

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

**CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYWOMAN
JACKIE SPEIER HONORED**

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, May 27, 1993

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, the San Mateo unit of the American Cancer Society is honoring California Assemblywoman Jackie Speier on Friday, June 4, 1993. On this occasion, I rise today to join the Cancer Society in paying tribute to this remarkable woman.

I had the pleasure of serving on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors with Assemblywoman Speier at a time when there were few women elected officials. During her tenure on the board of supervisors and throughout her career in public service Assemblywoman Speier has shown tremendous personal and professional courage. She has taken on weighty issues, scored impressive legislative victories, and been a model of courageous leadership.

A strong advocate of health care reform, she has been an unwavering advocate of women's health issues. She fought to limit doctor's referrals of patients to facilities they own, and worked to improve the quality of medical care by attempting to limit the hours per day worked by medical residents and interns. She has also addressed issues of drug safety and access, including controls of valium and halicon, and access to RU486 and currently is working to strengthen laws to protect emergency room workers from violence in their workplace.

While becoming one of California's most effective legislators, Assemblywoman Speier has remained dedicated to her family. She works hard on behalf of all Californians, but her husband, Dr. Steve Sienna, and 4-year-old son, Jackson, will always be her first priority.

Mr. Speaker, Assemblywoman Jackie Speier is truly an outstanding citizen. I am privileged that she is one of my dearest friends and proud to pay tribute to her today.

**COL. EDWARD P. CLEMENTS
HONORED**

HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Col. Edward P. Clements, Vice Commander of the U.S. Air Force Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, Nellis Air Force Base, NV, on his retirement Thursday, May 27, 1993.

Graduating from the University of Arkansas in 1967, he earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He completed Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps the same year, furthering his training through Squadron Officer School in 1972. Air Com-

mand Staff College in 1978; and the Industrial College of Armed Forces in 1988. Also in 1988, he completed a master's degree in public administration.

Between the years of 1967 and 1970, he earned command pilot wings, flying 3,503 hours, as well as 268 hours of combat in Vietnam and Thailand. In 1975, Colonel Clements began test piloting the F-15, and by 1977, he was selected as one of the initial instructors for the F-15 Fighter Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, NV. He moved to headquarters, Langley Air Force Base, VA, in 1981, where he became Fighter Operations Director, Weapons and Tactics Division. Retiring to Nellis for 2 years, he commanded the 422d Test and Evaluation Squadron. In 1990, he began his current position.

This well-decorated officer was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1985. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

It is with great pleasure that I commend Colonel Clements as he concludes a most distinguished career. His contribution to his country has been great, and I wish him well in the future.

CLARIFICATION OF VOTE

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1993

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a point of clarification on my vote on the Reconciliation bill. I voted for the bill. However, I do wish the record to reflect that I have serious reservations about the direct student loan program authorized by the bill. Rather than jumping headfirst into an unproven venture, I believe the more proven course is one embodied in H.R. 2219, of which I am a cosponsor. This bill would allow the direct loan pilot program established last year to run its course and find the \$4.3 billion in savings by reforming the existing guaranteed student loan system. I believe we can achieve the required savings within the existing student loan framework—specifically by eliminating more-than-competitive returns to loan providers and servicers.

The administration's program has good intentions, but I have serious doubts about the viability of this proposal. To begin with, I am not certain the savings will ever be realized when you consider the long-term economic picture. Additionally, the failure of the FISL program places the ability of the Department of Education to run a much more extensive program in question.

It all boils down to this: We must walk first before we can run, and Government is no exception. When this proposal was debated last year, Congress decided to implement a pilot

program to see if it can work. We should see this through, and then work toward full implementation if the desired results are obtained. As a member of the Budget Committee, I realize that savings must be found in all functions of the budget. However, budget cuts do not require us to make hasty decisions with huge implications when savings can be found elsewhere. Our alternative to direct lending, H.R. 2219, would meet the target of \$4.3 billion in savings by cutting excess profits.

It is my hope that although this provision has passed the House, the Senate will reject direct lending and prevail in conference.

**AND THIEF CALLED GEORGE BUSH
A LIAR**

HON. HELEN DELICH BENTLEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1993

Ms. BENTLEY. Mr. Speaker, last fall during the Presidential debate, George Bush told the American people—point blank—that if the Governor from Arkansas wanted to finance his grandfather's program, he would have to go all the way down to the \$36,000 income bracket in order to do it. The Clinton forces called President Bush a liar.

Well, here we are—4 months into Bill Clinton's Presidency—and surprise, surprise, guess who is about to be taken to the cleaners. The senior citizens, of course. A single retiree who has worked hard to save a few dollars for retirement, now is going to be forced to carry the load. If the retiree receives more than \$25,000 a year in benefits—the tax rate is going to from 50 percent to 85 percent on anything over that original \$25,000; the same thing applies for retired couples who are unlucky enough to have benefits above the \$32,000 mark.

The White House keeps saying that they want to go after wealthy senior citizens. What are they talking about? Sadly, the retired couple who receives \$32,000 will be taxed, while their wealthier married children, who might make a combined income of \$70,000—would not have any additional income taxes levied against them because the new top rate would not kick in until the \$140,000 level is reached. Mr. Speaker, let's not clip our seniors anymore.

**A TRADE MARRIAGE MADE IN
HEAVEN**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 1993

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, when representatives of the last administration negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico, they lost sight of their

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