

WISCONSIN WELFARE PLAN

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, it was not long ago President Clinton expressed his strong support of the Wisconsin welfare reform plan. I applaud the President's decision to support Governor Thompson's ambitious plan—but actions speak louder than words.

Reforming a welfare system that encourages dependence and continued vulnerability is a top priority of this Republican-led Congress. Welfare was designed to be a safety net for those in crises, not the virtual hammock that it has now become.

The Wisconsin welfare reform proposal is very similar to the Republican welfare reform bill. The Republican plan provides real reform that will lift families out of a destructive cycle of poverty and dependency. The current welfare system only serves to make welfare children welfare parents. For too many people, welfare has become a way of life; the Republican welfare reform plan makes welfare a way of work.

Mr. Speaker, welfare weakens the American family. President Clinton has voiced support for a comprehensive welfare overhaul that will help take people off the welfare rolls and put them on the payrolls. I urge the President to sign the waiver for the Wisconsin welfare reform plan and support the Republican welfare reform bill.

ANNE E. KEARNS HONORED

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, public service is the most honorable profession when it is done honestly and well. Anne E. Kearns epitomizes the public servant who has served honestly and well for the citizens in the New York City area.

She has lived all of her life in New York and for the past 20 years has worked for the Federal Government. Her duties in that time included working in the security and engineering departments of the Veteran's Administration Hospital in the Bronx and working at the New York Maritime College where she provided support services to uniformed members of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. She also made significant contributions to the efficient operation of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Anne Kearns is the consummate public servant who embodies the highest ideals of government service. I am proud to congratulate her on her retirement. We are losing a distinguished public servant.

SALUTE TO CAPTAIN METROS

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 15, 1996, the professional and dedi-

cated services of a Denver police officer ended. Capt. Steve Metros will be fulfilling a life-time aspiration of 41 years of constant, faithful service to the citizens of the city and county of Denver, CO.

Captain Metros was appointed to the rank of patrolman with the Denver Police Department on January 3, 1956. He has served in virtually every capacity as a Denver police officer but is especially noted for his superb dedication to battling crime and uncompromising code of ethics. Captain Metros has served as a role model to innumerable police officers and his distinguished career leaves a legacy of dedicated service and commitment.

His pride, reputation, and continued belief in the performance of members of the department have revered him throughout the department and the community as well.

His willingness to share his knowledge and words of wisdom and encouragement have rendered him a mentor to many of his subordinates and associates and to many who will follow in his footsteps.

With 41 years of service, he is a part of the foundation of the Denver Police Department and he will be sorely missed.

PARTIAL BIRTH, VETO—HEARTS
WAXED COLD

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, some citizens are moved to write very moving poetry about the major moral issue of our time—the horror of abortion.

PARTIAL BIRTH, VETO—HEARTS WAXED COLD
(By Dawn M. Thomas)

It is pitiful to see "We the people" caught up in our everyday cares to the extent we let a small minority of citizens and the permanent government dictate changes and laws without the bat of an eyelash as to our plight. Our apathy testifies against us! We wait until it's almost too late, and the damage has been done.

The love of money shroud in "A Woman's Right to Choose" and "A Woman's Health at Risk" has duped us into a lack of compassion for those who cannot defend themselves. Will the deceitfulness of riches which motivates the morally ignorant be allowed to wax our hearts cold? We can't let it happen. It is time to let those silent screams be heard!

The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Veto is a disgrace to "We the Register readers" and a slap in the face to what America stands for "One Nation under God indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All!" Thanks to Bill Clinton the word All has been neologized to mean, only those who live outside the womb. If a baby's head has not emerged it's not a baby. I'm abhorred! The disastrous, devastating, and disgraceful Clinton veto of the partial-birth infanticide ban is best summed up in my poem "Auspicious Dissension", (The promise of good fortune but receiving strife in it's stead.) My baby daughter, Sarah, 19 months old was the only love which could quiet my bleeding soul and quell the tears which poured down my cheeks after being slapped with the horrifying news of Clinton's veto of the ban. I look in my baby's eyes, then, grasping her close, heartbeat to heartbeat—birthed our poem "Auspicious Dissension".

AUSPICIOUS DISSENSION

Oh! This grandiose baby in my arms compels my heart with all her charms;

A well-spring of love deep within quelling the din of blood-laden sin, of the silent lives capriciously seized, wringing exuberance from the wrought now bereaved.

Fallicious in their imperious ways neologizing life—for neokeynsian pays; Rationalizing all along with dispersive power of a vascular-throng.

Dismantling truth with impertinent jargon; false consciousness reeling duress through pardon;

Take Heed and Alarm: For the writ that's been script has kept us alive through bridle and bit.

If not for the distal and disparage of many, our land would be peaceful and filled with plenty;

Take Heed and Alarm: The fey who are fickle God won't be mocked for he comes with His Sickle.

Culminating my poem is the fact that Abraham Lincoln our 16th president, in 1863 admonishes the whole American people, in his "Thanksgiving Proclamation", to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow with assured hope and genuine repentance that it will lead to mercy and pardon. Also to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord. Mr. Lincoln goes on to warn us that the calamities of the day could very well be the result of our presumptuous sins. He brings to light the peace and prosperity we've enjoyed as a result of God. But Lincoln reiterates how we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and how in the deceitfulness of our hearts, we have vainly imagined that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom or virtue of our own. Lincoln saw that we the people get intoxicated by unbroken success and become to self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace and become to proud to pray to the God who made us. So it seemed fit and proper for President Abraham Lincoln to invite his fellow citizens in every part of the United States, at sea and sojourning in foreign lands, to observe a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

I hope we (voters) will be those respondent people when we vote. And I hope that next Thanksgiving we'll have shown true honor to our country by the manner in which we voted on Nov. 5, 1996. Have our hearts waxed cold? As it is today we stand in danger of becoming a third world nation! It is due time to stand up and be counted in "the number!"

TRIBUTE TO ALEXANNA PADILLA
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HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I honor today a fellow New Mexican, good friend and great American, Alexanna Padilla Heinemann.

Alexanna Padilla Heinemann is a fifth-generation New Mexican. Her father, Alex Padilla, now deceased, was a respected and committed Santa Fe City Councilman, who was a courageous advocate for the common citizen. Alexanna is continuing in the family tradition of responding to the needs of those whose circumstances have placed their lives in harm's way. She has been especially attentive to the