

His service to the church has also included stints as parochial vicar at Holy Innocents Church [from 1970 to 1974], Saint Theresa Church in Munhall, PA [from 1974 to 1975], Saint Veronica Church in Ambridge, PA [from 1975 to 1978], and Saint Joseph Church in Mount Oliver, PA [from 1978 to 1983]. He subsequently served as pastor at Saint Alphonsus Church in Murrinsville, PA, and at Epiphany Church in Boyers, PA, from 1983 to 1991, and he was also in residence at Saint Columbkille Church in Imperial, PA, in 1991.

Father Paul was deanery director of religious education at the South Pittsburgh Deanery from 1979 to 1983, and deanery director of the Butler Deanery in Butler, PA, from 1984 to 1991. Father Paul has been a master catechist for the diocese since 1979, and he is currently the program manager for religious education at Saint Malachy.

Father Paul has provided 25 years of dedicated service to many of the Catholic parishes of southwestern Pennsylvania. I want to congratulate Father Paul on his silver anniversary.

THANK YOU MRS. RUTH MACDONALD FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mrs. Ruth Macdonald of McLeansboro, IL for her years of dedicated public service to the people of Hamilton County. In 1976 she was elected as Hamilton County coroner. Three years later Ruth was appointed circuit clerk, and was elected to that position in 1980. She subsequently was re-elected in 1984, 1988, and 1992. Ruth retired on July 31, 1995 after serving 16 years as the Hamilton County circuit clerk.

A native of Kentucky, Ruth moved to McLeansboro in 1959 with her husband and three children. Since her arrival in southern Illinois Ruth has worked hard to ensure that her family and neighbors live in a community that strives for excellence. Through her tireless efforts as a mother and public servant she has helped her children excel and contribute to their communities. Ruth's daughter, Alice, is a circuit court judge in Wayne County, IL; her son, John, is an engineer in Cincinnati, OH; and her son, James, is a professor at Weber State University in Ogden, UT.

Mr. Speaker, until the 1992 election, Hamilton County still used paper ballots. Many times the election results were not known until noon the following day, and it was Ruth's office that would remain open to the public around the clock on primary and general election nights, serving coffee and food to those interested in the election outcome.

There is no question Ruth Macdonald has been a public servant of the highest standards, and she will be missed as circuit clerk. I take great pride in honoring her service to the citizens of Hamilton County and all others she served. Ruth Macdonald has set a very good example for all of us to follow, and I wish her the very best as she begins her retirement.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1995

HON. JACK METCALF

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. CASTLE, my good friend and chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, for allowing me to discuss some issues about the Defense Production Act.

The Defense Production Act has been an important tool for acquiring needed equipment and technology for our Armed Forces in the event of a national emergency. Yet, the Defense Production Act is a multi-issue law. Much of this expansive act deals with advising and working with commercial activities to study, invent, and produce materials that could be used in the event of wartime activity.

When the DPA came up in subcommittee, concerns were raised by other Members and myself. Besides the continuance of authorizing funds for such an outdated, all-encompassing and convoluted act—it also has sweeping authority given to the President. This nebulous language must be cleared to set a direct mission for use of DPA authority. What we have now can be interpreted as essentially a War Powers Act clothed in 1950's post-World War II language—language that gives heavy leeway to the executive branch.

Make no mistake, I am not favoring withholding vital equipment from our Armed Forces and thus I am favoring reappropriating this bill, but the report language fostered for this bill mandates the executive branch to review and to reform the outdated language and to set clear the mission for the DPA. It requires the President to provide an interim report and a final report before appropriations end in 1998. The goal of this report language is to help refine the bill, provide what is necessary for the Armed Forces by Presidential order, and to set a direction for a rewrite of the legislation before the next appropriation cycle.

Maintaining vital procurement in times of national emergency is imperative—but modernizing statutes to ensure proper legality is also extremely critical.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, it absolutely galls me that the President has chosen to play politics and shut down the Federal Government rather than join us in making a downpayment on a balanced budget and a brighter future for our children.

The Government shutdown is solely on the President's shoulders. He has provided no leadership and no plan for a balanced budget. Despite his rhetoric to the contrary, the President has no balanced budget. Never has.

I urge my colleagues not to give in to the scare tactics propagated by the White House. We need to stay our course and pass the remaining bills necessary to balance the budget.

We must remain committed to real reform—reform in welfare, reform in Medicare, and tax cuts for families. Once we have completed the bills, it is up to the President to do what is right and sign on for the future of America.

We have a promise to keep to America. A year ago this month, we promised to end business as usual in Government. The American people are counting on us.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BEN
SHEPPERD

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the recent dedication of the Korean War Memorial and during last weekend's Veteran's Day memorial ceremonies in east Texas, I was reminded of the oratorical prowess of a legendary Texan and former constituent of mine, the late John Ben Shepperd (1915–90). John Ben was one of the first statewide officials that I met when I first entered politics in the 1950's. He was a kind and considerate man—so capable of friendship—and so strong as a leader.

The caption on the Korean War Memorial, "Freedom Is Not Free," is a phrase that was coined by John Ben in the late 1940's and used in hundreds of public appearances during his civic and political career. In 1953 he published an excerpt of his speeches and entitled the booklet, "Freedom Is Not Free." This and his book, "Freedom's Advocate," won him the coveted George Washington Medal from the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, PA.

John Ben would have been pleased and proud to see his language used to memorialize the sacrifices of American soldiers who defended freedom in distant parts of the globe, and I am sure that this pleases his widow, Mamie Shepperd, who lives in my district in Gladewater, TX. He would have joined in the praise and recognition, which is so long overdue.

John Ben was one of America's strongest advocates of democracy. He often reminded us that freedom is not a gift to be enjoyed, but an ideal that must be defended. He continually called on every citizen to uphold and promote our system of government and free enterprise.

In 1948, as president of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, John Ben organized the "Freedom Flight." According to Jaycee archives, he traveled over 250,000 miles and gave three hundred speeches heard by a quarter of a million people. As Texas Secretary of State and attorney general from 1950 to 1957, he continued to be an eloquent spokesman for democracy.

John Ben had a special concern for young Americans. According to our former colleague, the Hon. Jake Pickle, who first knew John Ben at the University of Texas, he passionately cared that future generations should understand their roots in order to appreciate the American legacy of democracy and heroism.

John Ben's phrase, "Freedom is Not Free," on the Korean Memorial is a stirring reminder to future generations and a fitting tribute to a dynamic Texan. Mr. Speaker, John Ben Shepperd leaves behind a powerful legacy

that serves as an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this outstanding American. His contributions to freedom's cause cannot be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 283

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the proud history, rich tradition and remarkable accomplishments of Boy Scout Troop 283 of Wayzata, MN, in my Third Congressional District.

This Sunday, November 19, Troop 283 will be celebrating its 80th anniversary.

I am particularly proud of Boy Scout Troop 283 since it is based at my own Wayzata Community Church. I know the great work this troop has done and its commitment to excellence.

Boy Scout Troop 283 has represented the highest standards in Scouting for eight decades. The hundreds of Scouts and their many volunteer leaders have displayed an inspiring dedication through these past 80 years which has had a powerful and positive impact on the quality of life in our area.

The young people of today, who now more than ever need strong adult guidance and parental involvement in learning valuable skills that will help them mature into good citizens, have been extremely well-served by the generous and dedicated volunteers and parents who have led Troop 283 through the years.

Troop 283's emphasis on providing our young people with positive role models, the importance of community service to help people in the need and protect the environment, and the critical value of exercising active, good citizenship has been truly remarkable. There is no price you can place on that kind of public service, leadership, and good citizenship.

The participation of adult volunteers and the Scouts of Troop 283 will continue to make a huge difference in the future of our community, State, and Nation. These young people are tomorrow's leaders and they are getting the skills, knowledge, moral guidance, and inspiration they need to keep America the greatest country in the world and a lighthouse for freedom and liberty into the 21st century.

Everyone who has been involved with Boy Scout Troop 283 through the years is to be congratulated on their invaluable 80-year investment in the future of our Nation. Troop 283 has our deepest admiration and sincerest gratitude for a job well done, as well as our best wishes for the future.

On behalf of all the people in our area, I wholeheartedly thank Boy Scout Troop 283 for its contributions to making our area a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

REQUEST TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 119, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. STOKES, Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2621, the bill which the Republicans say is to enforce the public debt limit and to protect the Social Security Trust Fund, and other Federal Trust fund accounts invested in public debt obligation. Once again, more Republican smoke and mirrors. Make no mistake about it, H.R. 2621 is the Republicans' measure to force the Government to default on its obligations.

It is appalling for the Republicans to hold the country, and the American people hostage to their politically contrived and premeditated train wreck. Is there no limit to the extreme tactics that the Republicans will use to force a tax cut for the wealthy. The Republicans have forced the Federal Government to shut down; are striving to force the Government to renege on its debts; are bent on forcing seniors to pay more for less health care; are set of forcing poor children and pregnant women to go without critical health care services; and are set on forcing college students to pay more for their college education. Despite the fact the Republicans' budget defies logic and common sense, they want to force the President to agree to their life threatening budget provisions.

Now, they have introduced H.R. 2621 a measure strictly designed to back the country into a corner, and to force the Government to default—all this destruction, just to give a tax cut to the rich. The Republicans' tantrum tactics must end.

Mr. Speaker, a family would not pay off its mortgage in 7 years if it meant that they had to take food out of the mouths of their children. Both food and shelter are a necessity, it is not a one, or the other situation. The Republicans need to take a lesson from families. Families sensibly balance their responsibilities. Families sensibly spread their debt—and their payments for services over time.

The Republican budget measure is not a balanced budget mechanism—it is a measure that is specifically designed to destroy the quality of life for the most vulnerable in our society—children and the elderly. Those who have entrusted us with their future, and who are most vulnerable to the Republicans' assault.

I applaud the President for this strong leadership, and wholeheartedly support his veto of the Republicans' front-loaded continuing resolution, and debt limit measures.

Day after day, we have heard our Republican colleagues refer to Medicaid and Medicare as "socialized programs." We have heard them use phrases like "we have to get on with it," "the pain is not so severe," and "we have to hold the President's feet to the fire." We have also continuously heard the Republicans speak with concern for the unborn children of

the future, while showing no compassion for the children who walk among us today—despite the fact that the Republican budget takes food out of mouths of poor children; takes the roof from over the heads of door seniors; and takes away health care services from pregnant women. These senior's and children's future will be crippled and their very survival jeopardized.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans have never had any intention of sending the President a clean continuing resolution measure, or a clean debt limit bill. The Republican touted crown jewel in their contract—the tax cut give away for the rich—knows no bounds. As early as April, House Speaker NEWT GINGRICH vowed to create a titanic legislative standoff with the President by adding vetoed bills to must pass debt ceiling legislation. As recently as July, the GOP admitted that default was a major political weapon in their arsenal. The Republicans' escalating mean spirited attack is firm evidence that they think that no child's cry is too harsh, and no senior's pain is too bitter to forgo their tax cut give away to the rich.

Over the past 11 months, the Nation has witnessed the unfolding of the Republicans' premeditated assault on the most vulnerable in our society—children and the elderly. Nearly 6 weeks into the new fiscal year, work on 10 of the 13 appropriations bills is still pending. The Republicans are dragging their feet. If Speaker GINGRICH and his cohorts performed their responsibilities in a timely and responsible manner, there would be no need to bring the Federal Government to a halt.

With each day of the Republican-forced shut down of the Federal Government, 20 thousand new Social Security claims will not be processed. With each day of the Republican-forced shut down of the Federal Government, 2,500 to 3,000 veterans' benefits claims will not be processed. The American people must not be held hostage to the GOP's tax cut for the rich.

Again, I applaud President Clinton for vetoing the Republicans' life threatening budget and debt ceiling measures. I commend him for his principled stand to protect the American people. And, I join President Clinton in condemning the Republican leadership for its shameful attempt to blackmail the oval office by holding seniors, children, veterans, and our Nation's economy hostage.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that it is the height of irresponsibility for the Republicans in Congress to force American citizens to suffer inconvenience and hardship simply because they are trying to score political points. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 2621.

SALUTE TO AMERICORPS PARTICIPANTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the participants of the second AmeriCorps team in South Dakota. On October 24, 1995, at an Oath of Service ceremony in Rosebud, SD, 15 dedicated individuals committed themselves to 1 year of community service in South Dakota as participants in the AmeriCorps Program. I strongly