

**INTRODUCTION OF THE REV. SAMUEL P. LAMBACK, JR., GUEST CHAPLAIN**

(Mr. CHAMBLISS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in order to recognize the Rev. Samuel P. Lamback, Jr., who served as guest Chaplain this day in giving the Chamber's morning invocation.

Originally from Macon, GA, Reverend Lamback was born and raised in my congressional district. After serving with distinction in the U.S. Army, he and his wife, Ginni, have returned to middle Georgia where Reverend Lamback now lives in Byron, GA, and serves as pastor of the Byron United Methodist church.

Reverend Lamback has devoted his life to serving others. Following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where I might add he was under the tutelage of our own chaplain, the Rev. Jim Ford, he served his country and fellow servicemen for 30 years as a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

Rev. Lamback represents the finest aspects of American culture he has led a life of excellence and obedience in serving his God, his church, his beliefs, and a grateful Nation.

It is truly an honor for me to recognize a constituent who has served both his country and his Creator with honor and dignity.

**PROVIDING HOUSING FOR RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WHILE AMERICANS ARE UPROOTED BY MILITARY BASE CLOSINGS**

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, even though American families are being uprooted with military base closings, Uncle Sam gave millions of dollars to Russia to build housing for Russian soldiers. Now, if that is not enough to throw up your vodka, check this out. News reports confirm that one of Russia's top generals has been arrested for taking bribes, bribed with American cash. These reports say the top Russian military officials have used American dollars to build elegant country homes, and there have hardly been any homes built for Russian soldiers.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. When American veterans are losing their homes and America continues to give money to Russia, it is being used to build homes for the military elite, something is wrong.

Are we nuts here?

Is everybody inhaling in D.C.?

I say not one more dollar for these fat cat Russkie nincompoops. Let us use our money to help American military.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of any jobs and money left.

**TOP 10 REASONS NOT TO SUPPORT H.R. 1270, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT**

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, top 10 reasons not to vote for H.R. 1270, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997:

Number 10, nuclear waste will be transported next to your constituents, their homes and their schools; No. 9, transportation of radioactive waste past private property results in its devaluation; No. 8, shipping containers are designed to withstand a cash of only 30 miles per hour; No. 7, the President will veto this bill; No. 6, the Senate will sustain the bill; No. 5, local officials are neither trained or equipped to cope with a nuclear disaster; No. 4, 33 faults and 30 earthquakes, Yucca mountain is not safe period; No. 3, H.R. 1270 would result in the transfer of liability for radioactive waste to the U.S. taxpayer; No. 2, it will cost the American taxpayers an additional \$2.3 billion to transport this waste rather than keeping it onsite; and finally, Mr. Speaker, No. 1, a single radioactive accident in this country would cost the American taxpayers nearly \$20 billion and take over 450 days to clean it up.

Mr. Speaker, it is very important that my colleagues learn the facts surrounding H.R. 1270 and then vote against it.

**HELPING WOMEN ON WELFARE TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE**

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the budget resolution makes a good start at educating more Americans, and that is very good. But at the same time we must take this opportunity to help another very important group of Americans become educated. I am talking about women who are on welfare, women who want to complete their education so they can get off welfare and into jobs that pay a livable wage.

The welfare bill as passed tells these women education is not important. It is important for others, but not for them, because education is not counted as work in the new welfare law.

I have introduced a bill, Mr. Speaker, to change that. My bill says to women on welfare, "If you study for your high school degree or your college degree or train for a career, we will count that as work."

Education must be a top priority for all Americans, particularly for single moms who are on welfare. We must count education for welfare mothers as work so that they can get their lives together and they can earn a livable wage.

**AIR QUALITY IMPROVING, BUT COCKROACHES, MITES, AND MOLDS A REAL CAUSE FOR CONCERN**

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is safe for our children to go outside and play again. The EPA's PM-2.5 ozone standards are being questioned again by experts.

In Newsweek's cover story on asthma, Dr. Thomas Platts-Mills of UVA's Asthma Disease Center says it is biologically, and I am quoting, "it is biologically abnormal behavior" for American kids to spend so much inactive time in front of TVs and computers.

With air quality improving, many are beginning to question the correlation between fine particulates and asthma cases. Instead, the real culprit, the real asthma culprit, might be hiding right inside our homes. Cockroaches, dust mites, molds, and animal dander may be the real cause for concern.

A recent study featured in the New England Journal of Medicine examined 476 asthmatic kids and found that cockroach allergies emerged as a key to increased asthma attacks. They no longer need to be scared of lions and tigers and bears, but watch out for roaches, mites and mold.

So America, open up the doors and windows, and send the children out to play with a deep breath of fresh air.

**MAKING EDUCATION THE TOP PRIORITY OF THIS CONGRESS**

(Ms. STABENOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased early Wednesday morning to join my colleagues in voting for the balanced budget agreement. The most important piece for me in that agreement is that we place education as number one both in terms of investment spending and, on the other side, in terms of tax breaks for families that are working hard to send their children to college.

Now the real work begins. We have to make sure that we fulfill that promise to our families and our districts, and I would urge that as the Republican majority leads the efforts in the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means that we keep our promise to focus on our children and on education.

Mr. Speaker, our children need to be prepared to start school ready to learn. They need to be able to read. They need to have classrooms that have technology that prepare them for the future. They need to be able to go to college, be involved in apprenticeships and job training that allows them to be prepared for the future.

Our challenge is to make sure that the promises that were in that agreement and the opportunities presented