

changes the oil in his or her own automobile. The truck renting and leasing segment generates well over 6 million gallons of used oil on an annual basis.

The Used Oil Recycling Act manifests the intention of the Congress, and I support its passage.

THE HARD WALK TO FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN SHORTENED BY ONLY A FEW STEPS

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, no one can deny that the recent steps taken by President de Klerk mark a significant change in Nationalist Party policy in South Africa. The unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and the unconditional call for negotiations with the ANC and other political organizations are steps that South Africa-watchers could hardly have envisioned just a few weeks ago.

However, I simply cannot agree with our administration when it tells us that the South African Government "has gone a long way toward normalizing the political process in South Africa."

When close to 85 percent of the population, because of the color of their skin, cannot vote, cannot peaceably assemble without fear of tear gassing, cannot speak freely, when thousands of political prisoners remain imprisoned or in exile, when the police and military are still allowed to roam townships like predatory animals, maiming and imprisoning innocents virtually unchecked, and when black citizens are denied the basic human rights to live and to work where they choose, one can only conclude that the hard walk to freedom in South Africa has been shortened by only a few small steps.

President de Klerk is, in Mr. Mandela's words, "a man of integrity." But no one seriously denies that it is the prospect of economic collapse, not simply goodwill, that brings Mr. de Klerk to the bargaining table with the unvanquished victims of his Government's policies.

But our administration forgets this simple truth when it invites Mr. de Klerk to tea at the Oval Office and grumbles about the very sanctions that contribute to the changes we witness today.

The President would do well to read the lips of apartheid's opponents, both in South Africa and here at home: "Keep the heat on until the day of democracy is at hand."

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CONGRESS MADE SANCTIONS HAPPEN

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WISE. Madam Speaker, yesterday this body celebrated with Czechoslovakian President Havel the emergence from oppression to democracy for his nation.

So in another part of the world the Congress should recognize another victory and its part in it. I refer to South Africa and the release of Nelson Mandela after decades of imprisonment. For it was on this floor, several years ago, that the issue of debating sanctions for South Africa came up. "No sanctions" was the argument by the White House "because it will cut off communication with South Africa's leaders. Don't impose sanctions," we were told, "because the white government in South Africa will only become intransigent." Finally, "sanctions will only hurt those you are trying to help," we were told.

However, the Congress held firm, backed by black leaders in South Africa who reminded Members, "Yes, sanctions hurt, but apartheid kills."

Today, Mandela is free, the first fledgling attempts at negotiations have begun. This happened, in part, because the United States took a firm stand against apartheid and oppression, despite a Presidential veto of that legislation.

A good lesson for this administration. Congress made sanctions happen, and sanctions helped free Mandela. There are times to stand firm.

INTENSIFYING SOUTH AFRICAN SANCTIONS

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

Mr. STOKES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express the joy experienced by my congressional district over the release of Nelson Mandela. After 27 years, Nelson Mandela has finally walked out of prison. Yet, it is a tragedy that although released from prison, Nelson Mandela is still not free.

The Government of South Africa has recently acknowledged that the policies of apartheid were illegal and unjust from the very beginning, and that the apparatus of apartheid must be dismantled and destroyed forever. However, this revelation on the part of the Government does not spring from any profound change of heart, but rather from the pressure brought to bear on the Government and the business owners in South Africa by international economic sanctions.

The United States played a significant role in bringing pressure to bear on the racist regime in South Africa by virtue of the comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986, imposing a number of economic sanctions against South Africa. The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act was the result of congressional initiative, and was

passed into law over President Reagan's veto.

This is not the time to relax the sanctions, while the laws prohibiting blacks from voting or owning property are still in force. The sanctions must be intensified until the entire apparatus of apartheid is destroyed forever. Then, and only then, can relaxation of the economic sanctions be considered.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I would like to quote the words of Nelson Mandela upon his release from prison, and at his trial in 1964:

I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunity. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But, if need be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.

We have stood with you, Mr. Mandela, through your years of imprisonment, and we stand with you today, on the threshold of a new South Africa, where all men and women will be treated with equality and justice.

RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, the past few months have witnessed a remarkable trend toward democracy and human rights in areas of the world where these values have been lacking, or nonexistent. Only yesterday, this Chamber was honored by the visit of Vaclav Havel, once a jailed dissident and now a national leader. His appearance here gives us hope that regimes that rule without the consent of the governed will be rejected, and that those who speak out for human rights will ultimately be rewarded.

Before too much time goes by, I hope we can have the privilege of welcoming Mr. Nelson Mandela to speak before Congress. But, unlike Mr. Havel, Mr. Mandela is not really a free man. He is still not treated like a full citizen in his own country. He still does not have the right to seek elected office. Indeed, he doesn't even have the right to vote. Yes, it was a wonderful sight to see Mr. Mandela making his first public appearance in over a quarter of a century on global television. But his release should not be seen as an end in itself, but rather the beginning of a long road to democracy and freedom for all South Africans.

Madam Speaker, the lesson that Mr. Mandela's release teaches us about American policy is that our economic sanctions worked. I believe that we have a moral responsibility to use our country's strong economic leverage to put pressure on regimes that ignore and abuse the rights of their own people. The changes that are beginning to take root in South Africa show that economic sanctions are not only

