

many deaths each year. The death penalty is used extensively and arbitrarily to instill fear. More people are executed every year in China than in all other countries combined." The list goes on and on: Forced abortions, repression of ethnic and religious groups, thousands of democracy activists jailed every year.

Given China's lack of basic human freedoms, it should come as no surprise that China does not have a free market. China remains one of the most closed markets in the world. Why should we be giving special privileges to the butchers of Beijing?

THREE RESPONSES

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

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, I have sat in the Chamber today, and I have to respond to three things I have heard from the other side.

No. 1, on the budget, it is very interesting to hear people who have controlled the House for 40 years talk about how the Republican budget somehow is not serious about controlling the budget and getting the deficit under control. It is the only budget that is going to do that, and I think most of us know that.

No. 2, on health care, we have a good plan that we have agreed to. It gets costs under control for the first time. It is a plan that people should support.

No. 3, one of the most outrageous things I have heard on the House floor for a long time has to do with the Chicago Bulls. Sure, they played a good game. Sure, they are a good team. The fact is the Bulls were lucky. The Sonics will be back next year, and the Bulls had better be thankful there were not a few more games left this year, because they would have been in big trouble this year.

NO ONE OUT OF THE POOL

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, it is summertime. When most Americans hear "Everybody in the pool," they think it is a great cry to join in the fun. But we have been hearing pleas for health care reform from the other side of the aisle, and they are absolutely right. We desperately need many of the provisions in that health care reform. What they forget to tell us is that the basic premise of a good insurance program is everybody stays in the pool, because we can only keep premiums down if everybody stays in the pool.

The other side forgets to tell us that they are only going to give us those reforms if they are allowed to drop a ladder in the pool. The name of that ladder is MSA. Meet MSA. Think MSA. It means ladder. It means if you are rich, you can get out of the pool. If you are

healthy, you get out of the pool. Who do we leave in the pool? We are going to have a whole lot of reforms that are needed, but we are going to have premiums so high we will not be able to get there.

I think it is very important to have both sides of this issue, and "Everybody in the pool" better have a real meaning on this one.

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REPUBLICANS INCREASE BUDGET DEFICIT

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last week the Republican leadership twisted enough arms to pass their 1997 budget. And the result—broken arms and broken promises.

Two summers ago the Republicans unveiled their Contract With America amid much fanfare. The Republicans promised to—and I quote—"work to enact additional budget savings, beyond the budget cuts specifically included in the contract, to ensure that the Federal budget deficit will be less than it would have been without the enactment of these bills." Well—a lot has happened since then.

The budget passed by the Republicans last week—by their own admission—increases the deficit for the first time in 3 years. The Republicans have come to Washington and done exactly what they promised they would not do—increase the deficit.

I guess we now know for sure that the promises the Republican Party made to the American people aren't worth the paper they are written on.

SUPPORT CHURCH ARSON PREVENTION ACT OF 1996

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. Our country has been experiencing a wave of church burnings, which so far has claimed the homes of 34 African-American congregations.

In the midst of the anger and sadness we feel at these events, it has been heartening to see thousands of Americans joining together to express their moral outrage. We understand that these churches are the hearts and souls of their communities. Striking at them is an assault on the very values that unite us as Americans.

But important as it is to speak out against these attacks, our voices alone may not be enough. We need something more. We need to put some teeth in the law. Today, with passage of this legislation, we take that step.

Let the commitment of this Congress be clear: We believe that those respon-

sible for this epidemic of hate must be held responsible for their acts. Passing this legislation will make that easier to accomplish, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

AN AMAZING TRICK

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

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, this place always amazes me. Because of President Clinton's program, we had declining deficits for 4 years. Now we have the new Republican plan which amazingly increases the deficit in the next 2 fiscal years. But what is even more surprising is they not only manage to increase the deficit for the next 2 years but at the same time they manage to make devastating cuts in health programs for the vulnerable in our country, particularly for our seniors. There literally would be thousands of seniors, generally poor elderly women, who would see huge increases in their Medicare premiums and many other millions of Americans who would be subject to changes in Medicaid that would leave their health care in question.

Mr. Speaker, this is really an amazing trick. Two years of rising deficits and at the same time program cuts that devastate millions of Americans.

BEIJING'S RADIOACTIVE RACKETEERING

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

Mr. MARKEY. China is an atomic Al Capone with a radioactive racketeering rap sheet a mile long.

Each passing day brings new details about Beijing's illegal nuclear proliferation activities. China sold ring magnets to Pakistan that are important in the production of material for nuclear weapons. China sold cruise missiles to Iran which can be used to deliver nuclear weapons. China sold nuclear-capable M-11 missiles to Pakistan that now may be assembled and ready to go. Just last week, media reports indicated that the missiles were probably ready to be fitted with nuclear warheads.

Beijing's response to American inquiries about its illegal transfers can be summed up by 3 words: Obfuscate and proliferate.

China's rulers have provided plenty of well-timed nods, winks, private toasts, clarifications, and assurances. But they continue to sell sophisticated nuclear weapon-related equipment to the world's troublemakers.

If China wants to be the international Kmart for nuclear weapons, then the United States needs to tell them that they have to shop other places in this world if they want American goods.