

I am reintroducing the Sunshine on the Federal Open Market Committee Act to ensure the FOMC is held accountable for its policies.

I urge my colleagues to once again support and cosponsor this important measure.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE DUDLEY
NOLAND

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant, a good citizen, and a man who is well-respected throughout my home State of Kentucky.

Clarence Dudley Noland, known to many as "C.D.", the gentleman from Estill County, is a man who has left his mark in Kentucky. As a State legislator, an entrepreneur, a railroad engineer, a farmer, and a 30-year member of the Army National Guard, C.D. has touched the lives of many people throughout our State.

As a Member of the Kentucky House of Representatives for 15 years, C.D. earned a reputation for being hard-working, fair-minded, and rooted in good, old-fashioned common sense. From the first day C.D. took his oath of office in 1982, he set out to make a difference for the people he represented.

If you know anything about the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky, you realize that we have many challenges, but C.D. has tackled those challenges with great success. He has been instrumental in developing industrial parks, medical service heliports, sewer and water improvements, and mobile dental clinics for Appalachian children. He has fought for veterans programs, affordable housing, nursing home facilities, and historic preservation and conservation of Kentucky's lands and heritage.

C.D.'s dedication, diligence, and fairness gained him the esteem of Governors, legislators, and public administrators alike. During his tenure, he served as vice chairman on the powerful Appropriations and Revenue Committee. Other committees he served on include the Legislative Research Commission, Rules Transportation, Program Review and Investigations, Cities, and Natural Resources and Environment. He was a member of the Governor's Task Force on Health Care and the Governor's Commission for Tax Reform where his insights proved invaluable. His was also actively involved in the executive committee of the Kentucky Republican Party, the American Legislative Exchange Council, and the National and Southern Conferences of the State Legislators Association.

From 1991 to 1994, C.D. stepped into the leadership of the general assembly, when he was elected to serve as the house minority caucus chairman. After serving two terms, he stepped aside so fellow legislators might share the experience.

C.D.'s departure from the general assembly did not mean that he would hang up his hat. Today, he is still doing what he can to improve the quality of life for the people of Kentucky. He continues to share his time and talent as a member of the board of directors of 21st Century, Inc; the Marcum Wallace Hospital Board of Directors; the Estill County Chamber

of Commerce; the Irvine-Ravenna Kiwanis Club; the Community Development Foundation Council; the Natural Bridge Park Association; the Council of the National Rifle Association; F and A Masons, Irvine Lodge 137; Oleika Shrine Temple; and the Estill County Sportsmen's Club.

It has been an honor and a privilege knowing and working with C.D. Noland throughout the years. On behalf of the people of eastern Kentucky, I want to commend C.D. for all he has accomplished for our State, and thank him for a job well done.

LONG TIME DEMOCRAT JOINS
REPUBLICAN RANKS

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 11, 1997

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, on December 19, 1996, the mayor of Slidell, LA, the Honorable Salvatore A. "Sam" Caruso, left the Democratic party for the Republican Party. I commend Mayor Caruso on his decision and welcome him to the Republican Party.

Like other conservative Democrats, mayor Caruso found it difficult to be a member of a party whose philosophy blatantly contradicted his own deeply held beliefs. I recommend that my House colleagues take a moment and read Mayor Caruso's remarks.

SOME REFLECTIONS UPON THE OCCASION OF
CHANGING MY POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY

(By Salvatore A. Caruso)

Thank you for coming here today. The fact that we have had sleet, and rain and snow here in south Louisiana over the past few days was merely what Congressman Livingston predicted would happen whenever I would change political parties. Except that he predicted both events for July 32nd.

Bob Livingston has been trying to persuade me to make this change for at least ten (10) years now. In a desperate attempt about a year ago, he added one new reason. Bob told me that I look more like an elephant than a jackass. I was not sure if that was a compliment or an insult. Although he added that if I became a Republican I could ride the elephant into an unlimited political future. I told him that if the elephant could fit on my shoulders I would do it.

A lot of people have a right to a serious explanation regarding this change in my Party affiliation.

Because I have been a Democrat for all of my life and because I have been correctly identified as a proponent of a few issues which some people call "liberal", there has been an obscuring of the fact that upon several other issues I have always been strongly conservative and correctly identified with what might be called the Republican position.

Let me give you three examples:

(1) There is currently a popularly used word to describe the divesting of power by the Federal Government from itself, and the passing of that power on to Stat and Local governments. The word is "devolution."

For me, that is simply a newly popular word to replace the more traditional word "subsidiarity." Subsidiarity is a word and a concept that have been available to us for a very long time. The word has a proper place in philosophy, economics, political science, management and other areas of human en-

deavor. Put simply, it means this: Nothing should be done at a higher level of organization than is necessary to accomplish the purpose involved. Or, conversely, whatever needs to be done should be done at the lowest level of organization that is possible. In governmental terms: Whatever needs to be done by the government should be done by the government closest to the people.

(2) I am a fiscal conservative and I always have been. That strong fiscal conservatism has been consistently reflected in my speech, in my actions, and in my decisions as a public official for over eighteen (18) years now. No one turns around a public hospital from a three and one-half million dollar debt to a thriving enterprise by using financially liberal practices. No one leads a city to \$55,000,000 worth of capital improvements while finishing eleven (11) years of operations with a financial surplus by being profligate with public money.

(3) I believe strongly in environmental protection. But, I do not believe that business people ought to be, in effect, deprived of the use of their land because it holds a puddle of water for two weeks out of the year. I believe even less that local governments, struggling to keep their people from flooding, ought to have to obtain permission from the Federal Government to build the necessary structures on land where some exotic grasses are growing. I like plants, but like people more.

And, it is my love for people that brings me to the central reason for this change in political parties.

Before I expand upon that, I want to insert here a very personal note. I began this speech with a couple of humorous comments about Congressman Livingston. Now I want to tell you something that is very serious. No one should ever change political parties simply because of a personal friendship. And, over the years, I have resisted any temptation to do that. The issue is simply too important to be decided at that level. But, if there are other matters that are compelling or nearly compelling, then certainly it is honorable to allow personal considerations to top-off the decision-making process.

And, that is, in fact, happening in this case. As almost everyone knows by now, Bob Livingston and I were classmates at Our Lady of Lourdes Grammar School in New Orleans. He has survived the publication of that fact until now, and I expect that he will continue to manage after this. What yet may be unclear is the extent to which Bob has been a friend to me and to the City which I lead. Over all of these years and throughout all of his success at the national level, he has never been any different in personal attitude than he was when we were both boys. And, during all of that time no one could have been a better friend to a former classmate than Bob Livingston has been to me. No one could have been a better friend to the City I lead than Bob Livingston has been to the City of Slidell. Federal money that is at work right now in the City of Slidell came here largely through Bob Livingston. Federal money to control flooding, and for which we have only recently become eligible, will come to us almost solely because of Bob Livingston, if only we have the sense to take it.

What all of us owe to my grammar school classmate is more than I can cover in this speech. And, so, for now, in this setting, the only thing more that needs to be said is: Thank you, Bob.

Now, let me return to my comment about my love for people.

I come from a family which always struggled for a reasonable level of existence, which was occasionally near the poverty level, and in which both parents died at age fifty-three (53), and died bankrupt for the