

Iraqi threat. These are by any measure grave failures, costing us incalculably in human lives and treasure. Yet from what little we can know about this bill, the solution is to fund more of the same. I would hope that we might begin coming up with new approaches to our intelligence needs, perhaps returning to an emphasis on the proven value of human intelligence and expanded linguistic capabilities for our intelligence personnel.

I am also concerned that our scarce resources are again being squandered pursuing a failed drug war in Colombia, as this bill continues to fund our disastrous Colombia policy. Billions of dollars have been spent in Colombia to fight this drug war, yet more drugs than ever are being produced abroad and shipped into the United States—including a bumper crop of opium sent by our new allies in Afghanistan. Evidence in South America suggests that any decrease in Colombian production of drugs for the US market has only resulted in increased production in neighboring countries. As I have stated repeatedly, the solution to the drug problem lies not in attacking the producers abroad or in creating a militarized police state to go after the consumers at home, but rather in taking a close look at our seemingly insatiable desire for these substances. Until that issue is addressed we will continue wasting billions of dollars in a losing battle.

In conclusion, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting this dangerous and expensive bill.

#### THE ALDER CREEK DROUGHT PROTECTION PROJECT

### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 21, 2003*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce The Alder Creek Water Storage and Conservation Project Act. This legislation will authorize The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the El Dorado County Irrigation District, to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a water storage project on Alder Creek in El Dorado County, California.

The Alder Creek Water Storage and Conservation Project would include the construction of a dam and 31,700 acre foot reservoir that would yield approximately 11,500 acre feet of additional water supply per year. A major advantage of this location is the ability to deliver this water by gravity into El Dorado Irrigation District's existing water delivery system and to the American River to increase in-stream flows for the propagation of fallrun Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout.

Like many communities in the arid West, El Dorado County faces water supply shortages that threaten people, cities, farms and the environment. The El Dorado Irrigation District, which serves over 100,000 of my constituents, is charged with the difficult task of providing a safe and reliable water supply throughout the region for all of these competing interests. Severe drought periods, like we are experiencing now, and explosive growth rates that are occurring in portions of El Dorado County, have made this task even more arduous. EID deserves great credit for developing alternative sources of water, such as recycled water, to ease the burden of inadequate supplies. In fact, all new developments within The El Do-

rado Irrigation District's service area are hooked up to recycled water lines that run in the front and back of the properties which conserves precious drinking water. However, if current trends continue, which all indications say they will, other alternative sources of water will be required in order to keep up with demand. To avoid a crisis, the District is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to protect against multiple-year drought events. The Alder project would be a key component in the Districts overall drought protection strategy that would also include water banking and intergovernmental agreements.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that this legislation be given prompt consideration so that the benefits of this important project can be realized in a timely manner.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION ACT OF 2003"

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 21, 2003*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce the introduction of the National Film Preservation Act of 2003, which reauthorizes the National Film Preservation Act of 1996.

We all know that motion pictures are amongst this nation's cultural treasures, going beyond entertainment to represent American ideals and values to people across the world. Unfortunately, the films on which many motion pictures are created are easily susceptible to physical deterioration; in fact, over fifty percent of movies made before 1950 have deteriorated and over ninety percent of movies from before 1929 have disintegrated.

The 1996 Act was designed to ensure that we could protect the treasures we still have. It created the National Film Preservation Board and the National Film Preservation Foundation. The NFPB generates public awareness of a national film registry and reviews initiatives to ensure the preservation valued films. The NFPF issues grants to libraries and other institutions that can save films from degradation.

The program has received accolades from organizations such as the Directors Guild of America and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Noted filmmakers Martin Scorsese and Ken Burns also have praised the NFPB and the NFPF.

Unfortunately, the program officially expired October 11, 2003, and was not reauthorized. The legislation being introduced today would remedy that oversight by reauthorizing both the NFPB and the NFPF. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this valuable effort as we move it through the House.

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SPEECH OF

### HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 18, 2003*

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, the Energy Policy Act of 2003, among other things, would authorize the promulgation of mandatory and enforceable standards for the North American transmission system by an Electric Reliability

Organization subject to FERC oversight in the U.S. Having been so recently reminded that transmission system failures and system reliability do not respect state or international boundaries, it is essential that this legislation protect consumers in one state from actions or events in another. Under the plain language of new FPA section 215 (j)(3), no state may take any action with respect to the safety, adequacy and reliability of electric service within that State if that action is determined by the Electric Reliability Organization or by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be inconsistent with any reliability standard. A regional entity that satisfies the requirements of new section 215 (e)(4) may propose to the Electric Reliability Organization reliability standards that reflect regional differences, and the Electric Reliability Organization may approve such proposed standards when justified.

#### TRIBUTE TO PASTOR EPHRAIM AND MRS. CARRIE SUE WILLIAMS

### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 21, 2003*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Pastor Ephraim and Mrs. Carrie Sue Williams as they celebrate a personal milestone. On November 22, 2003, Pastor Williams and his beloved wife will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. As their friends and family gather to commemorate this momentous occasion, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing one of Sacramento's most revered couples a happy anniversary and continued happiness in the future.

For the past 32 years, Mr. and Mrs. Williams have served with great class, dignity, and distinction as the Pastor and First Lady of the St. Paul Baptist Church in Sacramento California. As Pastor, Mr. Williams has played an instrumental role in directing and coordinating all aspects of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Williams made vital decisions related to staffing, church organization structure, finances, and the modification of facilities. Pastor Williams was the driving force behind the construction of a seventy-nine square foot edifice, which includes an administration wing, sanctuary, fellowship hall and classroom wing. Pastor Williams spearheaded a 7-year effort that liquidated a \$4 million debt for the church so that it could cover the \$7.7 million that was required for the construction project. Pastor Williams is currently leading the church in the building of a multi million-dollar Family Life Center that will include a gymnasium, classrooms, computer lab, dance rooms, nursery, office space, library, weight room and conference room. Pastor Williams' commitment to improve the church is great proof of his willingness to work hard to improve the lives of other people.

Mrs. Carrie Sue Williams is a former business owner and she has brought her trademark grace and dignity to her role as the First Lady of St. Paul Baptist Church. As the First Lady, Mrs. Williams regularly visits the sick and the confined. She also counsels women and couples. Mrs. Williams helped to design