

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 1995

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, due to a sudden emergency in my family, I left Washington for my home in Los Angeles on the evening of Tuesday, January 31, 1995. I spent the remainder of that week as well as the first day of the following week in Los Angeles.

As a result, I missed a number of recorded votes on amendments to H.R. 5, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995, as well as H.R. 2, the Line-Item Veto Act.

My constituents have a right to know how I would have voted on the various amendments and bills considered during this time. For the record, I would like to indicate my position on each missed vote:

Mink amendment to H.R. 5 (rollcall 77)—“aye.”

Beilenson amendment to H.R. 5 (rollcall 78)—“aye.”

Moran amendment to H.R. 5 (rollcall 79)—“aye.”

Sanders amendment to H.R. 5 (rollcall 80)—“aye.”

Doggett amendment to H.R. 5 (rollcall 81)—“aye.”

Moran amendment to H.R. 5 in the nature of a substitute (rollcall 82)—“aye.”

On final passage of H.R. 5 (rollcall 83)—“no.”

On final passage of H.R. 400, the Anaktuvuk Pass Land Exchange and Wilderness Redesignation Act of 1995 (rollcall 84)—“aye.”

Moran amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 85)—“aye.”

Slaughter amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 86)—“aye.”

Skelton amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 87)—“no.”

Kanjorski amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 88)—“aye.”

Spratt amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 89)—“aye.”

Wise amendment to H.R. 2 in the nature of a substitute (rollcall 90)—“yes.”

Orton amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 91)—“no.”

Waters amendment to H.R. 2 (rollcall 92)—“aye.”

Stenholm amendment to H.R. 2 in the nature of a substitute (rollcall 93)—“aye.”

On motion to recommit with instructions (rollcall 94)—“aye.”

On final passage of H.R. 2 (rollcall 95)—“no.”

Mr. Speaker, I wish to also advise that over the next several weeks family circumstances may require my presence at home in Los Angeles more frequently than the current legislative calendar might otherwise permit. My wife Carolina and I are expecting our second child in 3 months. Under doctor's orders, Carolina has been confined to bed rest until she has completed her pregnancy. As committed as I am to fulfill my legislative responsibilities, I intend to do what I believe I must to tend to my responsibilities as a husband and father.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP, HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS, SHOULD BE ISSUED, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, along with the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT], it is my honor to introduce legislation that expresses the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to honor the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans. I commend my colleague, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT] who as an original sponsor of this important measure, has reaffirmed his continued support for our Nation's brave service men and women.

As many of my colleagues are aware, the Jewish War Veterans [JWV] is an organization dedicated to upholding the principles and the freedoms that our Nation stands for. The JWV is the oldest duly chartered veterans service organization, and its members have proudly served the American people for the past 99 years. Whether on the battlefield or on American soil, Jewish-Americans have answered the call to service. In fact, during World War II alone, more than 52,000 awards for outstanding service in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Medal of Honor, the Air Medal, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart, were issued to Jewish veterans.

I believe it is appropriate to honor our Nation's dedicated Jewish service men and women, with the celebration of their 100-year anniversary on March 15, 1996, I can think of no more fitting a manner in which to commemorate the JWV's many years of patriotism and service.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to join in sponsoring this important legislation, House Concurrent Resolution 26. If postage stamps can be issued honoring gunfighters from the Old West, like Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp, surely the postal officials can find reason enough to issue a stamp that pays tribute to Jewish war veterans, who have given so much for all of us in times of war and peace.

H. CON. RES. 26

Whereas the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, an organization of patriotic Americans dedicated to highlighting the role of Jews in the United States Armed Forces, will celebrate 100 years of patriotic service to the Nation on March 15, 1996;

Whereas thousands of Jews have proudly served the Nation in times of war;

Whereas thousands of Jews have died in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas, in World War II alone, Jews received more than 52,000 awards for outstanding service in the United States Armed Forces, including the Medal of Honor, the Air Medal, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart;

Whereas, in World War II alone, over 11,000 Jews died in combat while serving in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas members of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America have

volunteered over 10,000,000 hours at veterans' hospitals; and

Whereas honoring the sacrifices of Jewish veterans is an important component of recognizing the strong and patriotic role Jews have played in the United States Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) a postage stamp should be issued to honor the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America; and

(2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a postage stamp be issued.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE R. URBAN

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 13, 1995

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to George R. Urban, who after serving the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers [IAMAW] with distinction for 42 years, has retired.

George was initiated into the union while employed by Alloy Products Corp. in Waukesha, WI. He later became a member of the bargaining committee and a shop chairman at Alloy Products. George has served as a business representative of District 48, which merged with, and became known as, District 10 in 1973. He has held this highly regarded position for 27 years.

As president of the Waukesha County Labor Council since 1975, George Urban has devoted countless hours to ensure the well-being of working men and women and their families in southeastern Wisconsin and throughout our Nation. Our young labor leaders would do well to follow George's fine example of union representation.

George, best wishes during your well-deserved retirement with your family and many friends.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE ON
THE UNITED NATIONS**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to read an excellent editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle on the United Nations. The Chronicle and Ambassador Madeleine Albright, our permanent U.S. representative at the United Nations, are to be commended for their compelling argument for maintaining the integrity of the United Nations.

We are in an era of opportunity—we have the extraordinary opportunity to create a more peaceful, more humane, and more orderly world now that we have entered the post-cold-war era. This is not the time for the United States to enter into a new era of isolationism.

Mr. Speaker, I commend your attention and the attention of my colleagues to this excellent and timely editorial, and I ask that it be placed in the RECORD.