

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING SAMUEL WEBB SCALES

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, in March, Starkville, Mississippi lost a native son and a civic leader with the passing of Samuel Webb Scales. He served his family, our Nation's military, and achieved greatness in the world of international business.

After graduating from Starkville High School, Sam Scales went on to further education at the University of the South, Mississippi State College and the Vanderbilt Law School. For the past twelve years he has served as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, and was bestowed with the title of Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Emeritus two years ago, which has the equivalent military rank of Lieutenant General.

Sam Scales served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1941 until 1945 and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1948 to 1972 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his military career, he served in various assignments including Troop Commander (Calvary); Aide de Camp to Commanding General (Armored Division); General Staff Officer, Joint General Staff (Thailand); General Staff Officer (Australian Army).

Sam Scales served as Vice President of the Harlington National Bank (Texas); Chairman of the Board of Starr Associates (Bangkok, Thailand); Liaison Officer of Phoenix Assurance (Sidney, Australia); Chairman of the Board of Service Y Comisiones S.A. de CY (Mexico City); Senior Vice President of Continental Insurance Company and Regional Vice President for Latin America (Panama) as well as fourteen other U.S. corporations located throughout Latin America.

He was a member of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), the Navy League and Sigma Chi Fraternity at Mississippi State University. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Starkville.

Mr. Speaker, Starkville mourns the passing of Sam Scales. Our prayers go with his wife Bette, his children Hunter, Twila, Bette, Walton, John and Jennifer as well as his five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His accomplishments, like so many of his generation, can hardly be measured in words, but I am proud to have been able to take this opportunity to note his life's achievements and to remember this young boy from Starkville who grew to be a great man and leader around the world.

IN MEMORY OF PETER RODINO, JR.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Congressman Peter Rodino, Jr., a great American and distinguished member of this body. Congressman Rodino passed away recently, and the life he led is without question worthy of our praise.

In Congress, Peter represented the Newark area of New Jersey for over 40 years. In such time he would be associated with some of the most important events in American History. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee he presided over the Watergate Hearings that ultimately resulted in the resignation of a sitting President.

However, his stewardship during that trying process was executed with a humbleness and reverence that earned him the respect of a grateful Nation. In so doing, he demonstrated to his fellow Congressional colleagues the requirements of true leadership.

Peter Rodino, Jr. was born in Newark, New Jersey in 1909, to a hardworking immigrant family. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Newark and a law degree from Rutgers University before starting a law practice in the late 1930's.

He would later serve his country during World War II, where he earned the Bronze Star and would have the distinction of being one of the first enlisted men to receive a battlefield commission as an officer.

In 1949 he was elected to the U.S. Congress where he built his reputation through his work on veterans affairs and civil rights issues. In the 1980s, he fought against what he viewed as efforts by the Reagan administration to limit the reach of civil rights laws, as well as efforts to end school busing.

He supported landmark civil rights legislation in 1957 and was one of the primary sponsors of the Civil Rights Act of 1966. In the mid-1960s, he helped lead an effort to end immigration quotas and enact fair-housing standards. He also wrote the 1982 extension to the Voting Rights Act, and was House leader in making Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

Despite all this he was best known for his leadership on the Judiciary Committee during the Congressional hearings on Watergate. In a period that was so politically charged, Peter was seen as fair, objective, and dedicated to upholding the integrity of the Congress.

At the outset of the hearings he set the tone by stating "Whatever the result, whatever we learn or conclude, let us now proceed with such care and decency and thoroughness and honor that the vast majority of American people, and their children after them, will say: That was the right course. There was no other way."

He never wavered from the spirit of those words, as the hearings played out over the

coming months. In the end, though the country would see their President resign, they had confidence that the system had done its job, and that our government would endure.

This was due in large part to Peter's leadership. At that time, I was a young man just beginning my tenure in Congress, but having had the opportunity to observe Peter taught me lessons of leadership that I have never forgotten.

William Penn once said, "Sense shines with a double luster when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom." If this is the measure of a man, than Congressman Peter Rodino is a jewel our nation will never replace. His spirit and the lessons his life provide will continue to guide us.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO SISTER GRETCHEN KUNZ

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a champion for improved access to healthcare, Sister Gretchen Kunz, president and CEO of the St. Joseph's Health System. I would like to extend my most sincere thanks and congratulations to Sister Gretchen for her principled service and dedication to the healthcare needs of Brazos Valley citizens. Since first coming to St. Joseph's in 1981, Sister Gretchen has shepherded St. Joseph's through many challenges while expanding access to the quality care that Brazos Valley citizens need and deserve.

On June 13th, Sister Gretchen will start a new mission for St. Joseph's, bringing her unparalleled energy to the hospital system's charitable organization, the St. Joseph's Foundation. There, Sister Gretchen will continue to serve the needs of the community as she has done so well for the last 24 years. We can rest assured that Sister Gretchen's legacy of passionate service and motto of "there is no end to getting better" will continue to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.

The career of Sister Gretchen Kunz is a model of selfless service and sacrifice. Her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the people of the Brazos Valley have undoubtedly touched countless lives.

It is my privilege to honor the work of Sister Gretchen Kunz and I personally want to thank her for the shining example to us all and wish her well in her future endeavors.

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RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN OF
CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM
OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the children of Congregation Shir Shalom in Sonoma, California who are deeply concerned about the tragedy taking place in Darfur, Sudan. These children recognize that the world cannot stand by while whole populations are slaughtered because of their race or religious beliefs. In the children's own words:

We are Jewish children at Congregation Shir Shalom in Sonoma, California, who have learned about tikkun olam, about making the world a better place. We have learned that Jews cannot be just for ourselves. We must be for others, too.

In our synagogue's school, we have learned there are other children we do not know, but who are living in danger in Darfur, Sudan. We know that bandits and other bad people are killing them and their families. Many people have died in Darfur, including many children. Also, children in Darfur and their mothers and fathers have had their things stolen from them. Because of all this millions have run away from their homes in Darfur.

As Jewish children, we know about the Holocaust, when Jews were killed just for being Jews. We know that there are people in Darfur who are now being killed just for being who they are.

Knowing this, we know we cannot stand by and let it happen. We know we are only children, so we need the help of grown-ups in our city, our state, and national governments to take action to protect the children in Darfur and their families.

We ask our government to make it safe for families living in Darfur. We ask for bandits and other bad people to be stopped from robbing and killing the children, women, and men living in Darfur. That way maybe all the food that is being sent to the people in Darfur might get through. Books might get through, too, and then children in Darfur can get to go to school like we do.

We ask all this because we are all human, and it is important to not just think of ourselves. It is important to make the world a better place for children like us who just want peace and maybe a chance to play and have fun like we can do in Sonoma, California.

Please listen to what we are asking and do what you can do to help those living in Darfur, Sudan have a chance to be happy.

Mr. Speaker, these words are profound and they will echo through history. We owe it to the children of Congregation Shir Shalom and to the children of Darfur to do everything in our power to resolve this grave humanitarian crisis.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 1279, GANG DETERRENCE
AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION
ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1279. This punitive bill does nothing to help fight and deter the root of the gang problem plaguing our neighborhoods. I represent communities that are afflicted with gang violence, and I know first hand the suffering that families have to go through as a result. I support a combined approach to the gang problem that encourages prevention, intervention and suppression.

This bill is filled with criminal sanctions that would only help exacerbate the gang problem. The legislation would federalize a host of crimes currently and competently handled by the states. It would also penalize even non-violent drug dealing and some misdemeanors as crimes of violence. Without reason, the legislation expands the definition of criminal street gang. The bill imposes unduly harsh and discriminatory mandatory minimum sentences and expands the use of the federal death penalty to new offenses.

I strongly oppose the provision that allows the government sole discretion in deciding whether or not to try juveniles as adults. It is a proven fact that prosecuting children as adults increases, not decreases, crime. Study after study has shown that youth transferred to the adult criminal justice system are more likely to re-offend and to commit more serious crimes upon release than youth who remained in the juvenile system. At a time when the Bush administration has proposed huge cuts to programs that serve our youth, it is irresponsible to pass legislation that would only destabilize our communities and aggravate crime.

This bill is a simplistic approach to a complex problem that has its roots in the lack of a quality education and after school programs and negative influences from adults and broken families, among other problems. Our society must provide young people with meaningful alternatives that will draw them away from the gang lifestyle. We should not be soft on crime; my community has suffered for many years and we know how gang violence has scarred our families. That is why we must punish those who need to be punished while also remembering to give youth the opportunity to succeed in life. I support effective measures to combat gang-related crime and this bill completely fails to do that.

TRIBUTE TO LAST FULL-TIME
CHAIRMAN OF TENNESSEE VAL-
LEY AUTHORITY BOARD, GLENN
MCCULLOUGH

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, Glenn McCullough steps down today as the 12th and

last full-time Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board.

I have worked with thousands of people during my years in Congress. Chairman McCullough has been one of the kindest and most honorable with whom I have had the privilege to work.

Glenn McCullough, in my opinion, has been an outstanding Chairman for TVA. He has had the extremely difficult job of attempting to balance all kinds of competing interests, and he has done the job well.

He has done great things for the environment and the employees at TVA while still remembering that many TVA ratepayers and low-income people also need help, too.

Chairman McCullough is a man of high integrity who should be remembered as one of the finest Chairman TVA has ever had. He has worked as hard as possible for the people of the Valley, and this Nation is a better place today because of his service.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article from the May 16 edition of the Knoxville News Sentinel.

DEPARTING CHAIRMAN SAYS UTILITY STILL
FACES FINANCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL CHAL-
LENGES

(By Duncan Mansfield)

Departing Chairman Glenn McCullough said the Tennessee Valley Authority is stronger than when he arrived in 1999, but the nation's largest public utility still faces financial, environmental and competitive challenges.

Tougher soot and smog requirements on coal-fired power plants could cost TVA \$4 billion to \$5 billion beyond the \$6 billion it has already spent or committed for pollution controls.

Rising fuel prices for its fleet of fossil plants, gas turbines and nuclear stations could force further cost-cutting and a likely electric rate increase that would affect some 8.5 million people receiving TVA power in Tennessee and six surrounding states.

Yet as McCullough nears the end of his term on Wednesday, May 18, as the 12th and final full-time chairman in the 72-year history of TVA, he remains optimistic about TVA's future.

"I think TVA will continue to be a high performer," McCullough told The Associated Press in a recent interview in his 12th floor office at TVA headquarters in Knoxville.

McCullough, 50 was mayor of his hometown of Tupelo, Miss.—TVA's first member city—when he was appointed to an unexpired term on the three-member TVA board in 1999 by President Clinton. In 2001, President Bush elevated McCullough, backed by then-Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to chairman.

During his tenure, TVA changed its Tennessee River watershed plan to improve recreational use, set rising peak-power demand records, adopted a rate increase in 2003 to pay for coal plant pollution controls and developed the first commercial wind farm in the Southeast.

TVA also reduced a nearly \$28 billion long-term debt by \$1.8 billion. In doing so, the agency eliminated hundreds of jobs and put one of its twin headquarters towers in Knoxville up for sale as surplus. The tower sale is pending, and the payroll stands at 12,700—compared to more than 30,000 in the 1980s.

The self-financing government agency with a \$7 billion budget also took heat over extravagant travel and entertainment spending by executives but moved quickly to crack down with new internal policies.

However, McCullough said the boldest actions were the 2001 write-off of \$3.4 billion in

non-producing assets, including three unfinished nuclear reactors, and the \$1.8 billion decision to restart a mothballed reactor at the Browns Ferry station in Alabama by 2007.

"It was a good business decision, not an easy one," he said of the write-offs, while the gamble on the Browns Ferry reactor—60 percent complete—could pay off in meeting baseload demand through 2014.

"All of those things kind of roll off the tongue, but I tell you, there are thousands of people that did their job better so that TVA could have record generation and record clean air and record economic growth and record debt reduction," McCullough said.

Looking ahead, McCullough said a rate increase, which has become rare in recent years at TVA, seems inevitable because of rising fuel costs that can't be controlled.

"I think the future board will have to determine what rates need to be and when adjustments are necessary," he said. "I don't know how much, and I don't know when."

McCullough doesn't know if he will be on an expanded part-time board that is being created after he leaves. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., pushed the board restructuring to make the group more open

and responsive. The White House has yet to name nominees.

McCullough sees plenty of opportunities and challenges ahead for them.

TVA is working with two national consortiums studying designs and licensing for the next generation of nuclear plants, while TVA assesses the feasibility of using its unfinished Bellefonte nuclear plant in Alabama as a possible project site.

Meanwhile, TVA continues to review efficiencies and costs of new "clean coal" technologies for its fossil fleet. McCullough believes coal and nuclear should remain the foundation of TVA's power system.

"We are also looking at the business model," McCullough said. "There could be some opportunities for TVA to do joint ventures with perhaps other utilities or other entities that make good business sense."

He cited TVA's deal set up a few years ago to buy power from the Red Hills Power Plant and Mississippi Lignite Mining Co. near Ackerman, Miss., as an example of a successful joint venture.

Meanwhile, growing private and commercial development along the Tennessee River continues to stir resentment among the families of former residents displaced by TVA's

hydroelectric dam projects in the 1930s and '40s.

McCullough is sympathetic to a point. "Land in the valley is almost sacred. That is a characteristic of the South that I am frankly proud of—'Don't mess with the land.' I understand that," he said.

"But if you look on the TVA seal, you see the words 'Progress Through Resource Development,'" he said. "And you can't make progress without some development."

McCullough said he is looking forward to going home to Tupelo and spending time with his wife, Laura, and two teenage sons, and weighing his career options.

More low-key than his predecessors, McCullough said being chairman of TVA, like being mayor of Tupelo, was "a wonderful opportunity to make a positive difference."

"I didn't ask to come to TVA, and I didn't ask to be chairman. But I was asked to do this job, and it was a unique opportunity," he said. "If you get it right, if you make good decisions and fulfill the mission of TVA, then the people of the valley can be better off for generations to come. And that can be satisfying."

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 23

2 p.m.
Finance
Taxation and IRS Oversight Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine exposing the individual alternative minimum tax (AMT).
SD-628

MAY 24

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
SD-366

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine S. 529, to designate a United States Anti-Doping Agency and to examine the competitive pressures that lead amateur athletes to use drugs, the sources of such drugs, and the science of doping.
SR-253

Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy D. Adams, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, Shara L. Aranoff, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Suzanne C. DeFrancis, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Public Affairs, and Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Budget, Technology, and Finance.
SD-628

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine a review of the U.S. Office of Special

Counsel, focusing on safeguarding the merit system by protecting federal employees and applicants from prohibited personnel practices, especially reprisal for whistleblowing.
SD-562

2 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the competitive effects of specialty hospitals.
SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to methamphetamine abuse.
SD-226

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Education and Early Childhood Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to American history.
SD-430

3 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine money laundering and terror financing issues in the Middle East.
SD-538

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
SD-366

Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine permitting of energy projects.
SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine how counterfeit goods provide easy cash for criminals and terrorists.
SD-562

9:50 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider proposed Head Start Improvements For School Readiness Act, S. 518, to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State, and pending nominations.
SD-430

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act.
SR-328A

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development.
SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine S. 360, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act.
SR-253

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S.J. Res. 15, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.
SR-485

2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.
SD-562

Judiciary
Intellectual Property Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine piracy of intellectual property.
SD-226

MAY 26

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
SD-406

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation.
SD-366

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the container security initiative and the customs-trade partnership against terrorism, focusing on how Customs utilizes container security initiative and customs trade partnership against terrorism in connection with its other enforcement programs and review the requirements for and challenges involved in transitioning these from promising risk management concepts to effective and sustained enforcement operations.
SD-562

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine aviation capacity and congestion challenges regarding summer 2005 and future demand.
SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the report to Congress on international economic and exchange rate policies.
SH-216

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to the 21st century workplace.
SD-430

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.
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