

agency. He also made great contributions on the national level."

The priest, who will continue to lie where he has for years at Catholic Charities' St. Joseph's Home for Children in south Minneapolis, most recently has been instrumental in developing a plan for residential academies to serve at-risk youth.

Archdiocesan Catholic Charities board chair Karen Rauenhorst said, "Msgr. Boxleitner has not only served the poor of our community but has touched the lives of so many. I have been deeply impacted by his commitment to living as Christ did in service to the widows and orphans in our midst."

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ENERGY CONSERVATION  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM BLILEY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 1998*

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, the House now considers S. 417, a bill to extend certain conservation and export promotion programs authorized under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, the Energy Conservation and Production Act, and the National Energy Conservation Policy Act.

I want to begin by observing this legislation enjoys broad support. The gentleman from Colorado, Mr. SCHAEFER, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the Committee on Commerce, crafted this legislation closely with the minority, and the bill is co-sponsored by Mr. HALL, the Subcommittee Ranking Member. The bill was approved by the Committee on Commerce by voice vote and passed the House under suspension on September 28. Not one Member spoke against the bill when it was considered by the House. I understand the Department of Energy supports the legislation, as do many energy efficiency organizations. I commend Mr. SCHAEFER for working so closely with the minority and the Department of Energy on this legislation.

I support the bill. In particular, I support language crafted by the gentlemen from Colorado that expands the use of energy savings performance contracts, permitting Federal judicial and legislative agencies—in addition to executive branch agencies—to enter into these contracts. That will cut the energy bill of the Federal government and save taxpayers money. The Government Printing Office alone estimates that use of energy savings performance contracts will cut their energy costs by \$500,000 per year.

I want to commend the Department for its aggressive support for energy savings performance contracts. Recently, the Department announced it had awarded contracts to seven energy savings companies to begin capital improvements at Federal buildings in 20 States. The energy savings performance contracts entered into by DOE to date have the potential of cutting the energy bill of the Federal government—and saving taxpayers—\$3 billion.

I urge support for S. 417.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING  
MURDER OF MATTHEW SHEPARD

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution. It is appropriate that the House should honor Matthew Shepard in his death, and condemn the heinous crime which took his life.

But I also rise to say that this resolution is not enough. The event that has brought us together in mourning was not only a murder. It was certainly not only a robbery. It was an attempt by two people to send a message to an entire community.

The alleged perpetrators of this crime made no efforts to hide their actions. Mr. Shepard's dying body was not buried in a ditch. He was not hidden. He was not disguised. He was left to die, hung on a fence in an ostentatious bid for discovery. The message Mr. Shepard's attackers intended to send is clear. Their message was that lesbian and gay people should not feel welcome anywhere, a message that lesbian and gay Americans everywhere should fear for their safety. This message is the wrong message in a democratic society.

As Americans we have a moral responsibility to send our own message back. A message that despite our divisions, we all hold inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. A message that we, as a country and as a community, condemn not only this murder, but all crimes perpetrated against our fellow Americans for their race, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

We have an opportunity to send this message by passing the Hate Crimes Prevention Act before we adjourn the 105th Congress. We must not drag our feet any longer. I urge my colleagues to pass the resolution condemning Matthew Shepard's murder, and I also urge them to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act now. Let's send the clearest possible message that American values are the values of tolerance, non-violence, and equality.

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SPEAKER'S RALLY FOR THE 105TH  
CONGRESS

**HON. NEWT GINGRICH**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 21, 1998*

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, the 105th Congress has achieved numerous victories for the American people. Among many other things, we have balanced the budget for the first time in decades, kept funding in the control of local officials for their schools, passed strong anti-drug legislation, increased funding for the military, and passed tax cuts so American families can keep their hard-earned money. I submit the following speech for further consideration of the accomplishments of the 105th Congress.

RALLY FOR THE 105TH CONGRESS, OCTOBER 20,  
1998

(By Hon. Newt Gingrich)

Mr. GINGRICH. It's truly disorienting and I commend the other speakers. They got up

here and looked out over a sea of eager young faces and to see Bill Young and Bill Thomas in the middle of them is one of the more disorienting moments of this entire Congress. (Laughter.)

The thought of the two of you as interns is almost beyond comprehension. And we can't get them up here. They both deserve a lot of credit. Bill Young worked very hard on the defense effort that we put in this year. And Bill Thomas, an achillean effort working with Mike Bilirakis and Bill Archer and with Tom Bliley managed to get home health care included at the very last minute.

And a very important home health care (off-mike). I'm delighted both of you are back here. (Applause.)

I want to drive home three messages and then illustrate them for a minute because I think it's important that we recognize that politics at its best is an educational experience. Despite the 30 second commercials and the some times mindless talk shows, the fact is that the way a country grows over time is by engaging in the political process.

And there are three lessons at the end of this year I think. The first is that this is an American victory. And I kept getting phone calls from reporters and the president who was in the Rose Garden claiming credit for the budget, and I wanted to set up a fight. I wanted to say well, don't you want to claim credit? And I said, you know, Republicans in the Congress deserve five percent of the credit for balancing the budget. The president under our Constitution had to sign the agreement and he deserves five percent of the credit. And 90 percent of the credit for balancing the budget belongs to working, tax paying Americans who sent the money to Washington. And that's what ought to be. (Applause.)

Well if you think about it, the things we've tried to do for the last few years are the overwhelming sentiment of the overwhelming majority of Americans. Welfare reform according to "The New York Times" the week before it was finally signed into law after two vetoes, 92 percent of the American people supported it. Virtually every Democrat, virtually every Republican, virtually every Independent. It was an American victory that we were simply the vehicle of the American people in getting their will through to a Washington, DC that didn't want to believe in the people.

The question of balancing the budget, every poll for 30 years has shown that whether you're a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent, you thought balancing the budget mattered. The Republican party through the Contract with America became the vehicle for the American people's will and we moved from a three trillion, one hundred billion dollar projected deficit over 11 years when we were sworn in as a majority in January of 1995 to a one trillion, 650 billion dollar surplus over the same period now that we've had three-and-a-half years to get a job done. (Applause.)

But those lower interest rates that Heather described are a victory for every young American who's going to college. The lower interest rates that Vito Fossella described earlier are a victory for every small business, every family farm, every person who buys a home. All Americans are better off. When you balance the budget, lower interest rates and have lower taxes because you don't have to tax this entire generation to pay the interest on three trillion dollars in debt. So that's an American victory.

Strengthening our defenses for the first time since 1985 is an American victory because every American should care about the young men and women who have the courage and the patriotism to put on our uniform and we did the right thing in the vote we're