

birthday to this outstanding American, wife, mother, journalist and friend. Hopefully we can all learn from the wonderful example that Mrs. Morrissey has set and follow the life of dignity and integrity that she has led.

OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3822) to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, today I rise in opposition to the Oil Price Reduction Act. This bill does not give the President any more authority or require more action than he currently possesses. Furthermore, the Republican leadership refused to allow any waivers for Democratic amendments that would have significantly improved this measure.

This bill authorizes the President to reduce, suspend, or terminate assistance, such as military assistance or foreign aid, to countries that fix oil prices to the disadvantage of the American economy. Oil price fixing under this measure is defined as participation in any agreement, arrangement or understanding with other countries that are oil exporters that increase the price of oil or natural gas by means of limiting oil or gas production or establishing minimum prices for oil or gas. Furthermore, this bill would require the President to report to Congress as to whether major oil exporters are engaged in the defined oil price fixing to the detriment of the U.S. economy.

It requires the President to "undertake a concerted diplomatic effort to convince" countries accused of oil price fixing that their production levels are inadequate and have significant negative impacts on world economies. Recently, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries [OPEC] acted in concert to decrease oil production and hold approximately 4 million barrels of oil a day. Since this decision to curtail production of 6 percent of the global supply of oil, prices have steadily increased from \$11 a barrel in December 1998 to \$30 a barrel just last month. The United States has not seen prices this high since the 1991 Persian Gulf war.

Our Nation's truckers, airlines, railroads, buses, and automobiles have been adversely impacted by these drastic oil production cuts. Our Nation needs relief; however, we must be careful not to rush legislation that may not fully address our energy needs. I support the Democratic leadership's effort to include the enforcement provisions of this bill that will enable the President to effectively address situations where oil price fixing threatens the U.S. economy.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO DR. H.G. BRYANT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Dr. H.G. Bryant, Jr., of my district on the occasion of his retirement from Swedish Match North American, Inc., an employer of many in Owensboro, KY.

Dr. Bryant has been with Swedish Match for more than 30 years in a number of positions. He began his career in 1968 as a senior scientist with Liggett Group and ends his career as vice president for research and development, quality control and leaf procurement of Pinkerton Tobacco Co., which is now Swedish Match.

During his time at Swedish Match, Dr. Bryant has made a number of valuable contributions to the Owensboro area. He has served on the Kentucky Wesleyan College board of trustees, the Owensboro Community College Foundation and the Kentucky Council on Economic Education. His civic contributions to the community also include support of the United Way and local food banks.

Dr. Bryant has been a good friend to many in the community of Owensboro, as an employer and a civic leader. Today I acknowledge his commitments and achievements, along with his family, and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT ROSEGARTEN, MAYOR OF GREAT NECK PLAZA

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Robert Rosegarten upon his retirement as Mayor of The Village of Great Neck Plaza, NY, on Friday, March 24th.

Mayor Rosegarten's work in Great Neck Plaza has been recognized on both the national and state level. His work to revitalize the downtown Great Neck shopping area is a model for local municipalities nationwide. Under the mayor's dynamic supervision, the village of Great Neck Plaza has not only experienced financial success, but is also highly regarded for its aesthetic beauty. Mayor Rosegarten's service to the community will undoubtedly be used as a measuring stick for future Great Neck public officials.

Prior to his distinguished service as mayor of Great Neck Plaza for the past 8 years, Mr. Rosegarten held the position of deputy mayor for 8 years and was also a village trustee for 2 years. Mayor Rosegarten has further distinguished himself in the Great Neck community as president of the Great Neck Village Officials Association, commissioner of the Great Neck Central Police Auxiliary and member of the executive board of Great Neck's United Community Fund.

In addition to his work in the village of Great Neck Plaza, Mayor Rosegarten has been a successful executive in the advertising industry for over a quarter of a century.

Robert Rosegarten is an avid sculptor and painter, whose art works have gained wide attention by appearing in many local galleries on Long Island. Mayor Rosegarten is a loving father of three sons and a proud grandfather to six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring Robert Rosegarten as he completes another milestone in his career and in wishing him many more years of active service to his family and his community.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, thanks to the efforts of enterprising women in Sonoma County, CA, March is Women's History Month. As we celebrate women's history, we must focus on the future of women. The right to choose and make family planning decisions is central to women's liberty and freedom in that future. Family planning represents an opportunity for women and empowers families to make decisions that impact their quality of life and their future.

United States support for international family planning is an integral part of a progressive agenda for women and a foreign policy agenda that saves the lives of women and children and improves life circumstances. Unfortunately, many impoverished women are held hostage to the conservative politics of the right wing of the Republican party and damaging restrictions on international family planning assistance that conservatives forced into law.

Last year, conservatives forced President Clinton to accept the undemocratic "global gag rule" restrictions that force foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to give up their right to participate in their own democratic process to become eligible for U.S. funds. These restrictions contradict the main objective of U.S. foreign policy, fostering democracy and stability throughout the world. They represent a strong setback for women and democracy. If the U.S. Government tried to impose similar restrictions on U.S.-based organizations, they would, without a doubt, be unconstitutional. They are undemocratic and deny women a fundamental right.

Restrictions on family planning assistance will restrict access for poor women, which will result in more unintended pregnancies, more births, more maternal deaths and injuries and more abortions. The World Health Organization estimates that 600,000 women die each year from pregnancy-related causes and more than 150 million married women who want contraceptives have no access to them.

Soon, I will introduce legislation, along with Representative NITA LOWEY and Representative CHRIS SHAYS, to ensure that the current restrictions are never again included in law. This forthcoming legislation, the Global Democracy Promotion Act, will stop foreign NGOs from being forced to relinquish their right to free speech in order to participate in U.S.-supported family planning programs. If we can't impose these restrictions on U.S. organizations, we shouldn't be imposing them on foreign organizations. If passed, our legislation will stop foreign NGOs from being

excluded from these programs based solely upon legal health services that they provide with their own, non-U.S. funds. If the services are legal here, and they are legal where the NGO is operating, it would be misguided to deny an NGO the opportunity to carry out its important work.

This new bill will assist women around the world by protecting their fundamental rights and enabling women to access important family planning services from NGO's. As we celebrate Women's History Month, we must continue fighting for fundamental rights for women at home and around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO DEWEY FAUGHT

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is a dear friend of mine, Dewey Faught.

Dewey Faught has served the state of Arkansas and his country all of his life. He graduated in 1953 from Eudora High School in Eudora, Arkansas and went on to attend Florida State University, Arkansas State University and the University of Central Arkansas where he studied Business Administration. He also received degrees in Liberal Arts and Agriculture.

Dewey is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force having served during the Korean, Vietnam and Cold War. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in July of 1974 after 20 years of honorable service. His Squadron was the First Combat Evaluation Group responsible for the administration of the RBS radar sites. His accommodations include the Meritorious Service Award and National Defense Medal. He recently received an accommodation from the Secretary of Defense for his service throughout the Cold War.

Dewey also served as Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer for the Cabot Chamber of Commerce for 20 years. He also served as the Secretary and Treasurer for the Cabot Lions Club for 19 years, where he presently holds the position of President. He has a perfect attendance record for his 20 years of service to the Cabot Lions Club and is responsible for the recruitment of 40 members. He is a lifetime member of the VFW Post #4548 as well as the Disabled American Veterans. He is also a member of the AARP. In 1990 Dewey received recognition from his church, Cabot United Methodist, for his years of service as Sunday school superintendent. In 1983 Dewey was chosen Cabot Citizen of the Year. He was also chosen for the Cabot Community Leadership Award in 1999. His most recent project has him organizing the Cabot Veterans Monument and Memorial, Inc. He is spearheading the construction of this memorial that will honor Veterans in the North Lonoke County communities of Cabot, Austin, and Ward, Arkansas.

Dewey Faught is a great American and great Arkansan. He is the kind of citizen that made this nation the great place it is today. He has made Cabot a great place to work, live and raise a family. I am proud to call him my friend. Dewey has been married for 43 years to Jane Powell formerly of Gillett, Arkansas.

They have five sons, 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

HONORING THOMAS R. CAFFREY

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mr. Thomas R. Caffrey of Tuckerton, New Jersey. Mr. Caffrey was a first prize winner in C-SPAN's American Presidents: Life Portraits Viewers' Contest. Mr. Caffrey's poem on President John Adams is worthy of high praise.

President Adams served as our second president from 1797 to 1801. President Adams, as one of our nation's Founding Fathers helped shape a newly formed nation with his intellect and vigor. His personal correspondence with Thomas Jefferson have delighted scholars for years as they provide a personal glimpse of these two very important Presidents. Mr. Caffrey's poem encapsulates the life and times of President Adams.

I would like to enter into the RECORD Mr. Caffrey's poem, "Our Dearest Friend".

OUR DEAREST FRIEND

(A POEM OF JOHN ADAMS)

(By Thomas R. Caffrey)

From Puritan seed a seminal birth to Ancient, he was for the ages.

A blend of the heavens and merciless Earth
To a man needing many assuages

The genesis of this patriot as Founder will yet be revealed.

Portending rejection of British flat his fate about to be sealed.

So stubborn affixing himself to the law in defense of the British who fired.

Yes justice was blind and everyone saw that murder had not transpired.

While sufferings mixed with physical his angst was most profound.

So loving his country, he's practical; can America make it uncrowned?

A man in the midst of Freedom's vortex

The lover of laws because they protect and make 'That Chair' a rising sun.

Declaring their freedom with principles inspiring Jefferson's pen.

The Wordsmith's text would soon convulse all parties, including them.

Though stunned by the Lion's thundering roar, some cowed by fear of this mother.

Undaunted courage he'd force to the show, a rally for most of the others.

Prevailing at Yorktown made him celebrate, Conquest! On his date of birth!

Yet sober he was knowing full well his station, the Treaty would reflect his worth.

In Europe he felt the growing unease of absence from 'Portia'—his 'Friend'.

He often would stir for his quick release, when will this humility end?

The tenuous peace was forged with his mettle, in Paris the year '83.

The subsequent years would provoke much nettle. In Britain he yearned to be free.

Soon after he mixed into dear Quincy's soil, a call came for services, more.

For eight years his self-doubt would burden the toil. 'It's hopeless', he'd like to implore.

Before him the Giant of Mount Vernon, the defied A Priori.

In whose shadow he often fell striving for his own glory.

Leading was harder than Founding, it seemed. Not service but politics he loathed.

Betrayals were bad, from Jefferson worse, impossible when they were betrothed.

A premature move back home was his fate, no destiny to be a two-term.

Often ringing his hands and imploring his mate, his worth would she please affirm?

He passed many by on the farm at Peacefield, to dust they went, compost for life.

As his time drew near, posterity sealed, he relented, and thus joined his wife.

Today we think mainly of First and of Third, on Rushmore and our currency.

Remember Our Friend, a man of his word, whose heartsleeve was for you and me.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CAPTAIN ANTHONY R. STARNER

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday marked the second year that United States Marine Corps Captain Anthony R. Starnier, his wife Ann, and their son Michael were tragically killed in an automobile accident on their way to Michael's baptism. Captain Starnier served his country admirably in many places around the world including: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Puerto Rico; the Balkans; Estonia; and the United States of America. He was a selfless, well-respected, and caring officer, husband, and father. He and his family are missed by many friends, family members, and loved ones. A flag flew over the Capitol Building yesterday in their honor.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

The House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (House Concurrent Resolution 290) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005:

Mr. STARK. Mr. Chairman, the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 provides for the members of the Joint Economic Committee to come before the House and present their views on the current state of the U.S. economy, to serve as input in the debate we are about to have on the budget resolution before us. I rise today to report that while there are many economic achievements to celebrate, there is also a lot more to do in order for everyone to share in the current prosperity.

For the first time since the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act was passed in 1978, the U.S. economy has met the goals