

urge my colleagues to join with me in this effort to eliminate tollgating from the American political scene.

WPPSS PROJECTS IN DEFAULT

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

Mr. WEAVER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Washington Public Power Supply System projects 4 and 5 were officially declared in default, the largest municipal bond default in our history, \$2.25 billion worth of bonds.

Before we weep too much for the bondholders, let me say that they were clearly warned. On the floor of this House for many years I have foretold the bankruptcy of the WPPSS projects, and 2 years ago I met with 80 of the major brokerage houses in New York City and I told them then that the Northwest would not be played for suckers, that the contracts were invalid and that the projects would likely go into bankruptcy, that they should not sell any more bonds, that they do so at their own risk. They continued to sell billions of dollars' worth of bonds because of the lucrative fees.

But I make this point: The bondholders were warned and the brokerage houses were warned.

ISRAELI REDEPLOYMENT IN LEBANON

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

Mr. WEISS. Mr. Speaker, during the Memorial Day recess at the end of May and beginning of June, I, together with a number of other Members of this House, participated in a study mission to the Middle East. During the week that we were there, five Israeli soldiers stationed in Lebanon were killed. The week we came back, five more Israeli soldiers were killed. Since the ceasefire in August of last year, somewhere between 160 and 175 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Lebanon.

In order to stop their people from being picked off as sitting ducks, the Israeli public has insisted that the Israeli defense forces be removed to more defensible lines, and that is what the Israeli Cabinet have voted to do. It would be the height of arrogance for our Government to insist that Israeli defense forces, who are still in Lebanon only because the Syrians refuse to remove themselves from that country, continue to remain in a vulnerable deployment. We ought to be supportive rather than condemnatory of the Israelis who long ago entered into an agreement to leave Lebanon. If we want to exert pressure on anyone, we ought to be pressuring Syria.

THE IMF BILL

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, unfortunately a number of you were on airplanes returning from your districts yesterday when we had a most interesting debate in the House, a debate which centered around one of the major bills of this session (H.R. 2957), the International Recovery and Financial Stability Act. It actually was not a debate; it rather was a love-in, you see, because the time was controlled on the majority side and the minority side by those who support the programs that are involved in funding the International Monetary Fund. Proponents had the luxury of not having to respond to serious questioning of their argument.

Today we are going to have a chance to make up for the debate we missed yesterday. I am rising today to urge all of my colleagues to participate in the full committee amendment process of the IMF bill. During that time we will have the opportunity to discuss such questions as to how American bankers moved to the position of having \$500 billion in loans in lesser developed countries. We are going to learn such things as how we can add to solving the problems of the lesser developed countries by addressing their debt burden by adding more debt upon them.

And as if Disneyland did not provide enough, we are going to even discuss a number of questions like: How we are going to improve American trade for agriculture when the International Monetary Fund solves problems by reducing imports in the countries involved? Are we not creating a system whereby the gains from private banking are privatized while losses are socialized?

How serious can be the IMF's shortage of funds when it has granted India a \$5.6 billion loan, when India was having no credit problems? As the debt crisis is largely temporary due to the worldwide recession, should not the solution be a temporary infusion of liquidity into the IMF? Why are U.S. banks now backing off their support for H.R. 2957 when it includes a little regulation? Do U.S. citizens really want to provide money, via the IMF, to OPEC countries such as Venezuela and Nigeria or to such unfriendly nations such as Vietnam, Nicaragua, Grenada, and Syria? If the United States really wanted to help other nations increase their economic activity, why are we increasing restrictions on their exports? Are we really creating sustainable employment in this country by lending funds to foreign nations to purchase U.S. goods they cannot afford with debt obligations which cannot be repaid?

MEDICAL RESEARCH OF DUBIOUS NECESSITY

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

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, today's newstories are detailing the plans of the Department of Defense to cause inhumane suffering and pain to dogs and other animals in the pursuit of medical research of dubious necessity. I would like to take a moment of the House's time to further explain this issue to my colleagues.

The Department has constructed a wound laboratory at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and it is there that they plan to shoot as many as 80 dogs a year with high-powered weapons so that military medical students can study combat-type wounds. As I understand it, the dogs will be purchased from dealers who buy them from animal shelters and then sell them to the Department of Defense.

I appreciate the unfortunate but sometimes necessary needs of the medical and scientific community to perform research on live animals. But in this instance, significant research has already been done on combat wounds, and the suffering these animals undergo, as well as the cost to taxpayers, cannot be justified for this duplicative research.

TO SILVIO AND HIS "MUDVILLE NINE"

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

Mr. CHAPPELL. Mr. Speaker, I take this 1 minute to discuss briefly the ballgame tomorrow night.

Silvio . . . my Silvio . . . I rise, to salute Your Congressional Team (of dubious repute),

T'll cause me great anguish, great pain
To know that your ballteam will journey, in vain.

To Four Mile Run Field—where they hadn't oughta,

The site of our game, the scene of your slaughter!

Silvio, my friend, in just two short days,
We'll take the field, our spirits ablaze!

Your Nine will not fall to some devious trick

. . .

But rather will feel the sting of our "kick"
And as, from that field, they carry your men,

We'll loan 'em ace bandages and linament,
then.

You must know, Oh Silvio, respect you I do,
(And extoll your prowess as a Congressman, too!)

But when "playing ball" is the pathway to fame,

Great Scott, Silvio! We, the Democrats, invented the game!