

VA outpatient clinics recently in their District that these goals have not been met.

My bill will actually codify the veterans self-imposed standard. I think that it is important because if a VA medical center is unable to see a patient then that patient should be able to seek care elsewhere in the community.

I urge my fellow Members to join me with this bill.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEED OUR HELP

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

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for two bills to provide financial relief to our Nation's senior citizens. Both men and women will receive assistance with this legislation, but because older women are often with less financial resources, they will particularly benefit.

My first bill, H.R. 1922, the Fair Taxes for Seniors Act, allows the fact that the current capital gains tax exemption on the sale of a home is not working for seniors who live in areas with higher housing prices. The bill provides a one-time increase in the capital gains exemption for sales of homes for citizens who are 50 years and older.

My second bill, the Social Security Survivors Fairness Act, provides Social Security widows' benefits for women under the age of 60. Mr. Speaker, I have stories about various seniors in my District talking about the need for this exemption for the capital gains of the sale of their home and also for the lowering of the age for which they can become eligible for Social Security.

I will include my full statement at this point.

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Eleanor, a 78-year-old citizen, lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and bought her home 45 years ago with her husband, who has passed away. The combined Federal and State taxes on her home after the current capital gains exemption are \$68,000. She needs this money from the sale of her house in order to move into a nursing home. Eleanor wants to stay in the Chicago area because her friends are there, but the price of nursing care there is high. Should a 78-year-old woman have to move from the city she has lived all her life because, as a widow, she is considered single and has to pay higher taxes?

Marilyn is a single, professional woman who lives in Mission Hills, California—near my con-

gressional district. She chose to become involved in her community and has stayed in the same house throughout her lifetime. Marilyn is now 60 years old and wants to sell her home and move to a smaller condo in the same area. Her combined Federal and State taxes are \$169,940 after the current exemption. Should singles who remain in one house for many years be taxed for their stability—and essentially for being single?

Sally, a divorced, single mother in Seattle, Washington is 57 years old. She chose to stay in one home for 37 years so her children could stay in the same school system and she could live near her work and her church. One of her adult children has developed severe health problems and has to pay medical bills not covered by insurance. Sally is selling her home to pay some of the doctor's bills. Her combined Federal and State taxes are \$64,000. This tax money is money that Sally should be able to use to pay off medical bills as well as to get ready for her own retirement.

My bill would provide a one-time increase of \$500,000 for a single person and \$1 million for a couple in the amount excludable from the sale of a principal residence for taxpayers who have reached the age of 50. Let us help our citizens over age 50 who have lived in one home for many years. Let them keep the proceeds from the sale of their homes for retirement and health care costs. An added benefit is that family members and perhaps the government will be relieved of the burden of caring for these individuals as they grow older.

My second bill is H.R. 1923, the Social Security Survivors Fairness Act, to provide Social Security widows' benefits for women under the age of 60. Maria is a 58-year-old widow who lives in San Ysidro, California in my congressional district. Throughout her lifetime, she worked in the home, raising her children and supporting her husband. Now her husband, who received Social Security benefits, has passed away. There currently is a provision for Maria to receive Social Security widows' benefits, but to qualify she must be 60 years old.

Social Security is telling Maria that she must find a way to support herself for 2 years. It will be difficult for her to find a job at her age, when she has never worked outside of her home. Women in their late 50s who are dependent on their husband's Social Security are left with no means of support if their spouse dies. My bill would amend the Social Security Act to reduce from 60 to 55 the age at which an individual who is otherwise eligible may be paid widows' or widowers' insurance benefits.

I encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 1922 and H.R. 1923 to provide financial assistance to our country's most vulnerable citizens.

GREATEST BOOTLEG IN HISTORY

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, we witnessed one of the greatest bootlegs in the history of the tax code. We were told that every single person would be able to get something back in this tax code, but there are people making less than \$27,000 a year who will not be getting a \$400 check, but worse than that, these are families that have worked.

This is not welfare. This is not a give away. These are people who put in 40 hours a week and have children and deserve the \$400 back.

In Youngstown, Ohio, where we have a reserve base, there will be one in five military workers who will not be able to qualify for this, putting their lives on the line, active duty members of the military that will not qualify.

All we have to do is raise the top tax bracket. It has been lowered from 38 percent to 35 percent. From 35 percent, raise it to 35.3 percent, and we would have enough money generated to take care of working parents, mostly single parent homes, many military homes that will not be able to utilize this tax credit.

The greatest bootleg in the history of the Congress.

HONORING THE PAGE CLASS OF 2003

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, if I could ask the page class of 2003 to come down and take seats here in the first and second row, maybe spread it out to both sides.

Here we are, about to end a year, and this is a tradition. Unfortunately, a lot of us have to go back to our district and will not be here for graduation. I know the class is having the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) speak. He will represent us well as a former page himself, but this gives us a chance as a collective body to say thank you for all your work and support and friendship and things that you have done over the years.

Obviously, we remember just a short time ago welcoming you and I do not know if you remember some of the comments, but I know what I have said to other classes is that you get an opportunity to observe and work with elected Members of Congress and you will see history in the making. We did not know what that would be, but it has happened every year. Something occurs that you all are a part of, and you all know what those were.

I also asked and you all made a pledge as a class to do well in your duties, do well in your school work, do well in the dorm activities, and for the most part, I think you can say you accomplished your mission well, and I am very thankful as the Chairman of the page board that I did not have to see very many of you very often. So thank you for not only doing your work but upholding the great tradition of the page program because that helps us continue to move the page program forward.

I am going to be able to intersperse comments as I have a lot of colleagues that want to make sure they say a special farewell to you, and so I am going to pause right now. I am going to ask the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE), my colleague, to come up and

say his farewell as a Member of Congress.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding to me, and I want to say to all of you it is great to be here with you on this day. This is something of a bittersweet day, I know, for you as you leave an experience that is going to be an experience of a lifetime. I can tell you that from having been through it myself many years ago as a page, but it is also you are going to be returning home to your friends and your families, and that is always good, and you are not going to have to be rousted out of bed in the morning for early duty over here and you are not going to have late nights on the floor of the House for a while. So you can sit back at home and watch it on television for a little bit and enjoy it that way instead of having to participate in it every day.

Over the years, you will come to understand just how important an experience this is for you, or at least I hope you will, and I think all of you will do that.

First, I just want to say the job that you do for us is very important. I liken it to being the grease that helps to make the House of Representatives run every day from having squeaky wheels. It is the oil that makes the machine work correctly. You really do in a very quiet and silent way, kind of behind the scenes, you perform very important functions for us, and we are very grateful for that. Sometimes perhaps we do not say it often enough or we do not say it in the right way. So I just want to say thank you for the outstanding job that you do.

It would not be possible to do the job of pages with other people handling those tasks. There is a very special reason that we have kept this program constituted the way it is, with young people coming from all walks of life, all parts of the United States, all kinds of communities, all backgrounds, all ethnic groups, that come here to get a sense of what the House of Representatives, what the Congress, what the United States Government is all about because in a very real sense, you go back to your communities, to your schools, to your families, to your fellow students as ambassadors, as ambassadors from the House of Representatives, as ambassadors from the United States Congress to tell them something about the institution that you have had an opportunity for a year not just to study but to live, to actually be a part of.

So for this last year, you have really come to understand in ways perhaps that you do not even recognize right now because it is just absorbed to you but over the years you will understand things that you know now about the House of Representatives that other people do not understand and do not know about.

The most important thing that I hope you will take away from this is that the people who serve here are

good. The people who work in this place are good. The staff that work behind this desk, the staff that work in all of the buildings, that work in all of the offices, the staff that help you to go through this year, the Members who serve in the House of Representatives and the Members who serve in the United States Senate, sure there are bad eggs. There are always bad eggs someplace, but they are by and large good people.

The most important thing is not that. It is the institution itself. The institution is much larger than the people who serve in this body. This morning we swore in a new Member. I think I heard the figure, the 9,883rd person in the history of the United States to serve in the House of Representatives. It is a great privilege for me to serve in the House, and I can guarantee that as I look out to faces here there are one or two, maybe more, of you who will someday be back here as Members of the House of Representatives.

It is not the people that serve here. It is the institution itself that makes this country different from other countries. It is the concept of the rule of law. It is the concept of the history. It is the concept of the institution that makes our government work.

In my capacity as chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs I have a responsibility and an opportunity to travel to a lot of countries around the world, and sometimes I see countries that have great wealth, great natural resources, have everything going for them except they do not have the institutions. They do not have the rule of law. That is what makes the United States different.

We should never just assume it is always there. It is something that has to be protected. It is something that has to be worked for every day. That is why I think this that you now have a responsibility as a former page to go back to your communities, to become active citizens in your communities, to help to participate in your community, to participate in the political process.

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You will do it in different ways. Most of you will never run for any office; but you will get involved, perhaps in a school community, in the school board. You will do one of these different things; and someday, yes, one of you will be in Congress. Maybe one of you will be President of the United States. I can look out here and see many that I think might fill that role.

The important thing is that you stay involved in your community. The important thing is that you make a contribution to this great country so that your children and your grandchildren can someday sit on this floor and have the same experience. It does not just happen. It happens because Americans care enough to make it happen. You have cared enough to come here and to be a part of this, and we thank you for

the job that you have done. We thank you for the commitment that you have made year long to this responsibility, to this work. And we thank you now as you go back to your communities.

I wish you all the very best, and I hope I see the faces of many of you around here in the future. Thank you. Godspeed.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments. I want to make sure I hand in the list of the departing pages, the class of 2003, over here. As you know, you will want to make sure you grab your official transcript of the day's proceedings and activities and you will be able to see your name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and that is why we do that.

Perhaps one of you will become Speaker of the House, maybe you will be the President; but the really good job is to be the chairman of the Page Board, so that is what you ought to shoot for. Anybody can be President, not very many people can be chairman of the Page Board or a member of the Page Board; and that is what you should be shooting for.

I am pleased today to recognize a true friend of the page program. You are in the 20th anniversary class, the reconstituted page program. This year, my colleague who is on the Page Board, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), is celebrating 20 years of service to this program. I have only been doing it 5 years, and look at all the gray hair I have; but he has been doing it 20 years.

Mr. KILDEE has touched the lives of literally thousands of pages just like you throughout his 20 years. In his early days on the board, he oversaw the creation of the page school and the residence hall. Most recently, he was instrumental in the planning and construction phases of the brand new residence hall. And as I like to say, you all are living in tall cotton compared to the location the other pages resided in. They had to really weather some severe hardships. But the gentleman from Michigan was very instrumental in that planning, and I think you are all pleased with the residence hall. I know I am. And I know you are all grateful to him for that.

Under the leadership of the gentleman from Michigan, the program has grown and flourished to be an outstanding opportunity for bright young people. Today, the program encompasses aspects of academic work and a social life that has made it truly a comprehensive experience. We thank him for his tireless dedication to the Page Board and we congratulate him for 20 years of service.

I am going to ask Mr. KILDEE to come up, but what he does not know, and I will go over here now, is that we have a little surprise for him. We are going to present to him this plaque: "The United States House of Representatives Page Program, Presented to the Honorable DALE KILDEE, In Honor of 20 Years of Service to the Page Program, 1983 to 2003."

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much. Mr. Speaker, this has been a great year. It has been a great 20 years. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, I have served now 20 years on the Page Board, having been appointed by Speaker Tip O'Neill. I would like to express my personal gratitude to all the pages who have served so diligently in this House during the 108th Congress. It is the 14th Congress that I have served in, and I love every day of it.

We Members of Congress, we all recognize the important role that you pages have in making this House really work, work efficiently, and work with some inspiration from you because we all get inspired by those who are younger than us, have those ideals and remind us of those ideals. I have had some meals with some of you, enjoyed that very much, and had a chance to talk to you on the floor. This has been a very, very good group.

This group of young people, you come from all across our Nation, and you represent what is so good in our country. You give us so much hope for our future. Indeed, I think all of us can say, those of us especially who are so close to the page program, that we are better people for having had contact with you because you give us such inspiration and so much hope.

To become a page you have proven yourself first of all to be academically qualified. It is not easy to become a page. You have ventured away from the security of your homes and families to spend time in, for most all of you, a very, very unfamiliar city. And through this experience as a page you have witnessed a new culture, made new friends; and some of you will, I will guarantee, I have been here 27 years in the Congress, 20 years on the Page Board, some of you, 27 and more years from now, will still be friends and you will be staying in contact. Because I know some of those pages I first met when I became a member of the Page Board still remain in contact.

We all know that this body has experienced so many things and you have witnessed history like no other group. There is a great group in this country called Close Up, which is a very good group; but no one, no one has seen the Congress as close up as you. No one. You have seen this body address the awesome question of war itself. You have become really part of history.

Your job is not an easy one. First of all, you have to possess the maturity to balance the very competing demands for your time and your energy. I always say there are three different arenas down here: you have the floor and the buildings around the Capitol, where you have assignments; you have the school and the demands in the school; and you have the dorm. There are three different arenas. And let me tell you, you have done a very, very good job in every one of those arenas, and I am personally very, very proud of you.

And you have to work long hours, really long hours, and interact with people at every level. We have some people who are humble in this body and some maybe not as humble, but you interact with all of them and you do it well. You face a challenge in the school itself. It is a very tough school. Former Congressman William Whitehurst, Republican, who went on the Page Board with me, he and I worked together to get that school accredited. And, Bill, if you are listening, thanks a lot. He lives in Virginia, and he was just a great Member; and we were determined to get the school accredited. And it is a tough school.

You are away, and you have to go back for your senior year to another school. That alone presents a challenge to you. But you will meet that challenge because you are special people. I am sure that you will consider the time spent here in Washington, D.C. to be one of the most valuable experiences of your life and that will lead you on to very successful and productive lives.

My two sons were pages in this body, and they went on to serve their country as captains in the Army. One is leaving, my youngest one, leaving for Pakistan very shortly. He has been in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan. But there are so many ways of serving one's country; and you have grown in your love for this country, you have grown in respect for this country, and you have seen the Congress at its best and sometimes at its worst. We are human beings, but this is the best system in the world.

We are going to miss all of you very, very much; and may God bestow his richest blessings upon you. Thank you very much.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Michigan for all the work he has done, and I also want to recognize and thank some other folks for their long-time service and who are very special to the program, and you know many of them. Donn Anderson, former Clerk of the House and former page himself, serves on the Page Board as a member emeritus. Of course, he has a 20-year record. Donn, thank you. Barbara Bowen, who has ushered countless students through the confusing worlds of algebra and pre-calculus as the House page math teacher. And Ron Weitzel has instructed bright-eyed pages in the rich and complex history of America as the House page school history teacher. Thank you, Donn, Barbara, and Ron for your dedication and commitment to the page program.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague, the gentleman from the great State of California (Mr. LEWIS), to say a few words. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a totally unexpected circumstance, for it has not been my privilege to serve on the Page Board. My name is JERRY

LEWIS, from California. I have the privilege of chairing the subcommittee that deals with national defense. Our Secretary of Defense and General Meyers are briefing the Members, as you may know, over in the Rayburn Building; and we have had those discussions many a time. But I came here to the floor for other reasons and found this going on and thought it might be an opportunity to express my appreciation and say a few words to this class as you are leaving, for a time at any rate, the Nation's capital.

I wanted to share a couple of thoughts with you. When I was young, not really thinking about public affairs, I grew up in a household where my mother was a Democrat and my father was a Republican. So I grew up pretty confused, and over those early years spent a lot of time trying to figure out what are the Democrats all about and what are the Republicans all about, and is there really a lot of difference between these huge gray donkeys and elephants.

I came to Washington for the first time in 1955 as a student at UCLA, along with 11 other students, on our way to India in a program that existed before the Peace Corps, called Project India. Our job was to travel to Southeast Asia, go from community to community in India and try to communicate with our friends, Indian college students. On the way, we stopped in the Nation's capital. I had not been far out of San Bernardino before that. We spent a couple of days talking to USIA and the State Department people, and then we took a half day off to look at the monuments of this wonderful place. That is the story I kind of want to begin to share with you.

On that trip together we walked up the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for the first time, saw that wonderful statue seated in that temple. It is a magnificent first experience, chills up your spine. We had an appointment shortly thereafter on the edge of the Potomac, and in those days you could take a chain of boats and ride in a chain of boats along the Potomac and look at the Capitol and monuments from a different perspective.

We found ourselves waiting for a half hour, 45 minutes, and finally an hour went by only to learn that the reason for our wait was because two of our students were being told they would have to ride in a boat to be attached to the back because they happened to be black. The summer of 1955, 12 young idealistic kids from UCLA going to India to talk about freedom and hope and opportunity, and that scene at the Lincoln Memorial, and then that experience on the Potomac is something you just cannot wipe out of your memory.

But the point was not at all that our country had not made significant progress between the days of Lincoln and that summer of 1955. Clearly we had made much progress in our country. Clearly, also, we have made a lot

of progress since then and today. But the real point is, as I visit Lincoln, the real point is that this is our government, your government. If we are not happy with pieces of it, clearly we have a responsibility to try to impact it, to push it, to shove it down a pathway that makes a lot more sense from our perspective.

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Mr. Speaker, I went to India that summer thinking that maybe I might actually go into politics some time. I thought then I would probably run for office as a Democrat. I came back from India convinced, as I went through the summer trying to figure out the differences between the two great parties, that for me, Jerry Lewis, I probably absolutely would run for public office one day, but if I did so, I had made the decision that the place where I could have the biggest impact was on the Republican side of the aisle instead.

I draw the painting regarding the Potomac for one reason, and the quest for the difference between one or the other, I would love to hear from some of you in the months and years ahead, hear from you about what you decide to do in terms of your pathway in life, and what you decided to do if you involved yourself in partisan politics. Because it is people like you who make the two great parties great. But, more importantly, you can continue to make sure that our country is by far the best and the most important force for freedom in the world.

Thank you for what you have done, and it is a pleasure to have been with you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank, obviously, the chairman for sharing some time with us. I have a few last things to mention that are more serious, and then we will have a few lighthearted comments.

I would challenge you to find out what motivates yourself. What you have learned as a page going through this program is what is going to serve you well. You have learned a good work ethic and how to work hard. That is going to be important throughout the rest of your life. You have learned the importance of a good education. That will tide you over as you continue to pursue that.

You have learned how to respect one another. I think what our world needs more of is people learning how to respect one another, and I think the program does a great job in doing that.

Also, do not give up. Whatever happens, do not give up. At West Point, my alma mater, we say much of the history we teach was made by the individuals we taught; and I think that is true, what can be said of the page program and the page school, because much of the history that we know now today has been made by former pages.

You have in essence now a great tradition to follow, and I want to encourage you to make us proud. And you already have made us proud. You all in

this group have completed more than 1,400 hours of community service. We need to tell that story. You know it, but this helps us get the message out. That breaks down to an average of 21 hours per page.

Some examples of the things that you have done are Horton's Kids Tutoring Program. That was covered in one of the local papers. The Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Calvary Women's Shelter, Martha's Table, Ronald McDonald House and work at the Congressional Cemetery.

As a class, you have also proven to have the most terrible luck with weather. From the misty Sunday morning you moved in until the misty night of your prom, you have slogged through countless seminars and residence hall trips in the rain. In fact, the sun just came up today after many, many days of overcast skies. You did not even get a reprieve on the day that you were led through the Shenandoahs in the rain. You braved the elements recently on a trip to Six Flags and when you rode the roller coasters despite the rain.

You have proven that rain cannot dampen your enthusiasm and good humor, and it looks like you may be in luck: No rain forecasted for tomorrow's departure ceremony, but, given your track record, I would not count on it. I am going to echo Mrs. Miranda's advice, bring rain gear.

Also, we have discovered that the future President of the United States, Bryce Chitwood, who was in charge of the page auction which raised a record-breaking amount of money for the page prom, \$9,000, it looks like his fund-raising skills are well organized for future goals and aspirations.

Our future Major League baseball player, Ben Hanna, who, it has been said, has great baseball player's hair. I have no idea what that means. All I know is what I am reading here.

One future NASCAR driver, Katie Murray, just has to learn to keep all four wheels on the track.

We have one future tycoon, John Malcovitch, who was born to wear a tuxedo and will be in the same league as Bill Gates, who was also a page. And I have also been told that at least three of our pages are going directly to college, skipping their senior year, and congratulations, I think. They are Sam Rykaczewski, Lauren Conn, and Michael Tanner. This is just one example of all the great successes.

But also as exciting is Democratic pages last week participated in the annual "How many pages can you fit into a cloakroom phone booth?" That is not a tradition on the other side, and I hesitate to mention it because it might become one. The answer is 11, and congratulations. I do not know if that is a record or not. I will have to talk to your folks and see where the record might be. I cannot imagine getting 11 in one of those phone booths.

You also have discovered the nook between the page desk and the storage

cabinet. You all call it the reading corner. Mrs. Ivester calls it the sleeping corner, and Democratic pages rush to work each day in hopes that they will find the secret candy drawer filled. When the drawer is empty, they can always count on the Democratic cloakroom managers feeding them bags of Georgia peanuts throughout the day. Democratic pages often say they work for peanuts.

I know that Helen and Pat back in the Republican cloakroom want to make sure that we have a special thanks for Matt Buckham for all his work carrying groceries for them.

We have talked through the aspect of this point in time in history and you all being involved in that. I think Members have been able to relay our thanks to you for your commitment to the institution. As chairman of the page board, I can speak for my colleague from Michigan and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) to say we thank you for upholding the honor and the integrity of the program. It makes it a lot easier for us.

Not only that, but the good work that you have done in volunteering. I think you have set a new standard for future page classes. We are definitely going to miss you, but life goes on. You have great challenges ahead. Always remember this important time in your life will not only be in your memory, but it will be in ours. We look forward to seeing you when you come back to visit.

God bless you all, and may God bless the United States of America.

DEPARTING PAGES, 2002-2003

Yvonne Aguilar, Claire Anderson, Candice Armstrong, Harry Bond, Trisha Belle, Robert Brown, Matthew Buckham, Donald Burke, Samuel Burke, Simona Burke, Thomas Carroll, Chris Cantrell, Stephanie Chesnov, Bryce Chitwood, Daniel Clayson, Kevin Clout, Lauren Conn, Christopher Denton, Ben Fendler, Susan Forrester, Doug Gill, David Gorgani, Laura Greenwood, Emily Hagan, Benjamin Hannan, Margaret Hartley, Jane Heaton, Alicia Hines, Margaret Hobbs, Chris Kataros, James Kotecki, Jeffrey Lakin, Erica Lally, Julie Leonard, Rong Li, Alejandra Lopez, John Malcovich, Tania Martinez, Emily McCarthy, Emily MacMillan-Ladd, Jennifer McDervitt, Laura Meixel, Greta Meyers, Michael Mullee, Kiera Murphy, Kaitlin Murray, Kristine Nagle, Amber Nixon, Lauren Noyes, Garrett Payne, Lisandro Rivera, Alex Rochester, Rene Rosales, Sam Rykaczewski, Matthew Schmitz, Allie Smoot, Neva St. Morris, Sarah Stafford, Elizabeth Sterling, Annabell Talamoa, Michael Tanner, Michael Tedori, Emily Toner, Emily White, Rebecca Williams, Leandra Wilson.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PORTER). Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h and the order of the House on January 8, 2003, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in