

FACT SHEET ON THE "LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT" CORRESPONDS TO H.R. 3852

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Congressional candidates who voluntarily agree would not be funded with private money in the general elections. Instead, the citizen-funded Grassroots Good Citizenship Fund would equally provide money to the major party's nominees and provide funds for third party and independent candidates.

SOFT MONEY

The use of soft money is prohibited with respect to any House of Representatives election.

THE GRASSROOTS GOOD CITIZENSHIP FUND

Money for the Grassroots Good Citizenship Fund will be provided by voluntary additional payments from public spirited citizens and a .1% tax on corporate income of \$10,000,000 or above.

Major party candidates' funds will be based on the median household income of each district. The maximum amount allocated will be \$500,000 per candidate for the districts with the highest median household income and all other districts will be equal to that amount minus $\frac{2}{3}$ percentage difference between the median household income in that district and the highest district.

Independent candidates will receive funds based on the corresponding number of signatures collected and verified by the commission.

Third party candidates will receive a proportional amount based on that party's vote in the last five elections.

"INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES" AND "EXPRESS ADVOCACY" ADS

Independent expenditures and express advocacy activities relating to the election of Members the House of Representatives are prohibited during the 90 days prior to the general election.

CHANGES IN PRIMARY ELECTION FUNDS

The maximum expenditure in a primary will be capped to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount allocated in the primary election. Large donor PACs will be limited to 20% of this amount.

WHAT IF THESE PROVISIONS ARE FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY THE SUPREME COURT?

If the Supreme Court rules against provisions in this bill, the House will consider under expedited procedures, a constitutional amendment empowering Congress to make reasonable restrictions on independent expenditures and express advocacy ads for the 90 day period preceding the general election.

IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN CARLETTI OF CROOKSVILLE, OHIO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Stephen Carletti, who passed away on February 8, 1998. Stephen gave his life in the line of duty, battling a fire. His life was dedicated to helping others.

Stephen was a kind and caring individual. He never hesitated to lend a helping hand. Stephen was actively involved at the United Methodist Church. He was also a role model to youth groups and the local Boy Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a man who gave so much of himself to his country, his community and his family. Stephen will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I am honored to have represented him and proud to call him a constituent.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR GILBERT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Gilbert, for his leadership and philanthropy in our community.

As Arthur celebrates his 85th birthday, it seems an appropriate time to acknowledge his distinguished career and extraordinary contributions to the development of our community and our country. Working in Los Angeles and other parts of the country, Arthur has used his talents to construct industrial buildings of several million square feet, industrial parks ranging from 20 to 100 acres and shopping centers ranging from 5 to 30 acres. His true leadership in this industry was demonstrated with the conclusion of the first real estate joint venture with a life insurance company in the United States.

It is nearly impossible to drive along Wilshire Boulevard and not come across some project that has involved Arthur Gilbert's capable and careful planning. Examples of Arthur's work include Union Bank regional headquarters; the Bankers Life Insurance Building; the American Cement Building; California Federal Savings; and Gibraltar Square. Arthur has also been involved with developments throughout the country from Kansas City to Palm Springs to Chicago to Virginia.

In addition to the physical development of our community, Arthur has played an integral role in its cultural advancements as well. He created the premier micro mosaic collection in the world, and is a patron of art history in this phenomenal genre of art. Arthur has amassed an incomparable collection of silver and gold boxes which he has shared with the public in Los Angeles. This world renowned collection will be permanently housed at Somerset House in London for international audiences to enjoy.

Arthur is a stalwart supporter of the U.S.—Israel relationship and a vigilant critic of anti-Semitism. He speaks forcefully, thoughtfully and with a command of the facts. When he thinks the community and press is not listening sufficiently he buys a large newspaper advertisement so we all get the message.

Arthur is also a honorary Trustee for the Arm and Hammer United World College of America West, a member of the National Board of Directors of the American Technion Society and a Fellow of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He plays a leadership role in a variety of other organizations; and many charitable organizations and educational institutions have been enriched through his philanthropy and advice.

Arthur has done all of this in a mere 85 years. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating the birthday of one of the preeminent citizens of Los Angeles, Mr. Arthur Gilbert. We know that Arthur, along with his wife Marjorie, Son Colin and step-daughter Susan will be benefitting our community for many, many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW CWIKLA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on January 1, 1998 the town of Mt. Clemens, Michigan lost a resident who in just sixteen short years made a great impact on the community. On New Years Day, Matthew Cwikla went to his room to finish his homework before watching the Rose Bowl game. His family found him a short time later. Matt died suddenly from Viral Myocarditis, a rare virus which attacks the heart muscle. In the time following Matt's death, his family was joined by more than 1500 people offering their support and condolences.

Matt was an extremely special young man who affected all who knew him. He was president of his junior class at Mt. Clemens High School and a member of the National Honor Society and the Varsity Tennis Team. Matt was also a manager of the student run record store, Downtown Sound, in Mt. Clemens where I had the opportunity to meet and come to know him. He was extremely professional and kind and made a lasting impression on me.

I also had the chance to work with Matt last summer when he participated in my district's Congressional Student Leadership Summit where students from across the district come together to participate in a mock session of Congress. This summit brings out some of the best and brightest students in my district and Matt was certainly one of them.

In Matt's memory, the Cwikla family has established the Matthew J. Cwikla Memorial Scholarship to financially assist other bright stars from Mt. Clemens High School. To Matthew's parents, John and Cynthia; his sisters, Julie and Katherine; and all of his friends and family, Matthew was a special person who will never be forgotten. So many of us consider ourselves fortunate to have crossed his path.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Joint Resolution 102, "Expressing the Sense of the Congress on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Modern State of Israel."

I wish to convey my warmest congratulations to the Jewish community on this happy occasion of the 50th anniversary of Israel. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important resolution, which commends Israel for its

achievements in building a new state and a democratic society, reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel, and extends our best wishes to the State of Israel for a peaceful, prosperous, and successful future.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells the story of so many miracles of importance to the Jewish community, from the parting of the Red Sea to the oil which burned for eight nights. The fact that Israel has survived and flourished for 50 years as a free and democratic nation under the most difficult of circumstances is, in its own right, a modern-day miracle that rivals all the miracles of the past. It is a tribute to the strength of the Jewish religion and the determination of the Jewish people in South Bend, Indiana and across the world. I hope that as we join in this momentous celebration, we can not only reflect on the struggles and sacrifices which marked the first 50 years of Israel's existence, but also look forward to a future of peace and happiness for Israel and the Jewish community everywhere.

I strongly believe that it is most appropriate for the Congress on behalf of the American people to reaffirm the bonds of warm friendship that link us with the Jewish people and Israel. Traditionally, Israel has been our strongest democratic ally in the volatile Middle East region, revealing the strong common links that bind us with the people of Israel and reflect our shared experiences and interests.

Mr. Speaker, once again, let me express my strong support for House Joint Resolution 102 and my congratulations to the Jewish community on this happy occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

THE TOWN OF STUYVESANT CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have always been proud of the heritage and physical beauty of the 22nd Congressional District of New York which I have the privilege of representing. It is for this reason, to savor the history and character of the picturesque towns and counties, that I return home every weekend.

We often forget, Mr. Speaker, that the real America is not Washington, but the small towns and villages where real people live and work. I would like to talk about one such town today.

The Town of Stuyvesant, New York in Columbia County will be commemorating 175 years of existence since they separated from the nearby Township of Kinderhook back in 1823. Mr. Speaker, Stuyvesant is one of the many beautiful river towns that border the majestic Hudson River in New York and as a river town over that long timeframe, it has endured many transformations. And in many ways, those changes reflect the changes in the river, from the evolving trade involving furs, fishing, mills and ice harvesting, to a bustling brick industry and at a stop along the commercial channel running from New York City to Albany, Stuyvesant has adapted to the times. Yet make no mistake, even as times have changed and industry has changed, the

people from Stuyvesant and the nearby towns in Columbia and Greene Counties are characterized by their connection to this wonderful river.

But not everyone around the country has the opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in what the people of Stuyvesant can this weekend. Even though things have changed there, like everywhere else, there is something special that remains an unmistakable part of the town's character that not enough people throughout the country can still boast of today. That something is the distinct small town charm that grips the town and the good citizens of the Township of Stuyvesant. It can be seen at the church halls and the fire department, at the veterans posts and across the streets and fields where children play and farmers work. And that camaraderie can be seen in the way the people of Stuyvesant and their local leaders are again focusing on their trusty neighbor, the Hudson, and their miles of waterfront as a vital resource and gateway to another new era for the town.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, that small town camaraderie and neighborly hospitality is one thing that thankfully hasn't changed. But I'll tell you about another thing. It's the pride and values of the citizenry. These are the things that I admire most about the towns like Stuyvesant throughout my congressional district and that I'll miss most about the people I've had the privilege of serving. And this weekend, Mr. Speaker, on May 16th and 17th, the residents of Stuyvesant will take part in day long festivities commemorating their heritage. There will be historical sites and artifacts on display, a play, parades and a spectacular fireworks display to enjoy with friends and neighbors and where they can give thanks for the town and community they share.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the good people of Stuyvesant for their commitment to their home and hard work in organizing this memorial to their heritage. I ask that you and all members of the House join me in paying tribute to them on the occasion of the town's 175th birthday and in wishing them many more years of good fortune and prosperity alongside the Hudson River in one of the most beautiful river valleys anywhere in this world.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SAGINAW COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that my colleague, Mr. BARCIA, and I rise today to recognize the Silver Anniversary Celebration of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. The Commission was founded on January 1, 1973, and from that point on has been an invaluable asset to the surrounding community. Saginaw County can be proud of their County Commission on Aging. Since their beginning they have passed many milestones and touched the lives of thousands of Seniors over the years.

Providing transportation and meals to Senior Citizens, preparing a monthly newsletter to keep Seniors updated on important developments within their community and sponsoring an annual Crafts and Hobby Show are the type of services the Saginaw County Commission on Aging has offered its Seniors over the past twenty-five years. Twenty-five years ago a group of community leaders had a vision to establish an organization that would serve the Seniors of their community. Today, that organization can be proud of the many lives it has touched over the years.

On Friday evening, as citizens gather to reflect on the Saginaw County Commission on Aging's long and productive history, they can be proud of how this organization has benefited the community. It is the special, caring people that comprise this organization that have allowed it to grow over the years and meet new challenges.

Mr. BARCIA. At a time when we know that effective services can best be provided by partnerships between concerned individuals on a local level working with programs offered by the federal and state governments, the Saginaw County Commission on Aging has done an outstanding job of letting the seniors of the Saginaw County community know that assistance is available for them. I want to offer my compliments and thanks to Judy Spaner, the Director of the Commission, and her excellent staff for the work that they do, continuing the heritage of accomplishment at the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, when we concentrate on providing services to people with decisions made on a local level, we need to celebrate important milestones like the 25th anniversary of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. We urge you and all of our colleagues to join us in wishing the Commission and the people that benefit from its programs a very happy anniversary, and many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HUGO MORALES

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Hugo H. Morales, an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to his family and to serving the community. Dr. Morales celebrated his 65th birthday in the company of his family and friends this past Saturday, May 16, 1998.

Born on May 14, 1933, Dr. Morales received a Medical Doctor (MD) degree from the University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in 1956. He also attended New York Policlinic Medical School and Hospital Post-Graduate course in Medicine from September 1961 to June 1963.

Dr. Morales founded the Bronx Mental Health Center in 1965. It consists of 35 employees who provide innovative, comprehensive ambulatory mental health care services to low-income minority patients from the Bronx and other boroughs.

Dr. Morales' effective management helps to assure that quality mental health care is provided. He evaluates and comments upon the efficiency of various means of rendering therapeutic services.