

THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK
ACT, H.R. 59

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. RYUN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak for the millions of Americans who support H.R. 59, the National Right to Work Act.

H.R. 59 will restore basic constitutional rights to the workers of America—freedom of choice and freedom of association. It is morally wrong and economically disastrous for us to allow Americans to be forced into paying their hard-earned money as tribute to Big Labor bosses for the privilege of having a job.

The United States Congress created this injustice. We alone can end it. We must give back to those we represent a freedom that Congress took away—the right to choose whether or not to join a labor union.

It is my hope that this important bill comes to the floor of the House for a vote before we adjourn the 105th Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 385, the Scott amendment to H.R. 4276, the fiscal 1999 Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act, it was my intention to vote "no". I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the RECORD immediately following rollcall vote No. 385.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday evening and today and missed the following Roll Call votes:

Roll Call vote Number 383, the Souder amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 384, the Bass amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Roll Call vote Number 385, the Scott amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 386 the Gutknecht amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Roll Call vote Number 387, the DeGette amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Ap-

propriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 388, the Mollohan amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 389, the Pallone amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 390, the Engel amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 391, the Royce amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Roll Call vote Number 392, the Bartlett amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Roll Call vote Number 393, the Talent amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Roll Call vote Number 394, the Stearns amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Roll Call vote Number 395, the Callahan amendment to H.R. 4276—FY 1999 Commerce, State, Justice, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

GREENBERG HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 5, 1998

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Barbara L. Greenberg of Northeastern Pennsylvania. This month, Barbara Greenberg will be installed as the National President of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Barbara was born in New York City and lived there until the end of World War II when she moved with her family to Northeastern Pennsylvania, where she has resided ever since.

Barbara graduated from Rider College with a degree in Medical Technology. After several years as a homemaker, Barbara began a career in the insurance industry in 1972, which she still pursues to this date.

From a very early age, Barbara learned love of country and a hatred of bigotry from her beloved and patriotic father. As a child, she helped her father in his anti-air raid duties during World War II. Barbara volunteers at the Veterans Medical Center and participates in all Veterans and Memorial Day parades.

Barbara is also active in her Temple, holding many leadership positions over the years. She has been president of the Women's Service Club at the Jewish Community Center and

was recently named to the Executive Committee and the board of the Jewish Home of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Barbara first became a member of the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary after her marriage to her husband, Sam, who would later serve as National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans. Her love for the organization grew and assumed leadership roles in the national organization with great distinction, serving on the A-Board, Chair of the Membership Committee, National A-Wish, and Aid to Israel just to name a few. During this activity, she somehow managed to raise three children who have produced eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have had the opportunity to bring Barbara Greenberg's accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues. I join with the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary in thanking Barbara for her past and future efforts.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE,
JUSTICE, AND STATE, AND JUDI-
CIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 4, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4276) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to explain my vote against Rep. Engel's amendment to the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill which would have slashed \$5 million from the Title XI ship building program, and given it to the Public Telecommunication Facilities Program (PTFP).

The Federal Ship Financing Program was established pursuant to Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 to encourage ship production and ship improvements. By promoting the modernization of the U.S. merchant marine fleet, we also enhance our national security. As was clearly evidenced in the 1991 Gulf War, our merchant marine is critical for transporting troops and supplies throughout the world wherever they are needed. We must maintain a strong fleet so that we can be prepared in times of conflict, in addition to maintaining our commitments in peace time.

The Public Telecommunication Facilities Program (PTFP) is another worthwhile program. Over the past 30 years, the PTFP has provided funding for both public radio and television stations. Throughout my tenure in Congress I have been a strong supporter of public broadcasting which offers Americans a broad range of quality educational and cultural programming for people of all ages.

However, Mr. Chairman, it is ill-advised and just plain wrong to pit one worthwhile program against another in the appropriations debate. While the PTFP is an admirable program, I cannot vote to strip the Title XI program of \$5 million of the \$6 million remaining in their FY99 Appropriations. I applaud my colleague Mr. Engel's effort to increase funds for public