

If President Clinton intends to create public works jobs, then I suggest he do it this way: Round up the young fathers who breed and walk away. Give them a choice: Work and use the paycheck to support your family or go to jail.

If he wants to reform welfare, then apply the same standards we do in our fishing and hunting laws. There is a limit. And what would be wrong with telling a woman: "Two is your limit and you have reached it. Any more than that, you support them yourselves."

Is that hardhearted and insensitive? Maybe. But for several decades, we have been good-hearted, bleeding-hearted and ultrasensitive. And what has it given us? The highest rates of illegitimacy, illiteracy, homicide and chronic dependency of any developed country.

And at the rate we're going, it is only going to get worse, not better.

So the social engineers and program implementers should start taking a new approach. That used to be the old approach.

When someone says: "Who, me?" the answer should be, "Yes, you, and don't do it again."

#### SUPPORT OF H.R. 1308, THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

**HON. MARJORIE MARGOLIES-MEZVINSKY**  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 1993

Ms. MARGOLIES-MEZVINSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1308, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

In the tradition of Ellis Island, our Nation has always been a beacon of religious freedom around the world. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act will correct the Supreme Court decision which severely limits the freedom of all Americans to practice the religion of their choice without interference by the Government.

It is imperative that the Government not interfere with our religious rights absent a compelling reason. Without this critical piece of legislation, any religious act—from receiving communion to eating kosher food—is in jeopardy.

I am proud to be an original cosponsor of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and I urge my colleagues to support this bill. We must ensure that America continues to be a haven for religious freedom.

Only with the passage of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act can we honor those who came before us—like my grandparents who fled from Russia to escape anti-Semitism and pogroms—and know that our religious freedom will be secure for generations to come.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET AUTONOMY ACT OF 1993 INTRODUCED

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, granting the District of Columbia budget autonomy was first

considered in 1973 as both the House and Senate were considering Home Rule legislation. The Senate version, as well as the bill reported by the District of Columbia Committee, provided that the Mayor submit a balanced budget to the council with only the Federal payment being subject to congressional review. However, the final version, the result of a conference compromise, required the Mayor to submit a balanced budget for review by the city council and subsequently to Congress as part of the President's annual budget. In the end, this process was enacted into law as part of the 1973 Home Rule Act.

Under the current process, the District is required to submit to the President a balanced budget proposal for the next fiscal year. This includes proposed expenditures of locally raised revenues as well as a proposed Federal payment. The proposed District budget is then included in the Federal budget which the President forward to congress for consideration. The District of Columbia Appropriations Subcommittees in both the House of Senate review the budget and exercise the right of line item changes. Following markup and passage by both Houses, the D.C. appropriations bill is sent to the President for signature. The bill is subject to various political considerations as well as fiscal soundness. During the past 18 years, this process has taken 18–22 months from start to finish.

The bill I introduced today sets forth a very simple process. First, it grants budget autonomy to the District of Columbia over locally raised revenues, which is to say, the local community that pays taxes and revenues to the local government has the last word through its duly elected officials to determine how and when it wishes to expend its own money.

The Federal payment to the District of Columbia, as authorized by the Federal payment formula legislation, is subject to the congressional appropriations process as is every other authorized Federal dollar. Nothing in the bill, or any other piece of legislation directly affecting the District of Columbia, diminishes the power of Congress to "exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" over the District of Columbia, under article I, section 8, clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution. Any Member of Congress wanting to have direct impact on the affairs of the District of Columbia can do so by directly introducing legislation reflecting his/her concerns, which is the appropriate way under most circumstances.

In addition to granting budget autonomy to the District of Columbia, the bill eliminates the congressional review period of 30 days and 60 days, respectively, for civil and criminal acts passed by the council. Presently, all council acts are subject to the aforementioned congressional layover period. This process has not worked as intended.

Since the passage of the Home Rule Act in 1973, almost 1,800 acts have been passed by the council and signed into law by the Mayor. Of that number, only 18 acts have been the subject of congressional disapproval resolutions introduced in either the House or the Senate or both during the respective 30- and 60-day layover periods. Of that number, only three resolutions of disapproval have been passed by the Congress, two of which involved a clear Federal interest.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this very important piece of legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY MULLENBURG

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

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Tuesday, May 11, 1993

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Rosemary Mullenburg for her outstanding, dedicated service to the Rancho Palos Verdes community. In recognition of her 25 years as the Palos Verdes Peninsula Drill Team director, Rosemary Mullenburg will be honored at a recognition banquet by the Parents' Boosters Organization at the Torrance Marriot Hotel.

For many years, Rosemary Mullenburg has served as drill team director in Rancho Palos Verdes—spending 23 years at the Palos Verdes High School, and 2 years at the Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. It is essential that we recognize persons who through their motivation and deeds have contributed immeasurably to those around them. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make my colleagues aware of the extent of this woman's continuous service toward the education and achievement of the youth in her community.

During her years of service, Mrs. Mullenburg has set difficult goals for her team, and has brought them to a level of excellence and professionalism unusual for high school students. This superior level of performance has taken her drill team to perform at local events as well as international festivals. Their tours included the Hollywood Bowl, the Forum, and the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Over the years, the drill team was even given the opportunity to travel to Nagoya, Japan, for Miss Dance Drill Team International; Mame la Vallee, France; for the Grand Opening of Euro Disney; and Johannesburg, South Africa, for an exhibition tour. Rosemary Mullenburg's competence and dedication to young women on the drill teams was not without acknowledgement—she was named "Outstanding Drill Team Director for Southern Los Angeles" in 1992 by the California Association for Drill Team Directors.

Rosemary Mullenburg received her BA from Hope College in Michigan, and achieved a masters in physical education from California State. In the Rancho Palos Verdes school system, Rosemary has taught physical education, dance, and English. While she will relinquish her duty as drill team director, she will continue as an English teacher and continue to inspire young people in my district.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to know that this outstanding leader lives in my district, and shares with our young people the value and rewards of team work and discipline. As a mother of four, I know what her work means to the young adults she directs, their parents, and our community.