

the only country that prohibited the practice of bribery of foreign officials.

From the point of view of our Committee, fighting corruption on an international basis is important for reasons beyond just "levelling the playing field" for business.

It is also important because corruption, in and of itself abroad harms American interests. Corruption of public officials abroad undermines democracy and retards development: funds are diverted from the intended use into the hands of ruling elites who perpetuate their power. This is truly a vicious circle—one that has to be broken.

Even though it has taken decades for the world to begin to follow our unilateral effort, and I stress the word "unilateral", I believe the prize is worth having.

With The passage of this implementing legislation today I am pleased that we will soon be taking part in a 29-nation OECD-led effort toward this same goal. It is critical that we pass this important legislation so the U.S. can continue to take the lead in ensuring that bribery and corrupt practices be driven from the international marketplace.

Accordingly, I urge the adoption of this measure.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

**HON. VINCE SNOWBARGER**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 581. The House Judiciary Committee must hold a formal inquiry into whether the charges set forth by the Independent Counsel are sufficient grounds for the impeachment of the President of the United States.

We shirk our constitutional duty as Members of the U.S. House of Representatives if we bury our heads in the sand in the face of evidence that the President—having sworn an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth—may have committed perjury before a Federal judge and before a grand jury, may have involved other administration officials in a cover-up, and may have conspired to suborn perjury.

The President's apologists on the other side of the aisle are quick to point out that Mr. Clinton's admitted pattern of lies were to cover up an affair with a White House intern. The lies with which we are concerned were not to his family. Let us face the fact that his lies also were a deliberate effort to subvert justice in a sexual harassment suit filed against him by another workplace subordinate. He was a defendant, trying to dodge a judgment by fudging the truth.

To ignore the President's transgressions, to allow this President to escape the scrutiny he has earned by his own actions, would be to establish a precedent in which perjury by future elected officials would be permissible. That is not tolerable in a nation based on the sanctity of law.

What do we say to the 100-plus prison inmates who are behind bars for their failure to tell the truth in courtrooms if we abdicate our duty to further investigate this President? What do we say to Susan McDougal, a friend of Mr. Clinton's who languished in prison for 18 months after refusing, like our President, to fully answer the questions of a grand jury? Do we tell them that our President is above the law?

More importantly, what do we say to those who are victims of such perjury in the future? Do we tell them justice does not matter and lies under oath are no longer really important?

Mr. Speaker, Justice is blind so she cannot be influenced by the sight of who is before her, no matter how exalted an office he may hold. Her scales are balanced so that all before her are treated equally. If a man who holds the highest office of trust the people of this Nation can bestow may—with impunity—unbalance those scales through perjury, none of our fine legal and judicial institutions mean anything other than a cynical farce.

The President is still presumed innocent. By voting for this resolution, I am not voting for a rush to judgment or a preordained result. That would be just as much an abuse of the process as ignoring the charges because they are made against the President. The Independent Counsel has presented his report and the evidence supporting it cites possible impeachable offenses. The President has the right to present his formal defense. But for him to do so, there must be an inquiry. That is why we must pass this resolution.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3874, WILLIAM F. GOODLING CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important bill. This program, the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program provides nutrition education and supplemental food to low-income pregnant and post-partum women, infants and children up to age five. The purpose of the bill is to reauthorize through the year 2003, the WIC nutrition program. It also contains other provisions including breastfeeding promotion which I have supported through my co-sponsorship of the Lactation in the Workplace Act.

This program will also reauthorize a national summer food program for children of low income families, because children need to eat even when they are out of school. In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing more important than making sure our children and our families are safe and healthy.

WIC provides our children with the basics they need. This is not a luxury program, it is a necessity, and we must continue to reauthorize it!

I cannot imagine that anyone would vote against this bill that keeps our children fed, and helps our families survive. Thank you for the opportunity to speak here today.

TRIBUTE TO ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Allstate Insurance Company for its leadership and dedication to enhance the lives of the members of the communities it serves and for its strategic commitment to the diverse Hispanic community. Today Allstate is the leading national company among Hispanics for auto, property, and life insurance.

The Allstate Insurance Company and its agent network have a long heritage of caring and commitment. For over sixty years Allstate has actively supported the community by establishing "Helping Hands" activities, the philanthropic efforts of the Allstate Foundation, programs such as the Allstate Giving Campaign and All-American City Awards, and by their participation in the President's Summit for America's Future and important working relationships with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), HAPCOA (Hispanic American Police Commanders Association) and SER (Service, Employment and Redevelopment).

Add to this the more than one million hours Allstate employees and their families volunteer annually to shelters, hospitals, soup kitchens, schools, and places of worship and we see how Allstate keeps the tradition of giving alive.

Throughout its history the company has been tirelessly involved in providing time and financial resources to civic, charitable, humanitarian, government, and educational causes as well as safety and prevention programs that target teen drivers, fire prevention, theft, and child, property, and home safety.

Becoming a major sponsors of the 1998 Latino Book and Family Festival and supporting Edward James Olmos' efforts to link culture through literacy and education, further demonstrates the Allstate commitment to support programs that are of importance to their customers and to each of us.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to the Allstate Insurance Company, a role model of good corporate citizenship for Corporate America.

MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCIAL CRIMES STRATEGY ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES A. LEACH**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 1998*

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include for the RECORD the following statement memorializing an understanding between the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services relating to a specific provision of H.R. 1756:

Section 2 of H.R. 1756 amends Chapter 53 of Title 31 of the United States Code to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to "regularly review enforcement efforts under this subchapter and other provisions of law and, when

appropriate, modify existing regulations or prescribe new regulations for purposes of preventing money laundering and related financial crimes. On June 25, 1998, the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Mr. Billiey, wrote me to express the concern that "such a broad mandate could be interpreted to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify regulations promulgated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to grant the Secretary of the Treasury new or additional authority to prescribe regulations applicable to entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws."

In response, I hereby affirm that it is not the Banking Committee's intent for the language in Section 2 to grant the Secretary of the Treasury any new or additional authority over entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to require or encourage the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify, or recommend the modification of, regulations promulgated under the Federal securities laws.

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TRIBUTE TO MARK BERRY

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American. Mark Berry is the kind of man that has made this country the great Nation it is today. He works hard, plays by the rules, and asks only to be given a chance.

Mark is a man who started literally from scratch, with little more than the great heritage we share, and built a nice farm and agribusiness. He is a leader in his Church, community, and his profession that he loves so. His accomplishments also include bringing three wonderful children into the world and raising them to be successful adults and productive citizens. Their heritage will be his good name.

He is the kind of man that always does much more than his share when there is a need. He never asks, "Do I owe it to them?" only "Do they need my help?" His generosity knows no bounds.

He follows the tradition of his father in teaching generations of young people how to hunt and fish and is much beloved because of this. His skills in this area are considerable partly because he assigns a high priority to pursuing this avocation. He is the kind of man that a mother and father will look upon and say "He is my son and I am so proud of him." Lloyd and Eleanor Berry, I am sure, absolutely burst with pride today.

His community of Bayou Meto has benefited from his service for all of his years and this world is a better place because he is here.

Mark and I have been associated in business for all our adult lives and have never had a cross word.

It is my good fortune for him to be my brother whom I love dearly.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
GERALD SOLOMON (R-NY)

SPEECH OF

**HON. FLOYD SPENCE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 1998*

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of personal pleasure that I join in this tribute to a truly exceptional Member of Congress, United States Marine, and American patriot, the gentleman from New York, JERRY SOLOMON. After 20 years of dedicated service in Congress, JERRY has chosen to retire for a truly honorable and understandable cause—to spend more time with his beloved family.

As a friend, colleague and longtime fan, I find it difficult to find the words to properly express the many contributions JERRY has made to his country, the military and this institution. JERRY served as a United States Marine during the Korean War. His military service marked the beginning of a lifetime of service and commitment to a strong national defense and to the welfare of our armed forces. Whenever and wherever there was a debate or a reason for this House to act to protect or advance the cause of American national security, you could always count on finding JERRY SOLOMON in the thick of it, fiercely determined and dedicated to ensuring we not sacrifice or place in danger our most precious commodities—our freedom and liberty in a dangerous world.

I can state without equivocation that there has been no greater advocate for the brave men and women in uniform who stand at the ready to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. Whether fighting to protect veterans benefits, the integrity of the selective service or adequate resources for our military, JERRY has always worked to ensure that the Congress fulfills its greatest Constitutional duty—to provide for the defense of this nation.

As the Chairman of the House National Security Committee, I have been particularly blessed to be able to turn to Chairman JERRY SOLOMON for the past four years for help and guidance in bringing the annual national defense authorization bills before the Rules Committee and the House floor. Our Committee's record of success on the House floor can be largely attributed to JERRY's tireless commitment to a fair and open process coupled with an unmatched devotion to our American men and women in uniform and commitment to maintain a strong defense.

These efforts have been particularly important in a time when most Americans take today's economic prosperity and relative global peace for granted. JERRY has always recognized the important role that a strong U.S. military plays in maintaining America's global leadership. He truly understands that the end of the Cold War was not the end of a dangerous world. Indeed, the end of the Soviet Union meant only that the many threats to U.S. national security, including regional unrest, terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and ethnic violence, would no longer be contained by the Cold War.

JERRY's departure from this House will be a loss to this nation. He will leave behind a huge and difficult gap to fill in the contingent of members dedicated to the honorable but increasingly frustrating cause to halt the further erosion of U.S. military capability. However,

his leadership, his dedication and his tireless efforts toward this cause will continue to serve as an inspiration to those of us left behind.

I wish to offer my very best wishes to JERRY and his wife, Frieda, and their family as he pursues what I am sure will be another distinguished career in the years ahead. I personally will miss his friendship and guidance, but I know that this fighting spirit will remain in this chamber long after his departure. As a fellow former member of the maritime services, I offer JERRY the traditional navy fond farewell—"Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

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CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2206,  
COATS HUMAN SERVICES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Conference Report on Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act because its good for our working families and good for our children.

The Conference Report reauthorizes the Head Start, Community Services Block Grant, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program through Fiscal Year 2003.

The purpose of this legislation is to promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children, to low-income children and their families, of health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services based on a families needs.

The Conference Report will provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, an the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient. In addition, this legislation will strengthen a community ability for planning and coordinating the use of a broad range of Federal, State, local, and other assistance related to the elimination of poverty, so that this assistance provided for in this report can be used in a manner responsive to local needs.

The development and implementation of these programs designated to serve low-income communities and groups with the maximum feasible participation of residents of the communities and members of the groups served, so as to best stimulate and take full advantage of capabilities for self-advancement and assure that the programs are otherwise meaningful to the intended beneficiaries of the programs.

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IN MEMORY OF VENTURA AND  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FALLEN  
OFFICERS

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to seven law enforcement officers