over 3 million jobs due to poor trade. So that means we lose 20,000 jobs per billion dollars. They have had to take jobs at far less than the going wage. They were ending up with the best educated waiters and waitresses in the entire world. We need to work on these things if we are going to straighten this country out and make it a land of opportunity again, as if should be.

AND THEN, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY THAN THAT, MR. SPEAKER, OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS RELATIVELY LOW BUT OUR UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE IS TERRIBLE. WE HAVE MILLIONS OF COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO CANNOT FIND JOBS IN THE FIELDS FOR WHICH THEY WERE TRAINED, AND WE ARE ENDING UP WITH THE BEST EDUCATED WAITERS AND WAITRESSES IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

LION BIAS OF NATIONAL MEDIA

MR. SPEAKER, TONIGHT I WANTED TO GET INTO THE VERY LIBERAL BIAS OF THE NATIONAL MEDIA.

MR. SPEAKER, A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD SCHOOL SYSTEM REVOKED AN INVITATION TO U.S. SUPREME COURT JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS TO SPEAK AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY.

ANOTHER HIGH-RANKING PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY OFFICIAL CALLED THIS THE "EPITOME OF INTOLERANCE AND BIGOTRY." SHE WAS SO SURE THAT THE COMMISSION WAS THE CORRECT ONE, THEY SHOULD SPEND LESS TIME VIOLATING CLARENCE THOMAS AND MORE TIME ENGAGING IN A BATTLE OF IDEAS.

THE INVITATION FOR THOMAS TO SPEAK AT THE SCHOOL FOLLOWED A STUDENT FIELD TRIP TO THE SUPREME COURT. THERE, THOMAS WAS THE ONLY JUSTICE TO INVITE THE STUDENTS INTO HIS CHAMBERS, WHERE THEY STOOD FOR 30 MINUTES AND ASKED QUESTIONS. THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO THE PTA AS A THANK YOU.

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY CONSERVATIVES HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD. "THE BLACK INNER CITY HAS GONE TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET WHILE THOMAS' CRITICS HAVE BEEN LEADING THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY," COHEN SAID. "IF THEY ARE SO SURE THAT THEIR PATH IS THE CORRECT ONE, THEY SHOULD SPEND LESS TIME VIOLATING CLARENCE THOMAS AND MORE TIME ENGAGING IN A BATTLE OF IDEAS.

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[MR. RIGGS ADDRESSED THE HOUSE. HIS REMARKS WILL APPEAR HEREIN IN THE EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS.]

AMERICA'S ECONOMIC LULL BEFORE THE STORM

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FIRST AMENDMENT

MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE GENTLEWOMAN FROM OHIO [MS. JACKSON-LEE] AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS. MR. SPEAKER, THIS POIGNANT PICTURE IN THE WASHINGTON TIMES SAYS IT ALL. IT IS A PARISHIONER PRAYING IN A CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA THAT HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE AND BURNED DOWN LAST THURSDAY.

AS WE REFLECT ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, WE REALIZE THAT THE AMENDMENT IT SIGNED INTO LAW IN 1815 PROCLAIMED THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS NATION.

IN THAT AMENDMENT, IN ADDITION TO THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH, IS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US AS AMERICANS TO BE ABLE TO WORSHIP IN PEACE AND AS WE PLEASE.

IN FACT, AS THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED, WE WERE BASED ON THE VERY TENETS AND UNDERPINNINGS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, A FEW IN THIS NATION WOULD WANT TO LAY SIJGE UPON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I FIND IT BOTH OUTRAGEOUS AND INEXCUSABLE AND, THEREFORE, I AM CALLING UPON ALL OF THOSE OF GOODWILL TO RISE UP IN OPPOSITION TO WHAT MAY BE RANDOM, WHAT
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may be conspiratorial but what may be ugly and deadly.

I join my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina, in supporting her resolution calling upon this Congress to denounce these vicious activities. I rise today in the shadow of the very serious burnings in Texas, my home State. I rise as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, having participated in hearings just a week or so ago calling upon the President and the Attorney General to first of all coordinate an coordinated effort to attack this siege and I am glad to say that as of this weekend, after a meeting with ministers of churches who have been burned, such a coordinated effort was first established along with an 800 toll-free number and, yes, of course, an increased effort to determine the cause and the perpetrators of these heinous acts.

Tomorrow the House Committee on the Judiciary will mark up legislation designating the increased effort to obstruct those who would lay siege upon the Constitution of the United States of America.

I would simply say the tragedy in Texas is determined not only to be the most heinous, but also at least that of the perpetrators. But the one thing we do know is that the houses of prayer, no matter where they are, should be sacred institutions of which all of us respect their existence and the right of those individuals to worship.

It is true that we have to deal with the racial underpinnings of these acts and certainly not run away from the tensions that have been created in the last 2 years amongst our people in this country. It would simply ask, as the ministers have asked, that we pray and that we have the opportunity to join together as humankind to stand up against these tragedies and atrocious acts.

I call upon my colleagues in the U.S. Congress to support this resolution of outrage, and I call upon the President and the Attorney General to seriously emphasize that the perpetrators, wherever they are, will be caught and brought to justice. If need be, I would ask that we entertain the idea of the Attorney General to seriously cooperate with the respective places, so that we can find some sense of solace and comfort to those who feel they are under siege.

I do ask those who are part of the investigation to be sure that they do not make those who are the members of the churches the victims and that the investigation be done in a manner that respects the tragedy that has occurred. We certainly want to get to the bottom of it. We do not want to throw stones. We do not want to have misinformation. But we certainly want to get the right information, the best information, the information that will allow us to fairly solve these crimes.

Another Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House tonight to talk about a situation as serious as the one my colleague has just enumerated with the burning of the black churches in this country. The investigation, the complaints, and everything should be done in that regard to resolve this situation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about another serious situation, and that is the lack of a national drug policy. I represent a central Florida beautiful area between Orlando and Daytona Beach. I am so fortunate. Other areas of the country sometimes have problems, and we have problems. But it is normally a very tranquil place. People work and go to school. But lately I get home, get home last weekend and turn on the television. I do not know whether I am in Washington, DC, with the murders, with the atrocities that are being committed by particular individuals in our society or whether I am in Detroit or New York or wherever. Sometimes you read the conflicts. But last weekend, we had a 13-year-old car hijacking. We had the incident of 18-year-olds involved in murders, some double murders. I look out in the community, and I have seen people that I have worked with who have lost family now in this drug war. I wonder where our Nation's drug policy is.

Really, what you sow, I guess, is what you reap in this business. I am now going to talk about this President and this administration. I come before the House tonight to talk about the drug policy. I am afraid that under the President, it has been an absolute disaster. I guess when you take some actions like the Prada suit that has taken first thing he did was dismantle the drug czar's office and fire everyone in the White House with only a handful left working on the drug czar.

Then he appointed Jocelyn Elders our Secretary of Health who was official. And what did she say? She said: I just say maybe, maybe we should legalize drugs. Then we stopped sharing the drug information with our South American and other allies in the drug region. We saw how our policy was a disaster in that regard, only through an uproar in Congress did some of that get changed.

Then we witnessed the destruction of our drug interdiction efforts as we found recently that was destined for drug interdiction got diverted to Haiti, to other projects, how the Coast Guard who in the Caribbean had a $630 million budget and now is getting up to maybe $370 million to fight drugs. Then we had a dramatic decrease in interdiction because this President wanted the money to go for treatment. I submit to my colleagues tonight that treating just folks in this drug war is like treating the wounded in a battle.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen the results. The results are absolutely startling. Tonight I want to talk about a report that is out by the Drug Abuse Warning Network which talks about the increases of cocaine, which talks about the increases of marijuana, which talks about the increases of heroin. It is not just among our adult population. It is now in our children.

Look at this chart, which details, and you can see from the 1980's, how drug use is up and down. In 1992, when this policy kicked in, you see what has happened here, with 12th graders, with 10th graders, and even 8th graders. This is not an acceptable situation.

I wanted to tell you from this report that just came out last week. The Drug Abuse Warning Network, commonly known as DAWN, collects data from hospitals and other reporting agencies. The news according to this report is terrible.

Let me quote it: Compared with the first half of 1994, which was the high water mark for drug related emergency room cases, cocaine related emergency increased 12 percent, from 68,000, to 76,000. In heroin, the increases episodes, that rose 27 percent. Marijuana related episodes increased 32 percent and methamphetamine and some of the designer drug cases grew by about 35 percent. So we have seen the results in our emergency rooms and our communities, some of our children, some of our young people out of control.

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