

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### H.R. 2417, THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE REPORT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2003*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great dismay that I rise to oppose H.R. 2417, the Fiscal Year 2004 Intelligence Authorization Report.

The Republican Leadership inserted a controversial provision in the FY04 Intelligence Authorization Report that will expand the already far-reaching USA Patriot Act, threatening to further erode our cherished civil liberties. This provision gives the FBI power to demand financial and other records, without a judge's approval, from post offices, real estate agents, car dealers, travel agents, pawnbrokers and many other businesses. This provision was included with little or no public debate, including no consideration by the House Judiciary Committee, which is the committee of jurisdiction. It came as a surprise to most Members of this body.

It is of great concern that the Republican Leadership, along with the Administration and Attorney General Ashcroft, would seek to include such a non-germane, controversial provision into what should otherwise be a non-partisan bill. Furthermore, the Republican Leadership, in the Senate defeated an attempt to "sunset" this provision when they considered it. It is clear the Republican Leadership and the Administration would rather expand on the USA Patriot Act through deception and secrecy than debate such provisions in an open forum. The freedoms and civil liberties of the American people are too important to allow such an irresponsible, abusive power play by the Majority.

The importance of our intelligence community has grown significantly in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks and the subsequent, continuing campaign against terrorism. The FY04 Intelligence Authorization Report includes a number of positive, beneficial provisions designed to improve our counterintelligence capabilities, strengthen our ability to share information between the federal government, local and state officials, and provide for our intelligence officers and their families. It is unfortunate that such a controversial provision had to be included.

MATT KENSETH

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 21, 2003*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matt Kenseth, a native of Cambridge, Wisconsin, for clinching the NASCAR

Winston Cup Championship after placing fourth at the Pop Secret 400 at North Carolina Speedway on November 9, 2003.

Matt began working on his father's racecar when he was thirteen years old, and then he got the chance to start racing at the young age of sixteen. As a sign of his early talent for the sport, Matt was racing competitively by the age of nineteen. He moved up quickly to the ultra-competitive Wisconsin Late Model ranks, and he became the youngest winner ever in ARTGO Challenge Series history.

After driving the American Speed Association's ACDelco Challenge Series, Matt received a call from Robbie Reiser to drive his Busch Series car. In the NASCAR Busch Grand National Series, Matt excelled in his first full year by finishing second in the points battle. As a tribute to his success, he was called to substitute for Bill Elliott in the elite NASCAR Winston Cup Series at Dover Downs in September of 1998. This was his first start against the biggest names and greatest stock car drivers around, and Matt finished an impressive sixth place. The motorsports world certainly took notice of Matt in 2000, when he took the Winston Cup scene by storm winning the Raybestos Rookie of the Year Award.

This year, in his fourth season in NASCAR's top stock car series, Matt's commitment and consistency paid off because with one win, eleven top-five finishes, and twenty-five top ten finishes, he was able to take the Winston Cup title. Matt's achievements certainly have brought out the community pride and hometown spirit in Cambridge and across Wisconsin. He is a hero to countless young aspiring drivers, and he has shown why with his dedication through this long and challenging season. This December, he and his team will deservedly sit at head of the head table at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor Cambridge Native Matt Kenseth for his accomplished racing career and his recent NASCAR Winston Cup Championship title.

### INTRODUCTION—OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL POLICY CREATION ACT OF 2003

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 21, 2003*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here today to introduce an important piece of conservation legislation, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Policy Creation Act of 2003. This bill establishes in the Executive Office of the President, an Office of Ocean and Coastal Policy. I believe this Office will serve as a valuable complement to the environmental offices and agencies that currently exist, and will provide a unique perspective on the direction we ought to be moving in with regard to comprehensive ocean policy.

An issue to which I have devoted a great deal of time and one that I feel is very impor-

tant is the protection of the diverse range of fish stocks that inhabit our world's oceans, many of which are very close to disappearing forever. Given the recent release of two studies essentially stating that what I have been talking about is likely to happen, I am more convinced than ever that we need to take aggressive action immediately. Many of our oceans' fish stocks are now reportedly 90 percent depleted, meaning only 10 percent of the stocks that once existed remain. And many of these stocks are in grave danger of extinction if we proceed down the same path we are on now—that is, continue to study these stocks and do little to mitigate the damage that has already been done.

One of these two studies recently published was conducted by Dalhousie University, in Halifax, Canada, stating that the global ocean has lost over 90 percent of its large predatory fishes, such as tuna, swordfish and marlin. I have long known that the use of pelagic longline gear is one of the most, if not the most destructive, indiscriminate way to fish. A direct result of the use of this gear type, starting in the early 1960s, has provided for the almost complete disappearance of white marlin. Though not the target species of longline gear, marlin are a bycatch species, meaning that this gear type catches whatever eats the bait, and as the lines are left in the water overnight, any fish that bites onto a hook is more likely than not dead by the time the lines are pulled in, killing not only the target species, which is primarily swordfish, but also marlin or turtles or sharks or even small whales that happen to take the bait.

The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, created from my Oceans Act of 2000, has its own report forthcoming on the status of our oceans, it will be interesting to see what conclusions they put forward.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, the agency tasked with the protection of these species has failed to do so. The United States is a world leader on so many important and complex issues; it is hard to understand why the issue of fisheries management, and enforcement of the regulations currently in place both domestically and internationally, seems impossible to accomplish.

We need to take immediate aggressive steps to prevent the disappearance of these fish species, before it's too late. These studies should be a wake-up call that the process through which our world's fisheries is managed is broken and needs to be fixed.

This is an issue that resonates with anyone who has ever been to the beach in states like New Jersey, or watched a television program involving the deep blue sea. And given that 50 percent of the population of the United States lives within 100 miles of a coast, there are many who are personally affected by this issue. We have a unique opportunity to do something amazing and I think we owe it these wonderful resources that are our oceans to do all we can to bring them back to a healthy and sustainable level, for future generations. I look forward to working with this

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