

them, you vowed never again, these are European human beings. What are you doing? Good idea, BOB, good plan. Cannot get involved. Not our deal.

I said, what are you going to do, wait for the Europeans until the death toll is so bad that we will have to get involved. Then Clinton fritters away 3 years. Now we are in there when there are so many blood debts built up over the last 4 years and they are still killing one another, still burning homes in the suburbs, that I drove through, of Sarajevo. Unbelievable that we are involved also on the ground to relieve what I said when I opened up, European young men and women to work in their industries, to build Airbus aircraft at Air France in Toulouse, France so they can sell them to our big airlines here.

Let me close, Mr. Speaker, on a few notes on the greatest health tragedy to ever hit the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, nobody has made as many speeches on the floor of the House or on the floor of the Senate about AIDS as I have. Not Mr. Danne-meyer, who is retired, 4 years ago, not Mr. WAXMAN, when he was chairman of the Health Committee and Subcommittee of Commerce, no one has made as many speeches as I have.

My speeches have been rooted in mercy and compassion, and I have voted for every AIDS money appropriation in my last 10 years that I have been here because this is young people dying in their prime, where cancer and cardiac problems hit people generally at the later end of their life. Here are the new figures that I got out of the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control.

Mr. Speaker, you are an historian. You know that depending on your encyclopedia, 295,000 people died in combat in World War II or 312,000 is the high number. AIDS deaths, as of New Year's Eve, 315,928. We have 513,486 infected with AIDS and over 1 million positive with the human immunodeficiency virus, 1 million infected, half a million with AIDS and 62.3 percent dead. Let me add to that, children, almost 4,000, 3,921, for a cumulative total of 319,849.

You can add to that Dr. Koop, the former surgeon general, told me 30 to 40,000 who died in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, where the doctors, mercifully to protect the family, only put down the proximate cause of death, heart, lungs, pneumonia, cancer, and did not say it was caused by a breakdown in their immune system.

So the figure is closer to 350,000, 50,000 more than died in the jungles, the deserts, the Arctic, the sea, the air, all over this planet in World War II, Americans. Now we are heading toward the Civil War figure. We have already passed Civil War combat deaths, but pneumonia, disease, and Andersonville, the Auschwitz of its time, we lost 618,000, another half a decade and we will pass the Civil War death toll. Never has a disease ever cut down so many young Americans, and it has always been handled as a public relations

problem, never as a pandemic, that is a worldwide epidemic, a pandemic killing plague, because people's reputations are more important than saving those innocent victims, those 4,000 children.

My heart goes out to the 1,049 people in our military. I am going to find out who is an innocent victim. I will prevail over Mr. Clinton again. During this break I am going to become a walking encyclopedia with visits to Walter Reed, Bethesda, and maybe to San Antonio's Wilford Hall, Air Force. I will not be beaten on this by Senator KENNEDY who does not have a clue of what this is all about.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 170. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes; and

H. Con. Res. 157. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-432, upon the recommendation of the majority leader, Jo Anne B. Barnhart of Virginia, Martin H. Gerry of Kansas, Gerald H. Miller of Michigan; and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, Paul E. Barton of New Jersey are named to the Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. GOODLING (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today until 1 p.m., on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOODLATTE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BUYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CUBIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MOAKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TRAFICANT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3136. An act to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizen's Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit; and

H.J. Res. 170. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland). Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 157 of the 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 1996, for morning hour debates.

Thereupon (at 5 p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 157, the House adjourned until Monday, April 15, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2316. A letter from the Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluations, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter notifying Congress of the intent to obligate funds for fiscal year 1996 Foreign Comparative Testing [FCT] Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2350a(g); to the Committee on National Security.

2317. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs and Public Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a copy of the 11th monthly report as required by the Mexican Debt Disclosure Act, pursuant to Public Law 104-6, section 404(a) (109 Stat. 90); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2318. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Turkey (Transmittal No. 16-96), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.