

Tanner	Velazquez	Weldon (PA)
Tate	Vento	Weller
Tauzin	Visclosky	White
Taylor (MS)	Volkmer	Whitfield
Tejeda	Vucanovich	Wicker
Thompson	Walker	Williams
Thornberry	Walsh	Wilson
Thornton	Wamp	Wolf
Thurman	Ward	Woolsey
Tiahrt	Waters	Wynn
Torres	Watt (NC)	Yates
Trafficant	Watts (OK)	Young (AK)
Upton	Weldon (FL)	Zimmer

NAYS—4

Chenoweth	Stockman
Cooley	Stump

NOT VOTING—78

Ackerman	Flake	Metcalf
Allard	Foglietta	Nadler
Baker (CA)	Ford	Ortiz
Baker (LA)	Frisa	Owens
Barr	Frost	Packard
Barton	Gephardt	Pryce
Bateman	Gibbons	Quillen
Bliley	Gordon	Rangel
Bonilla	Hansen	Reed
Browder	Harman	Richardson
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Rohrabacher
Brown (OH)	Hayes	Roukema
Bryant (TX)	Hunter	Schaefer
Calvert	Inglis	Schiff
Chapman	Istook	Schumer
Clyburn	Jefferson	Smith (NJ)
Crapo	Johnson, Sam	Stenholm
DeFazio	Kennedy (RI)	Taylor (NC)
DeLay	Lantos	Thomas
Dellums	Largent	Torkildsen
Doolittle	Latham	Torricelli
Ehrlich	Lincoln	Towns
Engel	McDade	Waxman
Ensign	McInnis	Wise
Fattah	Meehan	Young (FL)
Filner	Menendez	Zeliff

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 222, 223, and 224 I was unavoidably delayed by weather problems that affected airline flights from Dallas to Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Mr. JEFFERSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained when rollcall votes 222, 223, and 224 were taken. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was detained because my plane was an hour late in taking off.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 222, 223 and 224, I was unavoidably detained by bad weather in Dallas on my connecting flight to Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all these votes.

TRIBUTE TO LSU TIGERS

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

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in this brief minute to allow all of us col-

lectively to share the joy and pride of all the LSU alumni across America with the extraordinary success of the LSU baseball program and the great success of Coach Skip Bertman, who has now brought the LSU Tigers the third championship of the College World Series this weekend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to share with me the pride of this wonderful LSU team and this great coach who will now be the Olympic coach for the United States team in Atlanta. LSU. Go, Tigers.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask Members not to doff hats in the Chamber.

TRIBUTE TO LSU TIGERS AND
WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM

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

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my congratulations to the LSU Tigers baseball team and say ditto to the words of my colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. TAUZIN].

I would also like to remind everyone that just a few weeks before LSU's baseball triumph the women's track team from LSU also won the national championship for the umpteenth time in my lifetime. They have a great program there, so congratulations to the women's track team at LSU and Skip Bertman's baseball team.

Go, Tigers.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CALIFORNIA
HOMEOWNER EARTHQUAKE
PROTECTION ACT

(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, I am today introducing the California Homeowner Earthquake Protection Act, legislation granting tax-exempt status on State authorities established for the purpose of providing earthquake insurance. As a 30-year insurance professional the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee overseeing FEMA and Federal disaster assistance, I am concerned about an emerging insurance crisis in my State.

California Governor Pete Wilson is poised to sign a measure establishing the California Earthquake Authority [CEA], a unique publicly run and privately financed State program to supply earthquake insurance for millions of homeowners in our State. The California Homeowner Earthquake Protection Act will add viability to the CEA and will address a looming and potentially devastating crisis affecting every homeowner—the ability to purchase affordable earthquake insurance.

Under California State law, insurance companies that sell homeowners

coverage are required to offer earthquake protection as well. However, as a result of the 1994 Northridge earthquake which resulted in over \$1.2 billion in insured losses, many insurance companies are now moving out of the marketplace. In fact, of those companies that offered earthquake coverage before the Northridge earthquake, 95 percent no longer offer policies to homeowners. In the near term, over 1 million families may not have their homeowner coverage renewed.

The CEA is designed to provide \$10.5 billion in earthquake coverage funded by insurance carriers, reinsurers, investors, and policy holder assessments. The success of this innovative public-private partnership, which will provide immediate insurance relief for hundreds of thousands of California homeowners, condominium owners, mobile home owners, and renters, depends largely upon the IRS granting the CEA tax-free status. Tax-exempt status would allow the Authority's reserves to accumulate free of Federal income taxes. The IRS, which had promised a tax exemption to the CEA in February, withdrew its decision without warning or explanation in April. Legislation at the Federal level is now necessary to require the IRS to stand by its initial decision.

Continued uncertainty over the tax status of the CEA threatens to kill this public-private partnership. I urge my colleagues to join me, Gov. Pete Wilson, California Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush, and other in this bipartisan effort to protect California homeowners. We must act now to avert a financial crisis every bit as devastating as the Northridge earthquake itself.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH
ARSONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, church buildings can be burned to the ground, but the spirit of the church will always stand.

The recent rash of church arsons in African-American communities throughout the United States leaves one wondering if anyplace is safe, if anyplace is secure, if anyplace is sacred.

But because those who have done these unthinkable acts have targeted the very places we hold most dear and most precious, there is no doubt in my mind that good will come from this evil.

Even after a ravaging fire, something remains.

It may only be a blade of grass, but from that blade of grass will come a beautiful landscape.

It may only be an idea that remains, a determined spirit, but from that idea, that spirit, will come another church.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often stated, eloquently and profoundly, "You can kill the dreamer, but you can-not kill the dream."

Mr. Speaker, I must admit that I was stunned when the church arsons hit home.

Last Thursday, when the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC became another one of the more than thirty African-American churches to be burned over the past 18 months, the shock and amazement of this deed left me dazed and numb.

I thought, How could anyone violate what is most cherished, most precious to a civilized society?

But then, there was Oklahoma City and the World Trade Center in New York.

We live in very puzzling and troubling times.

Yet, from the ashes of Oklahoma and the ruins of New York, something remains, and something emerges.

Good ultimately prevails over evil.

And, it is in that spirit, Mr. Speaker, that I rise to urge all of my colleagues to use this week to also rise in swift resounding voices to condemn this evil and to demonstrate that it will not be tolerated.

President Clinton on Saturday outlined a four-step plan that he has put in place in response to these acts.

Among those steps is the creation of a task force involving the Justice and Treasury Departments and more than 200 law enforcement officers.

It is now time for the Congress to step forward.

First, we should all support the bipartisan legislation introduced by our colleagues, Mr. CONYERS and Mr. HYDE.

That legislation would make it easier to bring prosecutions and stiffen the penalties against those who target houses of worship.

Second, I would urge support for a resolution I am introducing, calling on the collective outrage of congress and denouncing these arsons.

It is my hope that such a resolution can be considered this week and that as many Members who wish will have the opportunity to speak in favor of the resolution.

And, finally, we should all, work within our respective communities to help prevent future arsons.

The President told the story of Rev. Terrence Mackey, who awakened one morning to a spot in a field where his church had stood the day before.

Reverend Mackey was concerned about what he could say to his daughter about what had happened.

Eventually, he said to his daughter, "They didn't burn down the church. They burned down the building in which we hold church. The church is still inside all of us."

These acts of hate have inspired acts of love.

Oftentimes when evil people have burned a church building, good people

of every race and color and religion have worked together to rebuild the church.

When three African-American churches were burned in Alabama, a group of unpaid volunteers from the Washington area stepped forward to help.

When the St. John Baptist Church in Dixiana, SC was the target of repeated vandalism, a group of African-Americans and whites, Democrats, and Republicans, those with money and those without, organized the Save St. John Baptist Church Committee, and they rebuilt the church.

But this church, just a couple of miles from where the Ku Klux Klan meets, was also burned to the ground.

Yet, with the help of many, diverse volunteers, it too will be rebuilt.

And, when the church in Charlotte was burned down, the pastor preached forgiveness, and the congregation knew in their hearts that help would come to rebuild.

At the end of the day, evil loses and good wins.

On June 15, Reverend Mackey, his daughter, the congregation, and friends will undertake a symbolic march from the site of the old church in Greeleyville, SC, to the site of their new church.

My resolution urges all Members on June 15 to join with Reverend Mackey, his daughter, his congregation and others, in whatever gesture is deemed appropriate, to say to those who would promote evil—that you have burned our churches, but cannot burn our spirit.

Mr. Speaker, after a fire, something always remains, a blade of grass, a spirit.

Mr. Speaker, if I may borrow from the Bible on this occasion, I am reminded of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verses 1 through 8.

It states, in part, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. A time to keep silence and a time to speak."

Mr. Speaker, this is a time to speak, and I urge my colleagues to join me in speaking against these dreadful deeds.

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IN HONOR OF GEN. FRED
McCORKLE, USMC

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. JONES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to recognize a truly outstanding Marine Corps officer and to ask all of my colleagues to join me in giving our congratulations and best wishes to Maj. Gen. Fred McCorkle. General McCorkle leaves North Carolina this month to take command of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Miramar, CA.

It was recently, in his present assignment as the commanding general at

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC, that I had the honor of getting to know Fred McCorkle. I quickly found a deep respect for his ability to challenge the men and women under his command, not only to excel within their profession, but to foster a relationship with the surrounding community of Havelock, NC. Beyond his all of duty, he has brought the people of Craven County and the base community closer together. He has become a role model to thousands of young men and women serving in our Nation's Armed Services. It will be difficult to top his accomplishments.

I am confident that we will continue to hear the name Fred McCorkle associated with exceptional work in the Marine Corps. More likely, we will begin to hear how well "the Assassin"—the famous call sign he received in flight school—is doing on the west coast. While the Assassin may, as he says, have "performed open heart surgery, been to the moon, and spoken to Elvis," such achievements do not begin to compare with the fine work he accomplished as the commanding general at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC. This year, under his command, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point received the coveted Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

During the last 3 years, General McCorkle has served with distinction as the commander of the Marine Corps Air Bases Eastern Area, and the commanding general at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. His service to the Marine Corps, Congress, and to the Nation as a whole, has always been characterized by selfless devotion to duty and unflagging dedication to country and corps. It is a privilege for me to recognize the many accomplishments General McCorkle has achieved during his 28 years of military service.

Born in San Francisco, CA, Fred McCorkle lived most of his life in Johnson City, TN. He went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in education from the East Tennessee State University in 1966, and a masters in administration from Pepperdine University in 1979. After completing Officer Candidates School and the Basic School at Quantico, VA, he attended Naval Flight School at Pensacola, FL, and was designated a naval aviator in January 1969.

General McCorkle went on to enhance his professional education while attending the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1980 and the National War College at Fort McNair in 1984. His staff tours include aviation land forces plans officer at the Aviation Plans and Programs Department from 1980-84, and branch head of the Aviation Plans, Programs, Budget, Joint Matters and Policy Branch at Headquarter Marine Corps in 1992.

His operational assignments include billets as commanding officer at the Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics