

First, we must make a better case to the American public on the global nature of threats and our current defense posture. On this note a recent poll shows that two-thirds of the American public believe that we are now protected by a ballistic missile system—despite the fact that no such system exists.

Second, we must take steps to see that defense becomes an issue in the current election cycle, with a focus on Fiscal Year 1997 defense budget.

Third, we must reestablish the firewalls around the defense budget so that it does not become a checkbook for the rest of the federal budget.

Fourth, we must continue to spend each dollar for defense more efficiently by continuing the DOD's excellent start on acquisition reform and by improving the tooth-to-tail ratio of our armed forces by shedding ourselves of excess depot capacity.

We can do this and arrest the protracted decline or we can wait and see.

Again . . . Forrestal's words ring true.

Advising President Truman in 1945 when Stalin began breaking the agreements reached at Yalta, Forrestal said:

"We might as well meet the issue now as later on."

For us, some fifty years later, we might as well meet the issue in our next cycle of defense budgets and not wait and see.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1561,
FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 1996
AND 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disappointment in the conference report on H.R. 1561. I support many of the provisions in the bill and I had hoped that the conferees might fix H.R. 1561 so that I could support the conference report. For example: I believe that it is important to show, particularly at this time, our support for Taiwan; to support initiatives which require that organizations receiving United States assistance in Ireland abide by the MacBride principles; to continue to condemn China for its human rights record; and to prohibit assistance to any county that bars or obstructs delivery of United States humanitarian aid.

Despite these favorable provisions in H.R. 1561, I cannot support the conference report. This bill seeks to consolidate the State Department and its related agencies. However, the House leadership decided to impose its reconfiguration instead of working in conjunction with the administration. The result is legislation that is very poorly drafted as to how to achieve consolidation. In addition, this bill fails to authorize international family planning assistance spending which was required by the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. The appropriations bill stated that no monies for international family planning would be released unless authorized to do so in H.R. 1561. The failure to include such authorization is disastrous. Because of the lack of authorization language, it is projected that over 5,000 women will die over the next year from either self-induced abortions or unplanned pregnancies.

Mr. Speaker, I voted "no" on the foreign relations authorization conference report. I hope

that Congress will begin to work in cooperation with the administration regarding agency consolidation and pass on appropriate Foreign Relations Revitalization Act.

TRIBUTE TO HORACE RAYMOND
GEORGE

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable man from the city of Milwaukee, Horace Raymond George. I would like to extend my greatest sympathy to the George family by taking a moment to reflect on the rich life of this fine family man.

Mr. George was born in Chicago and raised in Louisiana. As a youth, he loved to play basketball which he matched with an even greater appetite for reading. Mr. George found employment at a local drugstore where he had access to scores of newspapers to satisfy his hunger for knowledge. He came to Wisconsin to study economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he also attended law school, earning his degree in 1950. After serving as a judge advocate during the Korean war, he settled in Milwaukee with his wife Audrey.

Determined to establish his own law practice, Mr. George worked nights for the American Motor Co. while using his days to get the practice up and running. A skilled and diligent attorney, he also worked as a field attorney for the Department of Veterans Affairs, was a lecturer at Wisconsin Law School, and was a member of the Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, and District of Columbia bars. Mr. George was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1984, Wisconsin Law School honored Mr. George for his outstanding commitment and dedication to the legal profession, awarding him their special recognition award.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. George will long be remembered for his selfless work on behalf of our community. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and the St. Thomas Moor Legal Society. Mr. George also served on the boards of St. Anthony's Hospital and the Wisconsin Center. He will also be long remembered for his vivid interest in Egyptian and African art, history, and culture.

Mr. George is survived by his beloved wife Audrey, his son Gary, a State senator and former classmate and colleague of mine from Milwaukee, his sons Mark, Michael, Gregory, and his daughter Janice. Indeed, this is a loss that will be felt throughout Milwaukee and the entire State of Wisconsin, for Horace Raymond George touched the lives of many during his rich 71 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the honorable and gracious memory of Horace Raymond George. I am certain that his legacy will endure for years to come.

NEIL SMITH, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
HONORED

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of NFL's finest defensive players and one of Kansas City's finest citizens, Neil Smith of the Kansas City Chiefs. Mr. Smith is in Washington today to accept a prestigious award from the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce [JAYCEES] which has selected Neil Smith as a member of the Congress of Ten Outstanding Young Americans.

Neil Smith spent his childhood struggling in school with a learning disability. He was in junior high school before the education system acknowledged his special challenges and helped him discover ways in which he could learn and succeed. Neil Smith will never forget the cruel labels placed on children with dyslexia. That is why today he dedicates time and energy to help youngsters living with learning disabilities.

As a former educator, I personally appreciate Mr. Smith's selfless efforts to heighten public awareness and find solutions for individuals with disabilities. He is the national spokesperson for Foundation for Exceptional Children's "Yes I Can" Program which encourages disabled children to reach their goals and recognizes their many achievements. He recently partnered with the Learning Disabilities Association of Missouri to fund and produce a public service announcement aimed at dispelling the misconception that children with learning disabilities are "dumb" or "slow". He says they just need to be shown things in a different way.

Neil Smith's efforts remind the Congress that these youth need the support of an education system that works for them, not against them. All children have dreams and each and every one of them deserves the opportunity to achieve those dreams just as Neil Smith has. In Mr. Smith's words, "People with learning disabilities are not unfortunate. The unfortunate people are quarterbacks." Thank you, Neil, for your dedication to our children and your inspiring energy both on and off the field.

THE COMMON SENSE CORPORATE
RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, because I am concerned about the hundreds of billions in taxpayer dollars spent every decade on Fortune 500 corporations and special interests, today I am introducing legislation that will cut \$39.575 billion in corporate welfare and end welfare for Ronald McDonald. The House has already passed the Personal Responsibility Act to reform welfare. It's time to pass the Commonsense Corporate Responsibility Act and get some of our richest corporations off the Government dole. This bill puts a balanced budget, jobs, education, and a clean environment ahead of handouts to Fortune 500 companies and special interests.