

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION
ANTITERRORISM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 3983, the Maritime Transportation Antiterrorism Act. This legislation takes critical steps to address the security of our ports and the cargo that passes through them.

However, I do have concerns about a provision that requires the development of a cargo identification and screening system that would require detailed information to be provided to U.S. Customs Service 24 hours prior to the time the cargo is loaded at its origination point. The level of detail required and the timing of its delivery to the U.S. Customs Service for the more than six million containers that are shipped to the United States each year may be unduly burdensome to the ports, importers, customs brokers, and freight forwarders that will be saddled with this task.

As 95 percent of our international trade arrives via the oceans, I fully support the aims of this bill. Though, I hope the concern I have expressed can be alleviated in conference.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDWARD LEO
APODACA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Edward Leo Apodaca, a man who honorably devoted his life to helping young men and women. Edward upheld dignity and integrity, and regrettably, he passed away in April of this year. Today we mourn the loss of a great citizen, and a courageous leader who proudly served his family and community.

Edward spent over 40 years pursuing his avocation as an amateur boxer. Edward grew up boxing in Pueblo, and continued his boxing career after he enlisted in the Army. His attention to detail and continuous strive to achieve excellence molded him into a respected, admired, paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division serving in Vietnam. Edward served his country with honor, and he returned to the United States as a decorated veteran.

Edward was a member of the Pueblo Stylers boxing team, and he used his thrilling personality to mentor many of the youth in Pueblo. He assisted in starting the Community Youth Organization, and later acted as the organizer of numerous youth oriented boxing teams. His humble character and guidance has helped shape the amateur boxing standards around Colorado. His love for the kids with which he has worked has gained him the affectionate nickname of "coach."

Mr. Speaker, It is with great honor I stand here and praise the achievements of Edward before this body of Congress and this nation. Edward will be missed tremendously, and although we will grieve the loss of this outstanding individual, we will rejoice over this

man's great character. I express my sincerest condolences to his family and friends, and I salute Edward, a person who selflessly contributed to our society.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN MIGON,
D.A.R.E. EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Migon of St. Charles Borromeo School in Westvile, NY for being honored by New York State as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Educator of the Year. This award is named to Susan Migon in recognition of her extraordinary commitment to the New York State D.A.R.E. program.

The D.A.R.E. program provides fifth grade students with the knowledge necessary to successfully turn away from drugs and alcohol. Susan Migon contributes to the D.A.R.E. course taught by local police chiefs by bringing enthusiasm and constant participation to her classroom. She serves as a valuable asset to the program and should be honored for her exemplary dedication. Susan Migon received a nomination for the award from the Geddes Police Department, and has worked closely with them on the D.A.R.E. program for the past nine years.

On behalf of the residents of the 25th Congressional District of New York, it is my honor to congratulate Susan Migon of St. Charles School for her award as New York State's D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year.

IN HONOR OF GRAND RAPIDS
HOME FOR VETERANS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, every year on Memorial Day, we recognize those who fought for our nation and gave their lives in the name of democracy and freedom. It is a time for us to remember the patriotism they showed as they went into battle, the courage with which they fought, and the ultimate sacrifice they made for our country.

My home State of Michigan has lost many good men and women to war. We lost 18,906 people in World War I, World War II, the Korean war, and the Gulf war. We lost over 2,600 men and women in Vietnam—more people per capita than any other State in the nation. We understand the honor in answering a nation's call to serve, and we know what it means to lose parents, brothers, sisters, and children to battle. As a Vietnam-era veteran, and the son of a WWII veteran, I know in my heart the value of this service.

Our lost soldiers have earned parades, memorial services, and events in their honor. But they have also earned a commitment from their nation that we will never forget their service and will treat all who fight for our country with dignity and respect. We should remember our lost soldiers not just in words, but deeds.

We should honor their sacrifices by providing good health care, benefits, and compensation to our veterans who fought alongside them and the current members of our Armed Forces. We should honor them by fulfilling all the promises that we made to them and their families when they answered the call of duty.

As we observe Memorial Day, let us not be content with honoring our soldiers just this one day each year. Let us remember in our hearts the ultimate gift these men and women gave to us. And let us keep in our prayers those men and women who are serving our nation overseas today. In their courage and strength, they set an example for all of us and remind us of what it means to be an American.

REPEALING SUNSET OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND TAX RELIEF RE-
ONCILIATION ACT OF 2001 WITH
RESPECT TO EXPANSION OF
CERTAIN ADOPTION PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the distinguished gentleman from Michigan, Mr. CAMP, for introducing this legislation.

This important legislation expresses the strong sense of Congress that Adoption Credit and Adoption Assistance Programs should not expire. Many parents who seek to provide a permanent home to a child face the high cost of adoption. Thereby discouraging families from engaging in the adoption process.

Families spend between \$8,000 and \$30,000 to adopt a child. Necessary expenses directly related to the legal adoption of a child can include court costs, attorney fees, traveling expenses and some unpredictable costs. Sec. 202 of H.R. 1836 Expansion of Adoption Credit and Adoption Assistance Programs benefits children who need the stability of a permanent home by easing the financial burden placed on willing families.

We must do all we can to encourage adoption at this critical time when our nation faces a shortage of families willing to provide permanent homes for children. As of March 31, 2000, there were 588,000 children in foster care. Of those children in foster care, more than 117,000 were waiting to be adopted. Today, that number continues to rise.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation prioritizes easing the financial burden of the adoption process for families that are prepared to provide homes for children in need of them, I ask my colleagues to support this important bill.

COLONEL JAMES W. DELONY'S
RETIREMENT

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot who has committed his entire career to the mission of defending America. Colonel James W. DeLony,

United States Army Corps of Engineers, is retiring from duty bringing to a close his admirable 29-year military career.

Colonel DeLony, a 1973 graduate of Texas A&M, spent much of his career in the elite Airborne forces including command of the 101st Airborne Division's Engineer Battalion and as the Brigade Operations Officer of the 20th Airborne Engineer Brigade during the Gulf War. For his service, Colonel DeLony has been awarded a number of decorations including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Five Awards), Army Commendation Medal (Two Awards), National Defense Service Medal (Two Awards), Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. He has also earned the Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the coveted Ranger Tab.

In his most recent assignment, Colonel DeLony served as the Commander of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this position, Colonel DeLony battled different foes, from mosquitoes in the Cape Fear River to Hurricane Debby as it threatened the Southeast coast. He has distinguished himself in this assignment, providing able leadership as his command carried out its essential mission of enhancing the military and economic capabilities of South-Central Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Representative of the citizens of Virginia's 4th District to congratulate Colonel DeLony on his magnificent career and to thank him for his long service to America. Colonel, we wish you and your wife Jennifer every happiness as you begin this new assignment and thank you both for your dedication to service and duty.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HILDA VAUGHAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Hilda Vaughan, an exceptional individual who has selflessly devoted her time and energy to the betterment of this nation. I applaud her outstanding character, and her desire to support and educate her community. Hilda demonstrates impressive qualities worthy of such praise, and today we honor her retirement as a salute to a job well done.

Hilda was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, and spent her adolescent years thirsting for knowledge. After graduating from Rustburg High School in Rustburg Virginia, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lynchburg College, and married her beloved husband, Ted Vaughan. Hilda moved to Silt, Colorado, and served her community well, by holding a number of clerical, secretarial, and accounting positions. Additionally, Hilda achieved her EMT-B certification and assisted the Grand Valley Fire Protection District. Hilda's attention to detail, together with her unwavering determination, led her to become and perform as an outstanding substitute teacher and librarian for 23 years. As a student teacher in Lynchburg, she educated herself to become a mentor as well as a teacher. Her first substitute teaching position was in the RE-2 School District, in

Rifle, Colorado. Through her experiences in different geographic areas and districts, Hilda expanded her vast knowledge and wisdom, and became an excellent asset to every school district she served. Today we admire a woman who selflessly donated her time and efforts to upholding the structure of her community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I honor such an outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation. Hilda contributed so much, and she was so thoughtful, words will never express our appreciation to her. Hilda, thank you for your hard work in our country, and I anticipate great future achievements from you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, my flight from Los Angeles was delayed in departing and I unavoidably missed two roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 208, H.R. 4800 to make the adoption tax credit permanent, "Yea".

On rollcall No. 207, to make permanent the tax exemption for payments to Holocaust survivors, "Yea".

EXPLAINING SEPTEMBER 11TH TO FUTURE 4TH GRADERS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following letter to you and all of our colleagues. Nicole Bansen read this letter at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2002. An elementary school student from Long Island, Nicole directed the letter to future 4th graders so that they might better understand September 11 based on her own experience. Like Nicole, I believe that we must help preserve the memory of that tragic day by sharing our stories with future generations.

DEAR FUTURE FOURTH GRADER: September 11, 2001 was a tragic day. I'm writing this letter to tell you what really happened. I was in school when it happened. That was the day that jet planes hit the Twin Towers, and soon both collapsed. Tower One was hit first. Within the next hour, Tower Two was also hit. Time seemed to freeze. Everyone just stopped what they were doing to see what happened in disbelief. It was like a nightmare coming true!

When I found out what had happened, my heart felt like it was shattered, just like the Twin Towers. After school, my brother and Mom told me to watch the news. I turned on the television and saw both planes crashing into the Twin Towers. A friend of our family's worked on the 72nd floor of Tower One. I was afraid that he might be killed, like so many others. He made it out of the building in minutes before it collapsed!

I was affected by this tragedy in a sad way because I will not see the Twin Towers anymore, and so many innocent people died. In

the future, people should never forget this day, and always remember all the people who died. I believe parents should tell their children the truth about what happened when they are old enough to understand, so they aren't frightened. Your friends and you will learn about this day in your Social Studies class in school, if your parents didn't already tell you about it.

I hope this terrorist act never happens again. Hopefully you will never know the "evil" word, terrorism. But, if something like this does happen again, I am sure that everyone will be very sad. I am so glad to be an American, because of our freedom and people staying united through difficult times.

Sincerely,

NICOLE BANSEN.

FARM SECURITY ACT

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that the attached article appearing in The Weekly Standard on May 27, 2002 regarding the recently passed and signed Farm Security Act conference report be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Weekly Standard, May 27, 2002]

THE PIGS RETURN TO THE TROUGH

FARM SUBSIDIES ARE BACK, BIGGER THAN EVER

(By Fred Barnes)

The White House veto of the farm bill was bold and defiant, reflecting the strength and confidence of the president. The bill not only costs too much and imposes too many government controls, he said, but it's also filled with "so much that would be detrimental to farmers," their future would be put in jeopardy. "It would do harm to every agricultural region of the country," the president said, causing large surpluses. "Thus it fails to meet the test of being good for farmers and fair to all our people." Too bad this veto message didn't come from President Bush last week when he instead signed the bloated new farm bill. No, those words were President Eisenhower's as he vetoed the Agricultural Act of 1956.

At the last moment, Bush considered a veto. His aides checked with congressional Republicans to find out if the bill's price tag might be as much as \$20 billion more than advertised. It's costly, but not that costly, the White House was told. And even if it were, it was too late for a veto, the president having signaled repeatedly that he'd sign the measure. So, with misgivings, Bush went along. Three times, he called the bill "generous," and he conceded "it's not a perfect bill." His weak explanation for signing it was: "There's no such thing as a perfect bill."

There's a lot more wrong with the bill Bush signed than a few imperfections. First, there's the money. Depending on whose projections you use, it will raise farm spending by \$73 billion to \$82 billion over 10 years. The bill's total cost is pegged at \$457.8 billion, including \$251.9 billion for food stamps. What's worse is the attitude of Congress and the White House toward the increased spending that the bill reveals. A war is on and there's again a huge deficit, yet Washington is back to its old ways, gorging on spending. The era in which big government was over is over.

The bill not only increases spending for most existing crop subsidy programs, it