

BILL REQUESTING FAIR REPRESENTATION ON FEDERAL JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which calls for fair representation on all Federal Judicial Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Currently, only two States, West Virginia and Hawaii do not have representation on their circuit Court of Appeals. In fact, it's been 12 years since Judge Herbert Choy of Honolulu retired from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Some States like Montana, have only recently had a resident granted a judgeship. My bill would require that each State have at least one judge appointed to their circuit Court of Appeals. That way, all States would always have representation on the bench. The bill does not affect the President's historic power to appoint Federal judges.

Having each State represented on its respective circuit courts, helps to ensure that justice is blind and impartial. A report entitled *The Long Range Plans For Federal Courts*, completed by the Judicial Conference of the United States in December 1995, noted, "Federal judicial credibility and accountability are fostered when appellate judges are drawn primarily from the region they will serve." This bill would add to the judicial credibility of the courts because each State would have at least one judge representing and understanding its State law, business, and customs.

This is not another law to add to the books. This legislation is about continuing the integrity of our third branch of Government, fairness and representation. I strongly urge my colleagues to support and pass this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 6, I was unavoidably absent for rollcalls 45 and 46. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" and "no" respectively.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency back in Nebraska, I was not present yesterday for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 45, "yes;" rollcall vote No. 46, "yes;" and rollcall vote No. 47, "yes."

THE COST OF OUR NATIONAL DEBT

HON. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, as we continue in our struggle to balance the budget and return government power to the States and local communities, I thought it would be a good time to remember what one of America's greatest patriots had to say about the cost of our national debt and the burden it places on current and future generations:

I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities, and in our labors and in our amusements. If we prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy.

These words are drawn from a speech given by Thomas Jefferson shortly after the birth of our country. This speech, sent to me last week by one of my constituents, Mrs. Louis Seewald of Amarillo, TX, should remind us all that we cannot continue the business as usual practice of spending more than we take in.

As Jefferson foresaw, running up a debt serves to enslave the entire Nation. The last 25 years have proven him right. Despite movement toward a plan to balance the budget, the fact of the matter is that we still face a national debt of nearly \$5 trillion. A child born today will have to pay \$187,000 in taxes over his or her lifetime just to pay off interest on the national debt.

If unchecked, the national debt will soon consume nearly 75 percent of our entire budget. This will leave virtually no funds for critical areas such as education, the environment, and crime prevention, and could possibly lead to a tax rate of over 50 percent.

This is not what Jefferson would have wanted from the Government he helped create more than 200 years ago, and it is not what the American people want from the leaders they elect today.

PEPPY MAYER, RECIPIENT OF CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED REALTOR AWARD

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional achievement of Ms. Alberta "Peppy" Mayer, a resident of Fremont in California's 13th Congressional District. Peppy was recently awarded the California Distinguished Realtor Award, which is the highest honor that the California Association of Realtors [CAR] can bestow upon one of its members.

To receive this award, one must have been a California realtor for at least 20 years, dem-

onstrated outstanding service to the CAR for at least 15 of those 20 years, be a CAR honorary director for life, and be a current, active CAR member in good standing. Peppy is all these things and more—she is one of the most committed, talented, tenacious, and energetic people I know.

Peppy Mayer was born in Chicago and lived in both San Francisco and Alameda before settling in Fremont with her husband, Edward Mayer, and their three young daughters. Although she had studied to be a teacher at San Francisco State University, when the family moved to Fremont, she began to look for another career and enrolled in a course in Real Estate. There were few women real estate agents at that time but she soon won a prize for closing the most escrows in the Tri-City area. She has not looked back since.

Peppy has been a member of the California Association of Realtors since 1967 and has served the association in almost every capacity since then. She has been a director of the association for 29 years. In 1976, she became the first woman to serve as board president. In 1981, she became the first woman to chair the legislative committee, and in 1985, she became district 6 regional vice president. In 1980, she was appointed as honorary director for life. She has also been a director of the National Association of Realtors for the last 12 years.

Peppy is the author of numerous publications for both the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. She has also received many awards including: Salesman of the Year in 1967, Realtor of the Year in 1977, the CAR's 1980 designation as Honorary Director for Life, the Recognition Award for "A Lifetime of Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Real Estate Industry" in 1991, and she became a life member of the Million Dollar Club in 1973.

As Peppy's business flourished, she still managed to find time to be an active member of the community. She has been the director of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, making her the first woman to hold this position. She has been a long time member of the fund raising committee for the Fremont Boys Club, and a founding member of the Ohlone College Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Alberta "Peppy" Mayer for her exceptional professional accomplishments and to congratulate her on being the recipient of the 1995 California Distinguished Realtor Award.

ISRAELI BOMBINGS

HON. SCOTT L. KLUG

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, 60 people have been killed over the last 9 days in four suicide-bomb attacks in Israel. We all mourn the loss of nearly 200 people, including 5 Americans, who have died in terrorist incidents since the signing of the Israel-PLO peace agreement at the White House on September 13, 1993. Clearly, the Middle East peace process is now hanging by a thread.

There are some countries whose only interest is in derailing the peace process. The