JAMES WALKER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Dr. James Walker for his accomplishments during his tenure as Middle Tennessee State University's president.

Some of Dr. Walker's accomplishments are easily seen, like the new buildings on campus—the business aerospace building, nursing building, student recreation center, state-of-the-art library, student apartment complex and Greek Row. All were desperately needed bricks-and-mortar projects for a growing campus with changing technology needs. As an alumnus and avid Blue Raider football fan, I was particularly thrilled by the recent renovation of the Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium. The renovation helped moved MTSU's football program to Division I-A.

Enrollment at MTSU has increased nearly 32 percent from 15,673 students in 1991 to a projected 20,663 students this fall. Under Dr. Walker's leadership, MTSU has attracted more high-quality students. During the past 10 years, MTSU student ACT scores have surpassed state and national averages. Just last year, MTSU was given the go-ahead to establish Tennessee's first Honors College.

During his tenth year as MTSU President, Dr. Walker is leaving to become president of Southern Illinois University, where, at the age of 30, he worked as an assistant professor.

Dr. Walker's administrative colleagues at SIU, MTSU, University of Northern Colorado, California State University, Illinois State University, University of Alabama and Western Michigan University can attest to his many accomplishments and accolades over the last 30 years. Dr. Walker, thank you for the many wonderful things you did for MTSU and the entire Middle Tennessee community. I and many other Middle Tennesseans will surely miss your leadership and enthusiasm. Good luck at Southern Illinois University.

HONORING THE LATE DR. TIMM C. PATTERSON

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the death and celebrate the life of my longtime friend, Dr. Timm C. Patterson, who passed away on Monday, September 11, 2000. His three children have lost a wonderful father, his family has lost a loving soul, the citizens of Bay City have lost a committed doctor and dedicated community servant and I have lost a good friend.

A lifelong resident of Bay County, Timm graduated from Bay City Central High School in 1967. He continued his education at Delta College and Eastern Michigan University. He later earned a doctorate with honors from Illinois College of Optometry in 1973. He returned to his hometown and practiced medicine for a quarter of a century. Always willing

to share his vast knowledge and understanding of medicine with his colleagues, he penned many articles for publication in optometry journals.

However, he didn't limit his sense of duty to the medical field. His community involvement stands as a model to the notion that all of us have a responsibility to reach beyond ourselves. A prominent figure in local politics, Timm served as a city commissioner and two-term mayor of Essexville. The Essexville-Hampton Knights of Columbus, Elks Club, Essexville-Hampton Jaycees, Lions Club of Essexville, the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bay Area Family Y all were graced by his leadership and enthusiastic support.

My friend had a zest for living. He loved sailing, flying airplanes and rooting for the maize-and-blue of his beloved University of Michigan sports teams. He simultaneously found solace and excitement on the Great Lakes, often exhibiting his mastery of navigation as he skipped his sailboat on leisurely sojourns and competitive races against his fellow sailors. Many times, wind filled his sails in the Port Huron to Mackinac Yacht Race. He was a board member of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club and the Saginaw Bay Yacht Racing Association.

He took to the skies as well, earning a private pilot's license for airborne adventures that seemed to heighten his appetite for hands-on knowledge.

My dear friend now soars beyond the clouds, leaving in his wake legions of friends and family whose lives he touched with a strong hand and tender heart. We will miss him.

REPEAL AND EXTRATERRITORIAL INCOME EXCLUSION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4986, the Foreign Sales Corporation Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Act of 2000 because it will help preserve the strong financial standing of our nation's export manufacturers and our economy. This debate cannot be understood without an understanding of the origin of the Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC). The FSC was created by the Department of Commerce to provide incentives to increase exports by United States (U.S.) manufacturers competing against Asian and European businesses. American industry faced stiff competition from state supported foreign enterprises. FSC's were given a reduction in income taxes on net foreign profit realized from exports. An export businesses' choice to form an FSC allows it to minimize its tax bill on foreign profits between 15% and 30%.

In 1998, a trade dispute arose when the European Union (EU) filed a claim against the United States arguing that FSC's were in violation of World Trade Organization's (WTO's) rules prohibiting government subsidization of exports. The EU argued that the FSC amounted to U.S. government subsidization of export businesses. The WTO dispute panel agreed

with their argument and ruled accordingly. The ruling required that the U.S. withdraw the FSC provisions by Oct 1, 2000, or face sanctions. These events bring us to the floor today.

The measure before us today exempts from federal taxes most income earned abroad and repeals portions of current law (PL 98-369) that created foreign sales corporations (FSCs). Under the measure as long as 50% of a manufacturer's goods were produced in the United States, the manufacturer could receive the same tax benefit on foreign sales.

This bill satisfies the concerns of the WTO and will prevent the implementation of tariffs on potentially billions of dollars of goods made in the U.S. and exported abroad.

I have opposed important trade legislation in Congress because I have been particularly concerned about the effects it would have on U.S. jobs and our economy. My review of the record concerning the repeal of Foreign Sales Corporations and its replacement gives me confidence that this measure will be good for American workers, farmers and businesses. This bill has been carefully reviewed by both Democrats and Republicans and enjoys the approval of the United States Treasury. I particularly applaud the bipartisan work of my colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee in resolving this matter, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

WE NEED COMMONSENSE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION NOW

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to join the Gentleman from New Jersey, Representative RUSH HOLT.

We know the Congress will soon adjourn and we have not done anything to approve commonsense gun legislation.

That is why we are calling on Speaker HASTERT to direct the Juvenile Justice Conference to meet and complete action on the Juvenile Justice Bill. We request other colleagues to join us.

Earlier this year, the Million Mom March came to Washington and to more than 60 cities around the country. I addressed this march that united moms, dads, sons and daughters behind a common goal.

They urged the Congress to stop its delay and move forward with gun safety legislation. Now it is time for the Congress to stop stalling and to enact this gun safety legislation.

To date, I regret the Congress has accomplished next to nothing to enact commonsense gun safety legislation.

Have we closed the gun show loophole that permits criminals to get guns easily? No!

Have we required gun manufacturers to install child safety locks on all new guns? No!

Have we banned the importation of high-capacity ammunition clips on assault rifles? No!

As Members of the Education and Workforce Committee, both of us are committed to reducing classroom size, ensuring after-school programs and increasing student achievement test scores. We can accomplish none of these things, unless we have safe schools first.

In my home state of New York, I have worked closely with Gov. George Pataki and