

This is called the combination fumigation method.

The ten-year findings to this search for alternatives to methyl bromide showed those who were willing to listen that credible alternatives to methyl bromide do exist. The combination of heat and/or carbon dioxide added to existing E.P.A. registered fumigants and insecticides offers credible, technical, and economic alternatives to methyl bromide.

During this search for alternatives, Mr. Mueller noticed that many companies don't use methyl bromide. He asked how they do it. The answer was simple, they don't fumigate because they do all the things that they should do to prevent having to fumigate. Brand name companies like Frito Lay, Nestle, PepsiCo, Kai Kan, Purina, Gerber, Procter and Gamble, Wal-Mart, and many more don't fumigate with methyl bromide. Good cleaning, good prevention and monitoring strategies to be proactive rather than reactive have allowed these companies to prioritize their sanitation program with excellent results and corporate reputations. Their brand names are the best in the industry because they spend the resources to stop the insects and other pests from entering their facilities. If pests do get through the "gatekeeper" they have strategies to monitor for their early detection. Local treatments are then applied in a timely manner to eliminate any outbreaks. This is post harvest IPM and it works for those willing to be proactive instead of reactive.

In summary, life without methyl bromide is possible. This Hoosier company is doing it and other companies are doing it with credible alternatives for the protection of the environment. There is a price to pay for protecting the environment and everyone can find credible alternatives if they search for them like Fumigation Service & Supply, Inc. did. Companies that continue to use methyl bromide when there are credible alternatives available should spend the time, resources, and effort to make the right choice as did Mr. Mueller and Fumigation Supply & Service, Inc.

TRIBUTE TO THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to the reunion of Miami-Dade County's Booker T. Washington's class of 1963. In a special way, I commend this dedicated group of alumni, who entered our community's landmark institution in 1957. Forty-two years later, the members of this class are journeying to Washington, DC to celebrate a memorable "60th Birthday Bash," beginning on July 21, 2005.

Indeed, these distinguished alumni symbolize a cadre of young men and women daring to be great in their own right during their years at the school. Inspired by their motto, "Not the largest, but the best," this class represents a convergence of their desire to achieve greater enhancement of our noble traditions and the meaning of our common struggles.

Booker T. Washington is truly a school for students of all ages. It was established in the

days of segregation in 1926 and underwent many and varied changes, including its conversion to middle school status. But through the resilience of this class, its members achieved the unthinkable and convinced the Miami-Dade County School Board to reinstate its senior high school status in August 1999.

The alumni are now prominent members of our community and occupy positions of honor and prestige in many professions at the local, State and Federal levels. Among its distinguished leaders is Les Brown, who is on the national speakers' circuit, advising people of all ages to strive to be the best they can be; the Miami Dolphin's extraordinary athlete Larry Little; professor and author Audrey Thomas McCluskey of Indiana University; teacher-of-the-year awardee Laurasteen Thompson Jones, who continues to tutor children in innercity schools; preeminent educator Roberta Thompson Daniels; and educational counselor Stanley Squire—these are but a few of the members of the class of '63. They are bonded by their quest to serve others, and together they evoke a unique family of achievers and dreamers who have prided themselves in enduring the same burdens for the sake of others, especially the less fortunate.

As the class of '63 gathers to revive the memories of years gone by, I fully recognize the character of the members' genuine friendship that has given them hope and optimism for a better future amidst life's unceasing challenges. I am proud of this distinguished class because it represents the best and the noblest of our Miami-Dade County community and beyond amidst the countless struggles they have had to endure during a most difficult time of their years of learning. I look forward to their helping us cherish a genuine love for our proud heritage and enlighten us with greater wisdom while they continue to uphold the good name of their Alma Mater, Booker T. Washington High School.

COMMENDING PAUL WILLIAM CANFIELD UPON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE YMCA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Paul William Canfield, a resident of Chautauqua County, City of Jamestown, upon the occasion of receiving the YMCA Coach of the Year Award.

Paul was honored at the Jamestown YMCA annual meeting for his dedication and devotion to his job and the community. This honor was given to Paul for his exemplary services at the YMCA, not only as a volunteer, but also as a staff member.

In addition to donating his time and energy to the YMCA, Paul is also a special education teacher for the Jamestown Public Schools. Mr. Canfield has shown extreme devotion and generosity to the community, and I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to have the opportunity to honor him here today.

CLARIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GRIJALVA AS AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3051

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 23, I introduced H.R. 3051, the Pima County Land Adjustment Act. At introduction I inadvertently did not indicate Representative RAÚL GRIJALVA as an original cosponsor. Representative GRIJALVA made significant contributions during the authoring of this legislation and played an integral role throughout the process. Although the House rules do not permit Representative GRIJALVA's name to be shown as an original cosponsor of H.R. 3051, I wish to clarify that he rightly deserves this recognition. I would like to express my sincerest apologies to Representative GRIJALVA and his staff for this inadvertent oversight.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PARENTS' TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Parents' Tax Relief Act, PTRA, to empower parents who choose to stay home with their children.

This legislation will end the longstanding inequity in the Tax Code that encourages day care above stay-at-home parenting. It will also help parents to spend more time with their children by encouraging flexible employment opportunities such as home-based businesses and telecommuting jobs.

Congress should recognize and support the incredible sacrifices parents make to raise their children. I have heard from Nebraska families who struggle to make ends meet so one parent can stay at home and provide the love, care and attention that every child deserves. The high Federal tax burden, which falls most heavily on the middle-class, has unfortunately made this option extremely difficult, if not unreachable, for many families.

Parents perform a tremendous balancing act between work and family responsibilities. It can be difficult for families to survive without a second income, much of which goes towards day care and work-related expenses such as dry-cleaning bills and gasoline, but which can also support grocery bills, medical expenses and savings for a child's future education.

Greater tax relief will make it a more realistic option for parents to stay at home with their little ones in the early formative years that are so crucial to children's physical, mental and emotional development. The legislation that I am introducing today will improve options for parents to contribute to family income while staying at home for their children, including home-based businesses and telecommuting jobs.

It is clear that parents want these options. A comprehensive study on balancing work and family, conducted by four major charitable foundations, found that 70 percent of parents

believe the best arrangement for the care of young children is to have one parent at home. An ABC News poll last month showed that 77 percent of parents agree that while it may be necessary for a mother to work and contribute to family income, it would be better if she could stay home to care for the house and children.

In a parenting survey done for Warner Books, 87 percent of mothers said they would stay at home to raise their children if they could afford it. The Family and Work Institute reported that 70 percent of working parents feel they lack enough time with their children, and nearly two-thirds of all workers would reduce their work hours by an average 11 hours a week if they could.

In addition, 62 percent of parents with preschoolers want policymakers to concentrate on making it more affordable for a parent to stay at home during a child's first few years than on improving the quality and affordability of day care. In fact, 53 percent of parents preferred direct tax cuts to stay-at-home-parents, while only 1 in 3, 33 percent, would cut costs for families using day care. Members of Congress should trust in the judgement of parents, especially regarding the care of preschool children.

The Parents' Tax Relief Act, which I am introducing today with a dozen original cosponsors, contains seven major tax improvements to empower parents and strengthen families in America:

First, this legislation extends the Dependent Care Tax Credit to parents who choose to be at home with their children. Established in 1954, this credit allows families to claim up to 35 percent of \$3,000 in documented, non-parental child care costs, and 35 percent of \$6,000 in day care expenses for two children. Families who make the financial sacrifice to have one parent stay at home for their children should also benefit from this tax credit.

Second, the Parents' Tax Relief Act will make the \$1,000 child tax credit permanent and index it to inflation to retain its long-term value. This tax relief is critical for Nebraska families with dependent children.

Third, this legislation will double the personal income tax exemption to half of its original 1948 value, from \$3,100 to \$5,000. From 1948 to 1963 when this exemption was equivalent to \$10,000 in today's inflation-adjusted dollars, America witnessed a "marriage boom," a "baby boom," and a decline in the divorce rate. There is evidence suggesting these outcomes were significantly advanced by federal tax policy to strengthen families. Doubling the personal income tax exemption provides critical support to families with children, as well as elderly or disabled dependents.

Fourth, the Parents' Tax Relief Act eliminates the marriage tax penalty once and for all. This penalty discourages the sacred institution of marriage by unfairly taxing married couples filing jointly at a higher rate than two single individuals earning the same income. The 2001 tax cut law reduced this penalty by doubling the standard deduction for joint filers, and doubling the size of the 15 percent tax bracket for married couples. Unfortunately, these reforms will expire by 2010, along with the rest of the tax cuts enacted by Congress. The Parents' Tax Relief Act will extend marriage tax relief to all tax brackets to prevent the government from discouraging marriage or forcing both parents into the workforce.

Fifth, this legislation will support parents who operate a home-based business in order to spend more time with their children. The bill establishes a standard home-office tax deduction to replace complicated IRS regulations that prevent many small business owners from deducting legitimate expenses. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that nine million of the 17.3 million small businesses in the United States are homebased, and 55 percent are operated by women. Many home businesses are started to provide a secondary income.

Sixth, the Parents' Tax Relief Act encourages telecommuting for families with young children. It will create a Telecommuting Tax Credit allowing employers to deduct a portion of a telecommuting employee's wages for income tax purposes. It will also support President Bush's budget request to allow individuals to exclude from income the value of employer-provided computers and related equipment necessary for work from home. Telecommuting is one way mothers or fathers can stay at home with their children while still contributing to family income.

Finally, the Parents' Tax Relief Act protects the Social Security benefits of women or men who choose to stay-at-home with preschool children. When a parent leaves the workforce to be at home with a child, the family's finances may not only suffer, but career opportunities and future earnings potential may be diminished. Parents who stay at home to care for children during prime working years may also jeopardize their future Social Security benefits—especially in the unfortunate case of disability or divorce.

The Parents' Tax Relief Act addresses the realities stay-at-home parents face by allowing up to 10 years of flexible Social Security employment credits for parents who stay at home to raise children age six and under. Public policy should recognize and safeguard stay-at-home parenting as valuable work that contributes to the character and security of our Nation.

These seven tax improvements will empower parents and strengthen families. The Federal government must not tax parents out of their homes at the expense of children. I am pleased to note that Senator SAM BROWNBACK is introducing this legislation in the other Chamber. It is my hope this bill will address the needs of modern families who want to stay at home with their children without decimating their family finances.

I urge my colleagues to support families by cosponsoring the Parents' Tax Relief Act today.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR PETER M. POLANDO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, who celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination this year.

Monsignor Polando was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1954, and was ordained in 1980 at Youngstown's Cathedral of St. Columba. He has led a distinguished life, marked by numer-

ous degrees of higher education, an array of honors and awards, and a variety of career positions that have impacted many throughout Ohio. His impressive educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Gregory Seminary, Masters of Arts degrees from Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West, Notre Dame University, and Ursuline College, and a licentiate in Cannon Law from Catholic University of America.

Monsignor Polando is a Chaplain of His Holiness, a high honor that was bestowed upon him by Pope John Paul II in 1997. Bishop Tobin, former head of the Youngstown Diocese, appointed him to the position of Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Youngstown in 2003. Monsignor Polando has served as Supreme Chaplain, Vice President and National Chaplain for the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, and as a Chaplain and Pastor for various churches, parishes, and organizations throughout Ohio. He has worked as an instructor at Walsh University, Ursuline College, and Cardinal Mooney High School, where he also served as principal and a cross country and track coach.

Monsignor Polando is also an active member of many organizations and societies including alumni associations, Knights of Columbus, Youngstown Council of Catholic Nurses and several Catholic Slovak organizations, including Slovak Catholic Sokol Wreaths 54 and 108, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 169, and Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

Monsignor Polando has touched the lives of many with his dedication and faith, and I would like to honor and congratulate him on his twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

A STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues of the forthright, courageous, and eloquent speech on democratization that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice delivered on June 20, 2005, to an audience at the American University in Cairo during her trip this week to Egypt.

In Cairo, Secretary Rice acknowledged that democracies may vary somewhat from place to place, but she emphasized that there are certain ground-rules common to all democracies: "the right to speak freely, the right to associate, the right to worship as you wish, the freedom to educate your children—boys and girls, and freedom from the midnight knock of the secret police" among others.

Then she delivered powerful messages to both Middle Eastern authoritarian rulers and their citizens. To the rulers, Rice warned that "the fear of free choices can no longer justify the denial of liberty. It is time to abandon the excuses that are made to avoid the hard work of democracy."

Mr. Speaker, to the citizens of the Middle East she offered hope: "Millions of people are demanding freedom for themselves and democracy for their countries. To these courageous men and women, I say today: All free