

"(I) the total of the number of nationals of that country who were excluded from admission or withdrew their application for admission during such previous fiscal year as a nonimmigrant visitor, and

"(II) the total number of nationals of that country who were admitted as nonimmigrant visitors during such previous fiscal year and who violated the terms of such admission, was less than 2 percent of the total number of nationals of that country who applied for admission as nonimmigrant visitors during such previous fiscal year.

"(ii) In the case of a country which was a pilot program country in the previous fiscal year, the Attorney General may not redesignate such country as a pilot program country unless the Attorney General has made a precise numerical estimate of the figures under clauses (i)(I) and (i)(II) and reports those figures to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year. As of September 30, 1999, any such estimates shall be based on data collected from the automated entry-exit control system mandated by section 110 of Public Law 104-708.

"(iii) In the case of a country which was a pilot program country in the previous fiscal year and which was first admitted to the visa waiver pilot program prior to September 30, 1997, the Attorney General may not redesignate such country as a pilot program country unless the country certifies that it has issued or will issue as of a date certain machine-readable and highly fraud-resistant passports and unless the country subsequently complies with any such certification commitments.

"(B) NEW COUNTRIES.—In the case of a country to which the clauses of subparagraph (A) do not apply, such country may not be designated as a pilot program country unless the following requirements are met:

"(i) LOW NONIMMIGRANT VISA REFUSAL RATE IN PREVIOUS 2-YEAR PERIOD.—The average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country during the two previous full fiscal years was less than 3.0 percent of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during those years.

"(ii) LOW NONIMMIGRANT VISA REFUSAL RATE IN EACH OF THE 2 PREVIOUS YEARS.—The average number of refusals of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country during either of such two previous full fiscal years was less than 3.5 percent of the total number of nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of that country which were granted or refused during that year.

"(iii) COMMENCEMENT OF AUTHORIZED PERIOD FOR QUALIFYING COUNTRIES.—No country qualifying under the criteria in clauses (i) and (ii) may be newly designated as a pilot program country prior to October 1, 1998.

"(C) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.—For every country from which nonimmigrants seek entry into the United States, the Attorney General shall make a precise numerical estimate of the figures under subparagraph (A)(i) (I) and (II) and report those figures to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year.

"(4) INITIAL PERIOD.—For purposes of paragraph (3), the term 'initial period' means the period beginning at the end of the 30-day period described in section 2(c)(I) of the Visa Waiver Pilot Program Reauthorization Act of 1997 and ending on the last day of the first fiscal year which begins after such 30-day period."

(b) AUTHORIZED PILOT PROGRAM PERIOD.—Section 217(f) of that Act is amended by

striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "September 30, 2000".

(c) DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATED ENTRY CONTROL SYSTEM.—(1) As of the date of enactment of this Act, no country may be newly designated as a pilot program country until the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date that the Attorney General submits to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate a certification that the automated entry-exit control system described in paragraph (2) is operational.

(2) The automated entry-exit control system is the system mandated by section 110 of Public Law 104-208 as applied at all ports of entry excluding the land borders.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON AUTOMATED ENTRY-EXIT CONTROL SYSTEM.

(a) Within six months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives on her plans for and the feasibility of developing an automated entry-exit control system that would operate at the land borders of the United States and that would—

(1) collect a record of departure for every alien departing the United States and match the records of departure with the record of the alien's arrival in the United States; and

(2) enable the Attorney General to identify, through on-line searching procedures, lawfully admitted nonimmigrants who remain in the United States beyond the period authorized by the Attorney General.

(b) Such report shall assess the costs and feasibility of various means of operating such an automated entry-exit control system; shall evaluate how such a system could be implemented without increasing border traffic congestion and border crossing delays and, if any such system would increase border crossing delays, evaluate to what extent such congestion or delays would increase; and shall estimate the length of time that would be required for any such system to be developed and implemented at the land borders.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF TEXAS

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the rule, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas moves to strike out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill, S. 1178, and insert in lieu thereof the text of the bill, H.R. 2578, as passed by the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of the Senate bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of nonimmigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 2578) was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2400, BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1997

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight, Wednesday, March 25, 1998, to file a report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, transit programs, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1998, TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 2400, BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1997

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure may file a supplemental report to the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, transit programs, and for other purposes, at any time before midnight, March 27, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEVEN SCHIFF, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 395) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 395

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Steven Schiff, a Representative from the State of New Mexico.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. SKEEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, our great state of New Mexico is mourning the death of the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SCHIFF), one of our most distinguished colleagues of this honorable body we proudly call the United States House of Representatives.

STEVE has been suffering from cancer for nearly a year, and unfortunately this morning his fight came to a tragic end. Since STEVE became ill, we all prayed every day for his recovery. We prayed that he would win this tough battle so that he could once again join us in Washington and continue to do the work that he enjoyed and loved. STEVE was dedicated to his constituents and worked hard to represent their interests in Congress. Even in the face of this tragic situation, STEVE continued to put the needs and interests of his constituents and all New Mexicans at the forefront almost until the very end of his life. Even though his illness forced him to remain in Albuquerque, he continued to spend several hours a day in his district office and working at his home for the people of his district.

STEVE SCHIFF, who is survived by his wife Marcia and two children, Jaimi and Daniel, will be remembered with great fondness by the many people whose lives he touched as husband, as father, as friend and neighbor, as U.S. Air Force officer, and a distinguished public servant. STEVE was widely respected by everyone, including his political adversaries. This public admiration was due in large part to his reputation for being a man of integrity, his evenhanded approach as a public official, and for always standing by his word. All of us regret his untimely passing and the terrible emptiness his death leaves in our lives.

Thank you, STEVE SCHIFF, for caring so much, for trying so hard, and for doing so much for your district, your State and your country. I know that you will arise to the occasion for the two bell votes in heaven. God bless you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND).

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness we mourn the loss of our fellow New Mexican, Congressman STEVE SCHIFF. STEVE was highly respected in the House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle. STEVE was known for his keen mind, his absolute sense of fairness, and above all his integrity. As a friend and mentor, I share in the loss with his family. New Mexico and America have lost a patriotic son and a humble servant in STEVE SCHIFF. STEVE will be greatly missed.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE).

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN) for taking this moment to commemorate the loss of our mutual friend, STEVE SCHIFF. I knew STEVE years ago before he was involved in Republican politics. Actually he was a lawyer for the Democratic Party in the State capital of Illinois, Springfield, when I first encountered him. I took an immediate liking to him because he was very smart, he was very serious about government and was a very honorable young man. You can imagine my delight when I learned a few years later that he had become a Republican and was elected the State's attorney in his community in New Mexico and then ran for Congress and got elected. Again it was my good fortune to serve with him on the Committee on the Judiciary.

STEVE, as I say, was bright, he was serious. He brought to government a desire to make things better. He loved the law, yet he had a compassion, a sensitivity and understanding about people and their problems. He was always someone you could count on for a very thoughtful appraisal and analysis of difficult situations.

As the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND) just said, he will be sorely missed. I think it is St. John who said when you love somebody, they are no longer where they were, they are always where you are. It will be impossible to turn around and look at the seats and the spaces that are left for the members on the Committee on the Judiciary without imagining STEVE there and without missing him terribly, his wise counsel and his support.

A death is always beyond expression in terms of adequate language. Martin Luther King had a wonderful saying, the inaudible language of the heart. And so it is with the inaudible language of the heart that I extend to his family, whose loss is tremendous, because he was such a tremendous person and so his being taken from them is a tremendous loss. I extend to them my deepest sympathy. Life is a mystery and death is a mystery. The way he met a not terribly pleasant illness at the end was typically STEVE SCHIFF, brave, courageous, uncomplaining, hopeful. We remember you, STEVE. You have made us better people for having known you.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS).

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN) for setting aside time tonight to talk about our friend, our dear friend. When I think of STEVE, I think of his sense of humor. Perhaps not many people have mentioned that. He used to be in the cloakroom, he would

have his time back there, he would have a small sandwich, he would have something to drink, we would talk and sit side by side. He and I came in together in 1988. We were elected in the 101st Congress. Our class is pretty small. We came in with George Bush when he was President. I think George Bush helped a number of us get in, but we had a very small class, so we would meet. There were about 16 of us. I think from the moment we all came together and we were with STEVE, we realized that there was something about him, something righteous. It was the way he either carried himself, the way he spoke, the way he looked, the countenance on his face. It was one of a righteous soul, somebody that you could trust, somebody that you could go into business with, somebody who would be your lawyer and as I understand he was a district attorney. You just sort of would gravitate toward STEVE and would listen to what he had to say and with that sort of twinkle in his eye, I remember that twinkle in his eye he had when he would look at you, you just know what he was saying was almost the gospel.

I extend my deepest sympathy and compassion for his family. I think that we are all going to miss him very much. Sometimes we kid each other, because I would vote and he would vote and we would compare each other and he would say, "Well, there you go, CLIFF, you're voting with the right wing," and I would say "There you go, STEVE, you're voting with the moderates." He said, "No, it's not moderate, CLIFF. I'm voting as an enlightened Member of Congress." We had our side jokes.

I think tonight it is obviously a great deal of sadness we have that he is not with us. His tragic death is remembered tonight. I think he will be remembered for many, many years. I come to the House floor tonight to pay my respects and again offer my condolences to his family.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON).

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlemen from New Mexico for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, we certainly will miss one of the finest gentleman I think I have ever had the privilege of knowing in this body and anywhere else in America. I certainly have known a cross-section of people. The thing I guess that always struck me the most about STEVE SCHIFF is his inquisitiveness and his wanting to know what was going on and how sincere he was about it.

I have an office right up over the gallery here. I do not know how many times in the last several years that Steve would call and ask if he could have a few minutes just to come in and talk things over, not a particular subject, but he wanted to know what was going on and he wanted to know both sides of the issue. That is a remarkable

man, to be as fair as he was. I do not think that there was a partisan bone in his body. He was here to serve his State, his congressional district, and more than anything else to serve his country, which he did so admirably.

I thank the gentleman for offering this resolution. Again we are so sad to see him be taken away.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP).

Mr. WAMP. I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time. I, too, Mr. Speaker, come to the well today with a heavy heart, remembering a wonderful life of our colleague and friend, Mr. STEVE SCHIFF from New Mexico. He was my subcommittee chairman in the 104th Congress in the Committee on Science. He was always thoughtful, always pleasant, one of the most intelligent Members of this body that I have come across. Soft-spoken, very effective, always going the extra mile.

I remember he came to Oak Ridge, Tennessee at my request to chair a field hearing of the Committee on Science. I just want to say that part of that arrangement was that I would at some point travel to New Mexico and participate in a field hearing there for him. Unfortunately, I will not have that opportunity. But as he breathed his last breath this day, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and all those that crossed the path of STEVE SCHIFF. We were blessed with his relationship and his life. I just pray that the peace of God, the peace which passeth all understanding, will be with his family in the hours ahead as the United States House of Representatives mourns the loss of STEVE SCHIFF with his family in New Mexico.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS).

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I also rise with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a close friend, a good colleague, and a wonderful Congressman. During my maiden voyage in Congress after election in a special election, and you may recall that in a special election we jump right into the work, one of the subcommittees I was assigned was the one chaired by Mr. SCHIFF. He was an outstanding chairman and a very kind friend that was willing to show a freshman the ropes and was extremely helpful. But what struck me most throughout my brief acquaintance with him in the House was that he was absolutely totally honest. He was diligent, a straight arrow, a very fine person and a good example for all of us. It was a delight and a pleasure to work with him.

I, along with the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP) and all my other colleagues, offer our prayers for him and his family. I think especially of his wife Marcia. We pray that she may enjoy the comfort of God during these difficult times and that his family will feel his presence as well. We certainly offer them our best. We pay tribute to STEVE for serving his country well in

so many ways, but particularly in this Congress.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN) for offering this resolution in honor of a very special Member of Congress. I am pleased and saddened to join my colleagues in honoring the memory of STEVE SCHIFF. In this Congress, we have the protocol of referring to each other as the gentleman or the gentlewoman, the gentlewoman from our State, but STEVE SCHIFF was indeed a gentleman from New Mexico.

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He was a quiet man, so unless my colleagues worked closely with him sometimes, they would not know the full force of his contribution to this body, and it was very, very significant.

People have said, I think almost every spokesperson has spoken about his honesty. He was a man of great integrity. I served with for many years, more years than I think we both would like to have served, on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct with Mr. SCHIFF, and every single day there we learned from him.

As was mentioned, he was a prosecutor. He knew the law; we learned from him every day. And he was a person of very, very, very high standards. He served here with great dignity. With great dignity.

I think of many words to describe him: Integrity would be one; dignity another; intellect, a great intellect; and he was very, very proud of the district that he represented.

We used to vie to see who had the better district. I, of course, think San Francisco is the best district to represent, but he was certain it was Albuquerque. We both agreed that New Mexico deserved the name "Land of Enchantment," it being a very special place. But he was very, very proud of his very special constituency in Albuquerque, and he served his constituents well.

His commitment to public service, his dedication to high ethical standards, and his great intellect were a resource not only to his constituents but to every Member who served with him on any committee.

One of the tragedies of today is that I know one person, BEN CARDIN, my colleague who also served with us, when we served together on a day-to-day very close basis on our subcommittee, and BEN and STEVE spoke the same language; they were both attorneys, the two others of us were not. So they had their own *sympatico*, and I know that BEN would love to be here to be a comfort to STEVE's family, and I know he will be in the future. But I think of all these people here, these two people would be a comfort to each other.

I am pleased to join my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathy to Marcia, to the Schiff family, and to say

that we all will miss him very much for a long time to come, and though he is no longer physically with us here, his contribution has made an impact on us for as long as we serve in the Congress, and longer.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, we have lost one of our beloved colleagues and one of my dear friends, STEVE SCHIFF, the gentleman from New Mexico.

I had the great honor of serving with STEVE when I first entered this body as a new Member of the House of Representatives on the Committee on Government Operations. STEVE grew to be, as I said, not only my colleague but my friend.

There are some things that you distinguish about individuals, and others have said it here today, but truly, in the very truest sense of the word, STEVE SCHIFF was a gentle man.

As my colleagues know, he was also a wise man, a wise man because I know so many, including myself, sought his counsel and we depended on him, his judgment, his wisdom and his great intelligence.

STEVE SCHIFF was also a tough man. If my colleagues knew STEVE, he was a tough individual with a tough prosecutorial background.

But most of all, he was a fair man, and that is something we all remember about STEVE.

Most of all we must remember, and I remember STEVE as a family man, and how his family must mourn him today and how we will all miss him because of his dedication to not only his congressional family, but his own family who has suffered such a great loss.

This afternoon and in the coming days, my prayers go out to STEVE's wife and his family and his many friends in his district, for we indeed have lost a great friend and a gentleman. The House of Representatives has lost indeed a great Member.

Mr. Speaker, we will all miss him, and I miss him as a friend.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX).

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to join my colleagues because of the loss of a great friend, STEVE SCHIFF. His life, however, is one to celebrate because he did so much good. He did good not only as a great Congressman, but he was a great prosecutor. Those men and women in law enforcement in New Mexico and across the country realize well that he was a great district attorney, United States Attorney; he was fair, honest, a crime fighter to be sure, but someone who would make sure that it was done in the right way. And because of his outstanding efforts, we have seen reductions of crimes in the areas where he worked, and we have seen other district attorneys and other prosecutors want to be in the field because of STEVE SCHIFF's outstanding efforts and outstanding accomplishments.

And he was a great Congressman. As a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, he helped write laws to improve our court system, helped write laws to protect the rights of individuals. As a member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, where he was a leader, he led special investigations in the United States Government to make sure we root out fraud, waste, and abuse, and he did so in a very thorough and effective style.

His leadership was also shown as a great humanitarian. For those of us who had the privilege and honor to serve with him, we saw him as a role model, as someone who lived his life in an exemplary way, someone who is a great father, a great husband, great family man, and someone who wanted to give back to his district 1,000 percent. Everything he thought about was how can he help his constituents and how can he make this country better and stronger, safer and more fair.

And he was a great speaker. When he used to speak on the House floor right here or in committee, people listened because he always had something to say that hadn't been said before, or had not been said in a way that only STEVE could explain it. He knew how to marshal the facts, to research the law, and then to apply the appropriate persuasion to win his point, and he did that repeatedly, and that is why his legislation was passed, his amendments were passed, and the country is better, safer, and stronger because STEVE SCHIFF has been a Member of this House and made a difference for his home State of New Mexico as well as the country at large.

So I join my colleagues and all the residents of his wonderful State and across the Nation in saluting a great man who made a difference not only with his family and his friends and his community but to his country. He was a great patriot, and we will forever remember, as we have difficulty looking at this in the future, we would say to ourselves, what would Congressman SCHIFF do, and I am sure the answer will come to us swiftly.

We love you, STEVE. God bless you and your family.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox).

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from New Mexico for yielding this time to me, and I echo what the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) just said. He said, "We love you, STEVE." STEVE is not with us here, but he really is still here with us.

STEVE is a classmate of mine. We got elected as freshmen together, and tomorrow night over at my house we are having a get-together, the class of 1988. We have been planning this for a long time. We have not had enough get-togethers of our class, and so even though STEVE has been seriously under the weather, we were hoping at least a few months back that he would be able to be there with us tomorrow night.

His office is right next door to mine, and we got together as freshmen rou-

tinely for many years, had an office together, and his seat is right next to me on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. When I go to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight meetings now, I sit next to his empty chair, and the sign is still there for his name; we do not take it away. I just sit next to his empty chair and go back to my office and pass the open door to his office where his staff have been coming to work every day.

STEVE is not gone, really. I mean, STEVE is still here. He is only 5 years older than I am. This is not an old man who is passing on at the end of a long life. This is the same as somebody getting run over by a car or bus right in the middle of a very healthy and active life.

We know that he was a lawyer and prosecutor. And some people have in fact said, how does a Jewish lawyer from New Mexico end up representing Anglo Protestants and Hispanic Catholics? And people who ask that question are not from America, because that is the way America works. And, of course, STEVE was the perfect representative for New Mexico, and STEVE will always be the perfect model for a Representative back here.

But sometimes we forget that STEVE was a lot more than just a very able prosecutor and a very able lawyer on the Committee on the Judiciary, or a very able government reformer looking after ways to streamline the Federal Government and make it work better on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

At the time of the Gulf War, when we had one of our best debates ever on the floor of the House, STEVE not only supported the decision that President Bush took to use force in the Gulf, but then as a colonel in the Air Force Reserves, he went there. He was in Turkey, he was in northern Iraq. He opposed President Clinton's sort of cock-eyed Dayton plan for Bosnia, but once that decision was taken to send troops to Bosnia, he went to the mission operation center at Aviano Air Force base in Italy and volunteered. That is what STEVE SCHIFF did.

He was a great defender of our national labs on the Committee on Science, and of course while we are always as Republicans looking for ways to save money and cut spending and so on, he was dedicated to making sure that that part of government which worked got more attention, and he firmly believed that that was true about our national labs.

He was tough on crime. We all know that he personally, single handedly, virtually pushed through Congress successfully the Sexual Crimes Against Children Act, and basically that was because he was a very tough and strong prosecutor. But he was also responsible for our 1996 crackdown on health care fraud.

Tomorrow night when my class of 1988 gets together, in the same way that I walk by that open door when I

go back to my office and I sit next to that empty seat in the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, we will have a seat at the table for STEVE, and he will be there with us.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers on tap, and I would like to say good-bye, STEVE we will miss you.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the family and friends of Congressman STEVE SCHIFF. We are all saddened by the loss of STEVE, and his presence and his efforts in this Chamber and on the Judiciary Committee will be missed.

I was fortunate to get to work with STEVE, because he and I shared an interest in law enforcement technology. STEVE saw that as criminals became more sophisticated, we in Congress had an obligation to provide our law enforcement officers with the best and most cutting edge equipment to combat crime. He worked tirelessly with the National Institute of Justice and Sandia Laboratories in New Mexico to support the research, development, and testing of critical and innovative technology, such as personalized guns. I recall participating in a press conference with STEVE and Pat Schroeder to report on progress toward developing these firearms, which can only be fired by their owners, and to unveil the first working prototype of such a gun. I recall how pleased STEVE was to know that this technology was moving forward, and that someday, police officers would not have to fear having their own weapons turned against them.

Despite STEVE's illness, he continued to support efforts to improve technology and to ensure that the important research being done by the National Institute of Justice in the area of law enforcement technology remains to be a priority. My office has worked with STEVE's and his staff on these issues, and I will continue to work here in Congress to see that these efforts continue.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet on Monday, March 30, to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for the emergency supplemental appropriation bills for fiscal year 1998. Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Monday, March 30, to the Committee on Rules, in Room H-312 of the Capitol.