

an attempt to co-opt Democrats into helping the Republicans slowly dismantle Social Security. They have made the tax cuts as attractive as possible to Democrats in order to provide a mountain of sugar to disguise the taste of the poison. But the truth is that undermining Social Security will not help America's working families.

There can no longer be any doubt about the differences between the Republicans and the Democrats. Democrats want to protect the Social Security surplus. Republicans want a tax cut at the expense of America's seniors. Democrats want to ensure that for generations to come, Social Security will continue to be a constant in the lives of our elderly citizens.

Democrats have always supported responsible tax cuts paid for out of the budget. But to take money from the Social Security surplus is fiscally irresponsible and jeopardizes the future of the program. Those funds must be protected for today's retirees and for today's workers. We must save the surplus, strengthen the system, and secure the future for America's seniors. That's the Democratic way.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 4578.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4566—IRAQ LIBERATION ACT OF 1998

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 29th, I introduced H.R. 4566, the "Iraq Liberation Act of 1998." As the title suggests, the purpose of this legislation is to finally and irrevocably commit the United States to the removal from power of the regime headed by Saddam Hussein.

For almost eight years now, since the end of Operation Desert Storm, we waited for Saddam Hussein's regime to live up to its international obligations; to dismantle its weapons of mass destruction under international inspections, to stop threatening Iraq's neighbors, and stop menacing Iraq's Kurdish and Shi'ite minorities.

After dozens of U.N. Security Council resolutions, and compromise after compromise, we have too little to show. Our patience was misinterpreted by Saddam Hussein as weakness. Regrettably, America's friends in the Middle East believe our policy lacked seriousness. The time has come to let Saddam know—to let the whole world know—that the United States will not tolerate this regime's continued grip on power.

We must abandon the fiction that there can be peace and security in the Persian Gulf region with Saddam Hussein's regime still in power. Simply put, Saddam must go. This is not a simple task. Even when the international community was unified and the United States was energized, solutions were few and far between.

Some suggest that our nation should go to war and rid the Persian Gulf of the threat posed by Saddam. We may yet be compelled to do so, but before we put American lives at risk in that far away land, we have a duty to explore the alternatives. One alternative is to assist freedom-loving Iraqis.

Consider the people of Iraq who have no say in their future. Because of Saddam Hus-

sein, they tolerated years of deprivation. At the hands of this man and his Republican Guards, tens of thousands of people were massacred. The people of Iraq are sick and tired of suffering; they have been willing to take up arms against Saddam Hussein, and they are willing to do so again.

The Iraq Liberation Act is not a complete recipe for Saddam's removal, but it contains some key ingredients. This bill calls on the President to designate a group or groups committed to a democratic Iraq. For the designated group or groups, it authorizes the President to provide up to \$97 million in military assistance, to be drawn down from the stocks of the Department of Defense. In addition, it authorizes the provision of \$2 million for opposition radio and television broadcasting inside Iraq.

These authorities, combined with other actions Congress already has taken, will contribute to a comprehensive policy of promoting democracy in Iraq. Earlier this year, the Congress appropriated \$10 million to support pro-democracy groups, assist their organization, found Radio Free Iraq under the aegis of Radio Free Europe, and build a war-crimes case against Saddam Hussein. A further \$10 million is contained in the Senate version of the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill that will soon go to conference.

The Iraq Liberation Act marks an important step forward in our fight against Saddam Hussein. We must not fool ourselves: The man is the problem. If this man remains in power, Iraq will remain a clear and present danger to the United States and our allies. We heard as much from the Chief U.N. weapons inspector, Scott Ritter, and we have heard as much from the Administration.

This bill will not tie the President's hands. It does not mandate the actual delivery of military assistance. The only requirement it contains is that the President designate a group or groups as eligible to receive the assistance we are authorizing. I would hope, however, that the President will use the authority we are offering him to begin to help the people of Iraq liberate themselves.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ERNEST MORISHITA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express our community's grief at the loss of Ernest Morishita who died September 6 of this year at the age of 57. Ernie was more than an effective and dedicated public servant, Ernie instilled a feeling of family to Monterey County administration.

Monterey County was extremely fortunate to hire Ernie Morishita away from Fresno County in 1983 to become our County Administrative Officer. Ernie managed the 24 departments and over 3,700 employees with a combination of skill and good humor. It was under his leadership that an economic development program was implemented, bringing stability to County coffers in the face of such onslaughts as the economic downturns of the early 1990's and the erosion of property tax income due to changes in State formulae.

Ernie had a way of streamlining bureaucratic processes and making them user-friendly. Planning and building inspection processes, cooperation between county libraries with city libraries and schools, health and medical departments and programs all benefitted from Ernie's intelligent oversight and fine leadership. Ernie could call upon his positive relationship with the agencies and the political structure of the county to negotiate agreements across agency boundaries. The City of Salinas was able to build playing fields and a golf course on County land, for instance. As the Emergency Services Director during five major, presidentially declared disasters, Ernie created a full-time emergency services office for greater inter-agency cooperation and effective emergency response.

Ernie's droll humor brought warmth and loyalty to county administration, and his pranks are legend. He was not beyond impersonating the county environmental health officer upon arrival at a restaurant to see how it affected service. To better monitor operations and maintain accessibility to all levels of operations, Ernie often walked through county facilities, conversing with custodians and clerks. He was a mentor and advisor who developed affection and camaraderie at every level. Supervisor Simon Salinas once said "He had the biggest heart of anyone in the county."

Our heartfelt condolences go to his family, his wife Kay, daughter Emily, and son Mark, as well as to his father Irving and brother Ken.

Ernie's legacies are beyond the stability and financial integrity he established within county operations. Ernie was a patriarch, and the county became a family through his wise guidance.

TRIBUTE TO LEE HAMILTON

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member has served in the U.S. House of Representatives with our very distinguished colleague from Indiana [Mr. LEE HAMILTON] for twenty years and this Member has worked closely with LEE on the House International Affairs Committee for sixteen of those twenty years. As a result of that contact, this Member will tell this body that this Member believes he is the most outstanding Member now serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. Certainly, he is one of the three most distinguished legislators with whom this Member has served in that period of twenty years.

This Member also knows that this Member's high regard for LEE is shared by the very wide circle of people who have known and observed him, not only by those of us in the Congress, but also by people across the country and in the far corners of the earth. His sound and well-reasoned judgment, his unswerving integrity, his unfailing courtesy, his intellect, and his very wise and deep knowledge of matters foreign and domestic have built his exceptional reputation that reflects to favorably on the people of Indiana who have elected him to Congress an amazing seventeen times.

There have been very few if any Members in the U.S. House of Representatives—for

decades at least—who is more knowledgeable and respected on foreign affairs issues than Representative LEE HAMILTON. Whether serving as the Chairman or recently as the senior minority member of the House Committee on International Relations, he has consistently provided the leadership our country needed on these international issues. This had been true even when his analysis and convictions on such issues compelled him to stand almost alone against a tide of emotionalism and irrationality. First and foremost, this Member admires LEE HAMILTON, as others do, for keeping his focus on the American national interest and insisting, that against all pressures, it would remain his guide.

This Member wants Representative HAMILTON's constituents in Indiana to know, too, that despite his necessary attention to all these complex and demanding international issues and despite flattering acclaim, LEE HAMILTON kept his feet on the ground, his gaze on the horizon, and his focus "away back home in Indiana." Always a Hoosier, LEE was born and bred to understand and honor the views, interests, and values of his constituents. He always has so naturally demonstrated the self-confidence and judiciousness in decisions and the humbleness in demeanor that springs from a deep understanding and respect for what it means to truly serve the people who elect one in our representative democracy. Indians and all Americans can take a full measure of pride in our distinguished colleague's extraordinary service to America.

In concluding, this Member wants to convey to LEE HAMILTON, our distinguished colleague from Indiana, and to his wonderful life, Nancy, who undoubtedly has been crucially important to his public service, this Member's great appreciation and admiration for the extraordinarily important public service you have rendered to our nation. LEE, undoubtedly you have so much yet you can offer. All of us, who have had the privilege to serve with you in the Congress, wish you every good opportunity and success in that respect, and also to Nancy, you, and your family in your life together.

HONORING ROHM AND HAAS
TEXAS, INCORPORATED

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated for their selection by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce as the 1998 Industry of the Year.

Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated has been a responsible member of the Deer Park community for 50 years, safely manufacturing chemicals for use in the disposable diaper, automobile, paint, coatings and communication industries. Construction on the Deer Park Plant began in 1947 and in July of the following year, the first shipment of acetone cyanohydrin was made to another Rohm and Haas plant in Pennsylvania to produce acrylic sheet.

The Deer Park Plant would become the company's largest and most productive with five major expansions in the fifties, followed by four in the sixties, two in the seventies, two in

the eighties and six in the nineties. Employment has climbed from 132 in 1948 to more than 800 today, making the plant one of the largest industrial employers in the area. When wages, purchases and taxes are considered, the plant and employees are responsible for adding more than \$85 million each year to the local economy which, in turn, creates an estimated 4,500 jobs for others in the community.

Rohm and Haas' most far-reaching joint industry/community safety and environmental improvement effort is the "Responsible Care Program" developed by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA). It requires that participating companies pledge to the community, in writing, to improve health and safety and environmental protection. In this regard, Rohm and Haas conducts periodic self-evaluations and reports publicly on releases of toxic materials in the air, land and water, along with plans for reducing them. They also invite third parties into the plant to see what is being done.

Rohm and Haas is also committed to investing in comprehensive programs designed to reach many deserving sectors of the community including youth, education, family, culture, the arts, health and the mentally and physically challenged, as well as supporting local industry and community efforts to improve the quality of life in neighboring communities. The plant contributes approximately \$100,000 a year to charitable causes and employees make a significant impact as active volunteers, donating more than \$150,000 a year to the United Way alone. Employee volunteers are rewarded through Rohm and Haas' Volunteer of the Year Program, which rewards outstanding individuals efforts while financially supporting the organizations they represent.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated on being named the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce 1998 Industry of the Year. This honor is well deserved for their work in expanding business and job opportunities, establishing safer conditions for workers, and initiatives to protect and improve the environment, while supporting a comprehensive program committed to strengthening community relations by supporting employees volunteer activities and making corporate contributions to deserving sectors of the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to be present to vote on Monday, September 28, 1998, for the following votes:

Roll Call No. 473—H.R. 3150—I would have voted "yea"

Roll Call No. 472—H.R. 4060—I would have voted "nay"—This contains no funding for the Tennessee Valley Authority to perform navigation and flood control for the citizens of the First Congressional District of Tennessee. This is unfair because navigation and flood control are paid for in every section of the country.

Roll Call No. 471—H.R. 4103—I would have voted "yea"

Roll Call No. 470—H.R. 3891—I would have voted "yea"

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRANK
ANGELO SIINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the passing of Frank Angelo Siino, who died in August 1998. He was a master boatwright who carried on the traditions of his family, a long line of boat builders.

Frank and his brother Raymond followed in their father's footsteps by working in the Siino Boat Works on Cannery Row in Monterey, California. They build feluccas, boats built upon the ancient double-ended, lateen-rigged design used since time immemorial in the Mediterranean. Liboria, an Italian felucca which the brothers built and named for their mother, now hangs in the Monterey Bay Aquarium as a prime example of a craft used by fisherman in Monterey. Frank's skill at molding wood and repairing boats was innate. His friend Mike Maiorana said "He was an authentic boatwright. When you'd see him at his band saw cutting out a compound curve, you couldn't tell where the wood left off and he began."

Frank's knowledge of authentic wooden boat-building was sought out by many, and, as a consequence, Frank became a teacher and a mentor. Although today's commercial boats are fiberglass, steel and aluminum, wooden boats by Frank Siino still ply the waters of Monterey Bay. Frank built *The Holiday* from scratch, and she still works as a charter fishing boat. Her sister, the *Miss Monterey*, works out of Morro Bay as a charter boat. The last boat Frank made, the *Anthony Boy*, is docked in Moss Landing. As a part of his legacy, it must be noted that Frank created a boat for the Dennis the Menace Park, *The Turkey*, for children to climb on, and in doing so physically learn about the boat which so gracefully illustrates a way of life in our region.

My thoughts are with the family, Frank's wife Lucille, his brother Raymond, his sister Rose, and his sons, Randy, Andy and Mark. Their loss is a profound one. Frank Angelo Siino created and maintained more than wooden boats in Monterey, he maintained our history.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6,
HIGHER EDUCATION AMEND-
MENTS OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today to express his opposition to a particular provision in the H.R. 6 Conference Report, which would increase the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee to nine basis points effective on October 1, 2004—a three basis point increase over the current level. This provision was not included in the House version of H.R. 6 legislation. However, the Senate version did contain this three point increase in the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee. Unfortunately, the H.R. Conference Report which includes this Senate