

The chill of winter may seem a long way off, Mr. Chairman, but heating your home is not a luxury. In fact, for many in the Northeast, it is a matter of life and death.

By creating this oil reserve, we can help cushion oil prices from the shocks of inadequate supply and steep demand and, in doing so, prevent working families from suffering through such a drastic hike in prices.

I thank Representative SANDERS for his leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday June 15 I had the privilege to attend the high

school graduation of my daughter in California and so I was unable to cast the following votes during consideration of H.R. 4578, The Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

On Rollcall No. 278 (Rule on VA/HUD Approps) I would have voted: "No".

INTERIOR APPROPS

On Rollcall No. 279 (Nethercutt amendment to Dicks amendment) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 280 (Hansen amendment to Dicks amendment) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 281 (Dicks amendment Columbia River Basin) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 282 (Stearns amendment to cut NEA funding) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 283 (Slaughter amendment Re Clean Coal Funding) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 284 (Obey motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 285 (Quorum Call);

On Rollcall No. 286 (Sanders amendment to create a Home Heating Oil Reserve) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 287 (Doggett motion that the Committee Rise) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 288 (Nethercutt amendment Re national monuments) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 289 (Dave Weldon amendment Re Indian Gaming in Florida) I would have voted: "no";

On Rollcall No. 290 (Motion to recommit with instructions) I would have voted: "aye";

On Rollcall No. 291 (Final Passage Interior Approps—passed 204—172) I would have voted: "no".