

Why are we not getting a response? We are not getting a response because I suppose people just do not pay enough attention to countries that are not politically powerful. I suppose Africa is still at the bottom of the list.

I have lived long enough to see starvation on the continent. I have lived long enough to see 1 million people killed in a senseless war in Rwanda. I have lived long enough to watch this pandemic, where Africa is at the top of the world with HIV and AIDS infections.

I am watching as we have worked so hard over the years to get rid of apartheid in South Africa, and still there are Africans who have no place to live, who are living up in huts, and even last night as they showed the people of Malawi living in grass huts, one little space for families with children, with nothing but a few pots and pans and dirt floors.

Well, I said to myself a long time ago, I may be one person in the Congress of the United States, and I may not be able to get the assistance that Africa needs. I may not be able to convince my colleagues, I may not be able to get the appropriations, but I will never stop trying. I will never be quiet. I will never go away. I will never allow this kind of devastation to take place and pretend it is not happening.

The people of Africa, many of them in many of these places that I am talking about may be poor, uneducated, may not have anything, and do not know how to lobby these major countries of the world. They may not have representatives that are doing the best job. But that does not matter. Those of us who are here who claim to care about people, who claim to be about the business of humanitarian assistance to the least of these, must speak out. We must talk about this starvation. We must talk about this devastation.

Oh, yes, there are problems in Africa, and some of them are political. And, yes, they have, in some places in Africa, leaders who do not always do the right thing by their people. When we look at Zimbabwe and the problems they are having, there is a lot that we can criticize Mugabe for.

But the little people who are hungry and dying are also at the mercy of the leadership. They are not making the decisions. They cannot be blamed for the sins of Mugabe and anybody else. The babies do not deserve that. The families do not deserve that. We cannot punish the hungry and the weak and the ignorant and the uneducated and the poor because they happen to have leaders that perhaps we do not like. We cannot ignore these countries because they do not have the sophisticated lobbying power and the communications and the ability to get people to act.

I am challenging this administration to do the right thing. It is not enough to go to the big G-8 conference and stand with one leader from Africa, as was done recently, and talk about what

we are going to do for Africa while we have a crisis going on. The proof of the pudding is in the eating: get the food to these six countries. Let us get some grain to the farmers, so they can plant the seeds, so they can get ahead of the famine. Let us give some support so they can dig the wells and have the irrigation.

Part of what is wrong now in these countries is the fact that there is a drought. They have been devastated, first by flood, then by drought.

Then, I want to know about the International Monetary Fund and why they told the leaders of Malawi to sell the grain to pay off their debt. I want to know why they are part of helping to drive this country into starvation.

There are a lot of powerful forces at work in the world. Whether we are talking about the World Bank or the IMF or any of these entities, they can find a way to lend money to major corporations to build pipelines in Africa so American corporations can get richer and richer; but they cannot find a way to irrigate the land and to help bring water in so that people can have crops during times of crisis. We have not found a way to give agricultural assistance so we can fertilize the land and we can have the people plant the seeds so they can produce the food that they will need. So we have a crisis and people are dying.

This administration must step forward and must provide some leadership; must use its prestige in the world to reach out to other countries and get them to do what they should be doing. I am going to talk about this ad nauseum. I am going to talk about it until I cannot talk about it anymore.

I want to say to my colleagues that we cannot sit back and watch these images of dying children continue to come on television and say that we are legislators doing our job on the domestic and the international agenda. I know that we can do better than this. I know that we know it is a crisis.

I know that Mr. Natsios now knows that he is not ahead of this problem. As a matter of fact, it is going to get worse. When the time comes, after the rains, when the trucks cannot get up into the villages, many, many people are going to die.

So I come this evening to share this information and to sound the alarm, and to alert all those within my voice to join me in urging and pressing this administration, to join me in getting my colleagues to move, to join me in making this Congress what it could be and what it should be.

I am very, very concerned, frustrated, and unhappy about what is going on; and I am not going to allow this frustration to cause me to walk away. Even though I will go to bed tonight dissatisfied, frustrated, and even upset, I am going to get up tomorrow morning and start all over again. I am going to get with my leadership again. I am going to talk with the leaders on the other side of the aisle. I am going

to call Mr. Natsios and bug him one more time; and he is going to hear my sharp tones, as he did today, every day. I am going back to the supplemental conference committee. I am going to keep on working this at every turn until I can try and get a real response.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 23, 2002:

H.R. 2884. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3447. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

January 24, 2002:

H.R. 3392. An act to name the national cemetery in Saratoga, New York, as the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

February 6, 2002:

H.R. 400. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1913. An act to require the valuation on nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

February 12, 2002:

H.R. 700. An act to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

H.R. 1937. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility studies of water resource projects in the State of Washington.

February 14, 2002:

H.J. Res. 82. Joint resolution recognizing the 91st birthday of Ronald Reagan.

March 9, 2002:

H.R. 300. An act to provide tax incentives for economic recovery.

March 11, 2002:

H.R. 2998. An act to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan.

March 13, 2002:

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked.

H.R. 3699. An act to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families.

March 25, 2002:

H.R. 3986. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

March 27, 2002:

H.R. 2356. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

April 4, 2002:

H.R. 1499. An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2739. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

April 18, 2002:

H.R. 1432. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the "Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building".

H.R. 1748. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Tom Bilely Post Office Building".

H.R. 1749. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building".

H.R. 2577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the "Bob Davis Post Office Building".

H.R. 2876. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Harlem, Montana, as the "Francis Bardanouve United States Post Office Building".

H.R. 2910. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3131 South Crater Road in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "Norman Sisisky Post Office Building".

H.R. 3072. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building".

May 13, 2002:

H.R. 2646. An act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

May 7, 2002:

H.R. 861. An act to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

H.R. 4167. An act to extend for 8 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

May 14, 2002:

H.R. 3525. An act to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

May 15, 2002:

H.R. 169. An act to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal

agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

May 17, 2002:

H.R. 495. An act to designate the Federal building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building".

H.R. 819. An act to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building".

H.R. 3093. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3282. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

May 20, 2002:

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2305. An act to authorize certain Federal officials with responsibility for the administration of the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4156. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that the parsonage allowance exclusion is limited to the fair rental value of the property.

May 29, 2002:

H.R. 4592. An act to name the chapel located in the national cemetery in Los Angeles, California, as the "Bob Hope Veterans Chapel".

H.R. 4608. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center".

May 30, 2002:

H.R. 1840. An act to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees.

H.R. 4782. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until June 14, 2002.

June 10, 2002:

H.R. 3167. An act to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

June 12, 2002:

H.R. 3448. An act to improve the ability of the United States to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

June 18, 2002:

H.R. 1366. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building".

H.R. 1374. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Calumet Street in Lake Linden, Michigan, as the "Philip E. Ruppe Post Office Building".

H.R. 3789. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2829 Commercial Way in Rock Springs, Wyoming, as the "Teno Roncalio Post Office Building".

H.R. 3960. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3719 Highway 4 in Jay, Florida, as the "Joseph W. Westmoreland Post Office Building".

H.R. 4486. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building".

June 19, 2002:

H.R. 4560. An act to eliminate the deadlines for spectrum auctions of spectrum previously allocated to television broadcasting.

June 25, 2002:

H.R. 3275. An act to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use, to implement the International Convention of the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, to combat terrorism and defend the Nation against terrorist acts, and for other purposes.

June 28, 2002:

H.R. 327. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine information collection and dissemination, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

February 8, 2002:

S. 1762. An act to amend the Higher Education Act to 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders, and for other purposes.

S. 1888. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code.

February 14, 2002:

S. 737. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office".

S. 970. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the "Horatio King Post Office Building".

S. 1026. An act to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Office Building".

March 12, 2002:

S. 1206. An act to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

March 14, 2002:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint Resolution Congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

March 19, 2002:

S. 1857. An act to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

March 31, 2002:

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

May 1, 2002:

S. 2248. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until May 31, 2002.

May 14, 2002:

S. 1094. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research, information, and education with respect to blood cancer.

May 21, 2002:

S. 378. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center."