

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DANIEL W. KRUEGER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American soldier and citizen, and I am proud to recognize Colonel Daniel W. Krueger in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to the Mid-South region and our nation.

Colonel Krueger has served for the past three years as the Memphis District Commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and he has distinguished himself by focusing on meeting the region's water resource needs, reducing costs, and decreasing project delivery time without sacrificing quality. His exceptional leadership skills guided the Memphis District into the 21st Century with an engaged workforce dedicated to open communications, improved safety and mission focused training.

Key projects completed under his command include: Hickman Bluff Stabilization, White-man's Creek, Francis Bland Floodway, and the initial on-farm construction phase of the Grand Prairie Demonstration Project.

He has dedicated his life to serving his fellow soldiers and citizens as a leader in both his profession as an engineer and his military service, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his contributions.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to this faithful servant, Colonel Daniel W. Krueger, on his successes and achievements.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, I want to commend my colleague from Michigan.

This is a solution though, that is looking for a problem. There is not one State in the Great Lakes Basin that allows off-shore drilling, not one. In Michigan, there is a moratorium on new directional angle drilling wells. What are we doing with this amendment?

This amendment is not about protecting the Great Lakes. For instance, it does nothing to address the potential for diversion of our fresh Great Lakes water. This amendment goes in a direction that I hope many in this chamber find disagreeable as it deeply involves the federal government in Great Lakes decision-making. I trust my Governor. I trust the Governors of the Great Lakes States to be in charge of the water of the Great Lakes States.

As a matter of fact, underneath the Great Lakes today, there are roughly 22,000 barrels of crude oil that float per hour under the Great Lakes. There are 550 off-shore wells operated by Canadians. This bill addresses none of that. There are 5 million tons of oil bobbing around on the Great Lakes every year via cargo ship, which leads to an average of 20 spills a year on our Great Lakes. This amendment does nothing to address any of those issues.

This amendment is not about protecting the Great Lakes; instead, it is about the federal government going into the State of Michigan and telling the legislators in Lansing that they do not know what they're doing. There are some great protections of our Great Lakes, and I trust those Governors, and I trust those Great Lakes state legislators to do the right thing.

I want to say it again, because this is very important, and I've heard it 10 times if I've heard it once, that somebody is out there trying to build an oil rig in the Great Lakes and that President Bush is leading the charge. This is ridiculous. There is not one State in the Great Lakes Basin that permit off-shore drilling. Not one. There is a moratorium on new licenses for directional drilling in the State of Michigan today. So what is the purpose for the Bonior Amendment?

Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that a bureaucrat in Washington, DC, whose only experience with Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a picture in the National Geographic, is better equipped to protect our shoreline and our Great Lakes. I want the people who live on the Great Lakes to make those decisions. The gentlewoman from Ohio talked about HOMES, the acronym by which schoolchildren learn the names of the Great Lakes. HOMES is appropriate because the people who make their homes in the Great Lakes States should be making decisions about the Great Lakes. Why? Because we live there. We see the water, we see the pollution, we fought back and reclaimed Lake Erie. We can again eat the fish that swim in our lakes. Why? Because the people of the Great Lakes States took action. It is nothing that Congress did. That is why this argument should not be taking place on the floor of the United States House, it should be taking place in the legislatures of the Great Lakes States.

Mr. Chairman, I am passionate about the Great Lakes, but we have a true difference of opinion on the proper role of Congress in this debate. For example, look at the issue of water diversion. There is a bill in this House to empower Congress to decide what happens on diversion issues in the Great Lakes. The last I checked, the dry states of the Plains and Southwest could use a bit more extra water; and, the last I checked, there are more members from those states in this chamber than from Great Lakes States. These issues have no business in this Chamber. It has all the business in the chambers in our State legislatures back home.

This is a solution that is looking for a problem.

There is a package of bills in the House to address this issue in a manner that doesn't encroach on our States' rights. One concerns the diversion and export of Great Lakes water. Another is a resolution urging States to continue the ban on off-shore drilling in our Great Lakes and that goes after those 550 wells currently in operation in Canada.

It is important to remember that what the Federal Government can give us, they can take away. Pretty soon, maybe the faces of this Chamber will change, and maybe pretty soon the folks in this Chamber will decide that we want oil production from the Great Lakes. And since most of the members of this Chamber do not reside in the Great Lakes Basin, nor do the Washington, DC bureaucrats overseeing federal policy, the decision may come from Washington to tap into the Great Lakes oil reserves.

There is only one thing that can protect us from that: Our state legislators and our governors of the Great Lakes States.

Mr. Chairman, I want to urge this body to reject the Bonior Amendment, to throw out all the rhetoric about how without this amendment there will be polluted water, people rushing to put oil rigs on the Great Lakes, and how oil will start gushing into the waters of Lake Michigan or Superior. This is just absolutely untrue.

What I would encourage the gentleman from Michigan to do is to work with us. We should take a look at studying the quality of those pipes that are pumping those 22,000 barrels an hour under the Great Lakes today. Let us get together and tell Canada, get off the water. Shut down those rigs that are pumping on the water as we speak. We should work together to ensure that those ships bobbing around on the Lakes carrying 5 million tons of oil are safe and don't continue to average 20 spills each year.

Does the gentleman want to do something for the Great Lakes? Let us partner with our states and help solve this issue. The federal government should not come in and flex its muscles and tell state legislators that they really don't know what they are doing.

I used to be an FBI agent, and when I would walk into a local police station and tell them the federal government was here to help, I can tell you I never received a warm welcome. And I can tell you that passing legislation like the Bonior Amendment ensures that Congress will not receive a warm welcome in the State halls of Lansing and other Great Lakes capitals.

Mr. Chairman, this is an important issue. It is an extremely important issue. I grew up on a lake. I want that lake safe for my kids. I want them to go to Lake Michigan and be able to play in the water and not have to worry about turning green when they come home. I want them to be able to eat the fish in Lake Erie.

I mean no disrespect to this Chamber; but, I just came from the State legislature, and I have seen the good things that Congress can do, and I have seen the bad things that Congress can do. I also served with some very

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bright people in that State legislature. I served with a great Governor who understood that we had to protect our Great Lakes while we have a moratorium on new drilling. I want those people empowered to make a difference for our Great Lakes.

I would urge this today's strong rejection of the Federal Government encroaching into the business of the Great Lakes States.

I applaud all of the Members for getting up on the floor and talking about their passion for protecting one of our greatest natural resources. Well, let us do just that, but let us be a partner with the States.

Talk to our state legislators, talk to our governors. They will be with us. Talk to the people who live there and ask them who do they best trust to protect our Great Lakes? Is it the people that get up every morning and eat breakfast, go to work, and send their children to school in the shadow of the Lakes, or is it a bureaucrat that they have never met in the halls of some Washington, DC bureaucracy? Or is it a future member of Congress from a dry state like California who stands up, maybe 50 years from now, and argues that it is worth the risk to stick a pipe in fresh water to extract oil? The answer is clear, our States are the best guardians of the Great Lakes.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for the Great Lakes today. Stand up for the environment of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin. Stand up for these states by rejecting the Federal Government's role of encroaching on our ability back home to protect our greatest natural resource. I would urge this body's rejection of the Bonior Amendment.

2001 OHIO YOUTH HUNTER
EDUCATION CHALLENGE

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the extraordinary young people that excelled in the 2001 Ohio Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

This respectable program is a comprehensive youth program of outdoor skills and safety training for young hunters who have completed hunter-safety training at the state-or provincial-level. Developed by the National Rifle Association in 1985, volunteer hunting education instructors provide expertise and hands-on training in various methods of take and game. The Challenge offers young people the opportunity to show their knowledge and ability, which was earned through hard work and dedication.

The following is a list of this year's winners:

2001 OHIO YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION
CHALLENGE

Top Senior Overall: Bryan Hum, Columbiana Pathfinders, 2112 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam Sr., 1984 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, 1796 pts.

Top Junior Overall: David Tobin, Columbiana Hawkeyes, 1807 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam Jr., 1777 pts. 3rd place: Nathan Mullen, Columbiana Hawkeyes, 1636 pts.

Rifle: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 2nd place: Brandon McCoy, Putnam, 260 pts. 3rd place: Jerrod Miller, Col., 260 pts.

Junior: 1st place: Megan McCoy, Putnam, 170 pts. 2nd place: Bill McGuire, Columbiana, 160 pts. 3rd place: Derek Haselman, Putnam, 150 pts.

Muzzleloader: Senior: 1st place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 300 pts. 2nd place: Judson Sanor, Col., 300 pts. 3rd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 275 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 275 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 275 pts. 3rd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 250 pts.

Shotgun: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 275 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 250 pts. 3rd place: Josh Heckman, Putnam, 220 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 270 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 250 pts. 3rd place: Bill McGuire, Col., 200 pts.

Archery: Senior: 1st place: Bryan Hum, Col., 272 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 269 pts. 3rd place: Jerrod Miller, Col., 244 pts. Junior: 1st place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 256 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 252 pts. 3rd place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 252 pts.

Orienteering: Senior: 1st place: Matt McSherry, Fitchville, 275 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 3rd place: Judson Sanor, Col., 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 280 pts. 2nd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 265 pts. 3rd place: Colin Grosse, Fitchville, 230 pts.

Safety Trail: Senior: 1st place: Tyler Finley, 265 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 255 pts. 2nd place: Tiffany Utrup, Putnam, 251 pts. 3rd place: Andy Clutter, Col., 245 pts.

Exam: Senior: 1st place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 260 pts. 2nd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 255 pts. 3rd place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 255 pts. Junior: 1st place: David Tobin, Col., 250 pts. 2nd place: Nathan Mullen, Col., 225 pts. 3rd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 225 pts.

Wildlife ID: Senior: 1st place: Jeremy McCoy, Putnam, 300 pts. 2nd place: Tony Utrup, Putnam, 285 pts. 3rd place: Bryan Hum, Col., 260 pts. Junior: 1st place: Kyle Westbeld, Putnam, 265 pts. 2nd place: Travis Tourjee, Putnam, 245 pts. 3rd place: Megan McCoy, 240 pts.

Top Teams: Senior: Putnam Senior, 8673 pts.—Josh Heckman, Brandon McCoy, Jeremy McCoy, Tony Utrup, Trevor Utrup, Justin Winstead. 2nd place: Columbiana Pathfinders, 8190 pts.—Chris Dattilio, Jamie Garrod, Bryan Hum, Jerrod Miller, Judson Sanor, Justin Ross. Junior: Columbian Hawkeyes, 7535 pts.—Andy Clutter, Bill McGuire, Samantha Miller, Nathan Mullen, David Tobin, Candie Grubbs. 2nd place: Putnam Juniors, 7337 pts.—Derek Haselman, Megan McCoy, Travis Tourjee, Tiffany Utrup, Kyle Westbeld.

HONORING THE EFFICIENCY OF
NISSAN'S SMYRNA PLANT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of the employees of Nissan's Smyrna, Tennessee, plant. Their work ethic has produced the most efficient car and small truck assembly plant in North America.

The Harbour Report, an annual study in productivity that's used as an industry benchmark, has picked the Smyrna plant as the most efficient for seven consecutive years. At a time when the sluggish economy forced

most automakers to slow production at their assembly plants, Nissan's Smyrna plant boosted its overall productivity by seven percent. That's a real indication of the know-how and dedication of the plant's work force.

Since June 16, 1983, when the first automobile rolled off of the Smyrna plant's assembly line, Nissan has contributed immensely to the area's quality of life with good-paying jobs and responsive corporate citizenship. Nissan's corporate commitment to diversity within its employee population, supplier base and dealer body, encourages a variety of ideas and opinions that inspire the team behavior that wins these kinds of accolades.

My home is in Rutherford County, Tennessee, where the Smyrna plant is located. I was excited when I heard the news that Nissan was building a new plant in Smyrna. As the plant was being built, I watched its progress knowing that good-paying jobs were coming to Middle Tennessee. Since its completion, I have visited the plant on numerous occasions.

One of my more memorable visits came on the day the 1 millionth vehicle rolled off the assembly line. On that day, a young lady who worked at the Smyrna plant spoke to a large crowd that had gathered for the special occasion. She recalled for us the time she and her children were waiting at a traffic light in their car when a Nissan pickup truck pulled up to the same traffic light. She said her children asked if she had built the vehicle. With a wide smile and obvious pride, she told us that she responded to the question with an emphatic, "Yes, I did."

That young woman's story is a perfect example of the pride all Nissan employees have in their workmanship. I congratulate each and every Nissan employee at the Smyrna facility for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES "CHICKEN" JEANS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen, and I am proud to recognize Charles "Chicken" Jeans in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and our nation.

"Chicken" has worn many hats during his lifetime: husband, father, grandfather, farmer, car salesman, and county road supervisor—to name just a few. But he will always tell you that he is "nothing but a bird."

In Lonoke County and around Arkansas, "Chicken" is well known as the man to see if you need anything. "Chicken" came to work for the county on September 24, 1984, and he retired sixteen years later, on September 16, 2000 after serving under three county judges. Judge "Dude" Spence, Judge Don Bevis, and Judge Carol Bevis all valued "Chicken" for his experience and knowledge of the county.

Ask any politician, farmer, or businessman in central Arkansas what they will be doing on the second Thursday in August, and they will say, "I'm going to Coy for the Po' Boy Supper to see Chicken!" The Po' Boy Supper has been an annual event for many years. Several