

to restructure and reorganize in response to the effects of the recent import surge.

Currently, there are nearly 2 million Americans who are directly or indirectly employed by the steel industry, or receive pensions and healthcare from current and former steel companies. Because of the current crisis situation in the industry, the \$1 billion that the steel companies spend annually on retiree health care is a significant impediment to the mergers and acquisitions that will need to occur for the steel industry to right itself.

This amendment would create a Steel Industry Legacy Relief Program to provide assistance to steel producers in meeting retiree health care costs. The program would be established in and administered by the Department of Labor.

The establishment of the Steel Industry Legacy Relief Program will go a long way in supporting our domestic steel industry in a time that we need it most. The steel industry is vital to our national defense, and especially now, we cannot afford to become dependent on foreign steel. I strongly support the establishment of this program in order to save the steel industry in this great Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3338) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the rule to H.R. 3338, the Defense Appropriations bill. The rule precludes the House from considering the Obey amendment, which would provide needed increased funding for homeland security. While the underlying bill does increase funding for homeland security, it simply does not go far enough. It is homeland security on the cheap.

The rule precludes the Obey amendment, which, among other things, would provide \$150 million in grants for local firefighting units. In addition, the bill does not provide adequate funding to help local governments meet their increased police and emergency personnel needs since September 11th. This rule does not allow for increased funding for local law enforcement that is critical for the protection of Americans across the country.

Since September 11th, local governments have been carrying most of the burden of responding to the increased security and emergency needs of our citizens that include: periodic lengthened shifts, additional patrols at sensitive facilities and structures, and responding to the growing number of false alarms and hoaxes. This results in a higher rate of overtime for governments in order to pay for security and emergency personnel. These important responsibilities fall on local governments who had tight budgets prior to September 11th. Now they are even tighter.

The federal government must provide aid to local governments to insure that our first responders remain one of our strongest links.

Moreover, the bill does not provide any additional funds to increase port security. The Obey amendment would have provided an additional \$200 million in grants for port security upgrades. We must provide security measures at seaports to prevent the shipment of bombs and weapons of mass destruction through our seaports.

The bill does not provide increased funding to secure our vitally important Strategic Petroleum Reserves. The Obey Amendment would have provided \$5 million to secure our petroleum reserves. Several weeks ago, with the Administration's support, Congress passed a resolution urging the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its full capacity. It defies logic for us to spend the money filling this vital reserve without securing the facilities that store the petroleum.

As we address threats on our forefront, we should also be fully prepared to fight an asymmetric war abroad. We must, therefore, take all steps necessary to reduce U.S. casualties, which requires minimizing incidents of friendly fire. The Automatic Acoustic Target Recognition programs, not fully funded in the bill, involves the identification of aircraft and vehicles by the background acoustic signature obtained from intercepted radio transmissions or proximate ground sensors. The program contributes to the detection of troop and vehicle movements, the proper identification of aircraft and vehicles to prioritize fire control and to prevent friendly fire casualties. When this bill goes to conference, I urge the conferees to do everything they can to save the lives of U.S. military troops and fully fund this program.

I urge my colleagues to reject the rule. We must not fund the war against terrorism on the cheap. We must recognize our needs at home and abroad and that means adequately assisting local first responders, securing our vital resources, securing our ports, and minimizing the loss of U.S. military personnel.

MAKING SURE PAINFUL STORIES
ARE TOLD JUST ONCE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is important for me to bring this informative article to the attention of the U.S. Congress.

[From the New York Times, Nov. 12, 2001]

MAKING SURE PAINFUL STORIES ARE TOLD
JUST ONCE

(By Donna Wilkinson)

Name: Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.

Founded: 1992, in Plano, Tex.

Mission: To help children cope with the trauma of abuse through a team approach—an alliance of law enforcement agencies, child protection services, legal and medical professionals—to investigate, treat and prosecute abuse cases.

Constituency: Children under 18. Collin County, including several suburban and rural communities outside Dallas, has a population of about 500,000. Last year, the center received 2,488 referrals of child abuse; since it opened, it has served 8,000 children.

Financing: Most of the \$1.4 million annual budget comes from charities, foundations and corporations: the United Way, Meadows Foundation, Jenessis Foundation, B. B. Owen Trust, Texas Instruments and State Farm Insurance. The rest is from the Guardian Angels Society, a local group of individuals and religious and civic organizations who pledge \$1,000 a year for five years.

The center was inspired by the ideas of Representative Bud Cramer, Democrat of Alabama, who, as a district attorney in Huntsville in the 1980's, found that children were being revictimized by a system that was intended to protect them. Often bounced from one agency to another, youngsters had to repeat painful experiences to police, doctors, social workers and others, compromising evidence and traumatizing them again. Representative Cramer had proposed creating one central place where children could tell their stories.

Besides filling that role, the center, which is located in a colorful 32,000-square-foot former supermarket, provides the children with immediate access to child protection services, law enforcement officials, district attorneys, sexual assault nurse examiners, therapists and community resource representatives who all work together under one roof.

Attending to young victims requires special considerations. "Almost 70 percent of the children we see are under the age of 7," said Jane Donovan, the center's community educator. "When you ask a child that age a story over and over, the story changes." To protect the integrity of testimony for evidence, each child is interviewed by a forensic specialist and videotaped.

What distinguishes the center is the partnerships among various services. "Traditionally, there has been some contentiousness between child protective agencies and law enforcement," Ms. Donovan said. "At our center, that just flat out doesn't exist."

The center is not a residential facility, but placement is arranged when a child's safety at home is in question.

"We talk to our kids about 'stranger danger,' but the reality is, 96 percent of the children we see know their abuser," Ms. Donovan said. "Our goal is to help children deal with the trauma of abuse by empowering them to become survivors rather than remain victims."

IN MEMORY OF JANE MAYER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great sorrow to pay tribute to a wonderful woman, a community activist and wife of internationally known writer, journalist and lecturer, the late Milton Mayer. His wife Jane died recently in Carmel, California where I live.

Jane Mayer was like a second mother to me and my sisters Francesca and Nancy. She was born in Joplin, MO, and grew up in Seattle, Washington before moving to Carmel where she lived for the past 50 years.

A dedicated activist she studied at the University of Washington before beginning a 10-year career in fashion where she became a lecturer and consultant. Appearing at Universities and Colleges across the country and numerous radio programs.

She married Robert Scully in 1940 and later in 1947 married Milton Mayer known to local

kids as Uncle Milt. Together they produced the Voices of Europe radio broadcasts, which included commentary of the events of the time by people throughout Europe. For many years they co-led Great Books Discussion Seminars in both America and Europe.

Jane and Milton were life long civil libertarians and pacifists, fighting intolerance, bigotry, racism and overzealous nationalism. Jane was an activist for peace and disarmament during the Cold War, representing the American Friends Service Committee to the World Council of Churches and at many international peace conferences.

Jane Mayer adopted Carmel-By-The-Sea as the city to protect from commercial exploitation. She was a tireless advocate for the conservation of Carmel's unique character, becoming founding member of the Carmel Residents Association and member of the Carmel General Plan Committee, the Historic Preservation Committee and board member of the Cherry Foundation.

I grew up with her two sons Rock and Dicken Scully and knew her two step daughters Julie Mayer Vogman of Berkeley and Amanda Mayer Stinchecum of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Her son Rock Scully became the first manager of the Grateful Dead band and son Dicken a popular and respected psychologist. Both sons now live in Carmel, her husband Milton died in 1986.

Jane lived her life as a teacher of good—and in doing so empowered others to fight against the ignorance of intolerance and unjust laws. She taught by example and by introducing American youth to cross-cultural experiences. My one summer in Europe in 1958 along with her sons Rock and Dicken, Frank Wallace, Adrian Benett and Ann McConnel led us all, five years later to apply for the Peace Corps. That experience led me into public service and now a Member of this House. So it is with great sadness that I submit this tribute to Jane S. Mayer, truly a women who made a difference in people's lives.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL J. DOOLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael J. Dooley, a life-long friend to myself and Philadelphia, upon his retirement.

Mr. Dooley will retire after 22 years as Business Manager of the Local 454 Piledrivers Union. He served on the Metropolitan Regional Council of Carpenters in Philadelphia. Mike born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received his schooling from distinguished Philadelphia establishments and used his education and experience to accomplish remarkable feats for fellow union workers.

Mike attended Saint Joseph's Preparatory School and graduated from Drexel University with a degree in Construction Management. He continued his education receiving a Master's Degree from Temple University in Vocational Education. Immediately after his studies, he began work in his Local Union as an Apprentice, climbing to Journeyman status, then Apprentice Teacher, then finally elected Business Manager of the Piledrivers Union in 1979.

During these past 22 years, Mike has been the Delegate representing his Union in Building Trade Councils. He has also been a Labor Trustee for the Carpenters Health and Welfare Fund and the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

Mike sculpted his fellow union members into a focused, united, and vigorous body. This man negotiated the first ever Seven-Year Agreement for a Building Trades contract in the industry. Mike would be most proud of creating the Scholarship Program awarding \$335,400 to union members' sons and daughters.

With all of his accomplishments, Mike still maintains the greatest modesty. With his natural ability and education, obviously Mike could have gathered a sizeable purse over the years in a different career, but he chose to improve the lives of union members. There are show horses and work horses, and Mike has been the man to always pull more than his weight in work and accomplishes his tasks without asking for a thank you. He has only taken 4 weeks vacation in his 22 years of service.

The number of people he has assisted—myself included—quietly throughout the years may never be known, but is surely massive in number. Mike will head into retirement in the next month, accompanied by Lynn, his wife of 28 years.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention that Mike Dooley served his community and neighbors honestly and fully throughout his life. I salute him and thank him for his friendship.

ECO-TERRORISM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read into the RECORD a response I received yesterday to a letter my colleagues and I sent to national environmental groups, asking them to join us in publicly condemning eco-terrorism. A few days ago I read into the Record a letter from the Natural Resources Defense Council stating that "violence has no place in policy debate."

I would like to share with you statements from the Sierra Club. The following is their response:

DEAR CHAIRMAN HANSEN, I am surprised you have not seen the Sierra Club's denunciations of terrorist acts given our frequently and clearly stated position. The Sierra Club condemns all violent acts, including those in the name of the environment. As the enclosure documents, even the Earth Liberation Front that you mention in your letter has chronicled Sierra Club denunciations of their violent acts that appeared in various national and local news publications.

While nonviolent civil disobedience has a distinguished place in American history, the Sierra Club uses only lawful means to protect the environment. We can respect the decision of those who, by undertaking acts of nonviolent civil disobedience, put themselves at risk, but peaceful disobedience and violence are vastly different acts. No matter what the motivation, the Sierra Club does not condone any acts of violence.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ferenstein,
President.

HONORING NAT GEIER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 30, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nat Geier, a distinguished citizen of Sunrise, Florida who has devoted himself to improving the South Florida community over the last three decades. Through numerous citizen campaigns, Mr. Geier was the engine of improvement in strengthening the Broward County community. It brings me great sadness to report that Nat Geier passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2001, at the age of 91.

Born in Poland in 1911, Nat immigrated to America at the age of nine. He left the New York City School system at age 13 to find employment in the garment business cutting material. The young man learned quickly, worked hard and rose up in the ranks. After a successful career in New York, Nat followed his dream to relocate to South Florida.

An early resident of the now well-developed area of South Florida, he always understood that homeownership is the anchor of all communities; it gives residents long-term investment in the quality of their surroundings. For this reason, Nat set out two decades ago to educate Broward residents of the importance of the "Homestead Exemption" rules, which encourage homeownership and community enhancement while functioning within the Florida tax codes. Nat's efforts brought the benefits of these rules to thousands of Florida homeowners and helped to build the strong and lasting communities thriving in Broward County today.

Upon retirement from the garment industry, Nat reinvented himself as a social and community activist. Understanding the importance of a earning a good, solid education Mr. Geier consistently supported Broward County Schools in their efforts to provide young residents with a quality education and opportunities for success. A shining example, Nat collected more than \$750,000 in grocery receipts in 1990 to help purchase a local high school's first computer. The same year, Nat was inducted into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame.

Throughout his thirty years in South Florida, Nat remained active in a number of citizen organizations including the Citizens Community Information Council, the Sunrise Consumer Affairs Committee, the Sunrise Code Enforcement Board and the Community Blood Center.

Mr. Speaker, Nat Geier was both well-loved and widely respected by all those blessed to have known him. He is survived by his son and daughter, Joel Geier and Carlyle Perlman of Chicago; stepsons Leon Silverstein of New York and Jay Silverstein of Los Angeles; step-daughter Ilene Silverstein of New York; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Nat selflessly served his community and his family was a source of admiration and great pride. Today we celebrate Nat's life, which serves as a wonderful example to all who follow in his footsteps.