

elderly by cuts in Social Security, by not giving them an increase which honestly reflects the rate of inflation.

In the State of Vermont, in my view, not only is the current CPI not too high, it is too low. Elderly people are more dependent upon health care and prescription drugs than the general population, and the cost of health care is rising much faster than the general rate of inflation.

Mr. Speaker, in Vermont and throughout this country, millions of elderly people are trying to survive on \$7,000 or \$8,000 a year. Let us not cut their Social Security checks and make their lives even more difficult. Let us move toward a balanced budget, but let us not do it on the backs of the weakest and most vulnerable Americans, including our senior citizens.

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NO LEARNING TAKES PLACE WITHOUT DISCIPLINE AND SAFETY

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, during Teacher Appreciation Week, I hope everyone in Congress will support our efforts to make schools safe for teachers and children.

As a teacher for 24 years, I know firsthand that without safety and discipline in the classroom, no teacher can teach and no student can learn.

Congress is examining what works and what is wasted in the area of safety and discipline as part of our ongoing Education at the Crossroads project.

I hope everyone in Congress will vote for the Juvenile Crime Control Act this week. This bill will reform the juvenile justice system, it will make violent juvenile offenders accountable for their actions. It will help keep violent juveniles out of our classrooms and off our playgrounds. These steps will help us fulfill our moral obligation to provide our children with a good education so that they will have the tools to achieve the American dream.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support educational standards of excellence for every child in this Nation. I know setting House standards is the best way to achieve educational excellence. Our students are working hard, and their teachers and parents strive to give them the support that they need. We must give them the tools to make the most of their God-given ability.

Last week we dedicated a memorial to this century's greatest President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is fitting that we honor FDR as a leader who brought this country back from our

worst economic calamity ever and brought us to the brink of greatness and our triumph over global tyranny.

One of FDR's guiding principles is captured by his observation that we will all be better off when we all are better off.

As the 105th Congress considers measures to strengthen education in this country, we must heed FDR's words and expand educational opportunities to all the children in America.

THERE IS NO ACCURATE WAY TO MEASURE CPI

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

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, using the CPI to measure cost of living adjustments is nothing more than a feeble attempt to measure dollar depreciation. This is no more accurate than using stock and bond prices to measure inflation.

I have a lot of reservations and think we are making a serious mistake by delivering to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the authority to manipulate the CPI numbers. This is ducking our congressional responsibility, and it is a back-door way to raising taxes and manipulating the entitlements. I think, most importantly, it fails to recognize the basic flaw in our system, and that is the monetary policy and a depreciating of currency.

But we have a lame duck President quite willing to accept the responsibility and to accept more executive legislative powers from the Congress, something the Constitution does not authorize. But here we have a President quite willing to, behind the scenes, raise taxes and manipulate the cost of living.

The truth is there is no accurate way to measure the cost of living index.

EXPRESSION OF ADMIRATION FOR LT. GOV. JOSEPH E. KERNAN

(Ms. CARSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a brief moment to share my pride and admiration for our Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joe Kernan.

Today, May 7, marks the 25th anniversary when Joe Kernan was shot down by the enemy over North Vietnam and held a prisoner of war for the succeeding 11 months.

Joe Kernan, a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, was sent to Vietnam in 1972 aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk*, never set foot in Vietnam until his plane, where he was a navigator, was shot down and he was taken a prisoner of war. He was a prisoner of war for 11 months, he was repatriated in 1973 and continued on active duty with the Navy until 1974, December. The Combat Action Ribbon, two Purple Heart medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross are among the military awards that the Lieutenant Governor has received.

Mr. Speaker, he is an ordinary man. He worked for Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati. He moved to South Bend where he became mayor and the city's controller. He was elected mayor in 1987, served there 9 years, longer than any other mayor in South Bend's history, and in 1996 he and Gov. Frank O'Bannon were elected to the top posts in Indiana's government. Joe and his wife are natives of South Bend.

I just wanted to say today that Joe Kernan exemplifies what the court envisioned in that he is at the home of the brave at the land of the free.

IMPEACHMENT: A POLITICAL REMEDY TO A POLITICAL PROBLEM

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in reviewing what we can do with regard to activist Federal judges who usurp the authorities of the legislative or executive branches, I was impressed by an article written on March 20 in the Washington Times by Paul Craig Roberts who said, there is no clearer, sounder, and firmer grounds for impeachment of judges than the violation of the constitutional oath, and there is no clearer, sounder, or firmer evidence that this oath has been violated than when judges violate the separation of powers and usurp the political functions of government. This has been understood by everyone since the day the Constitution was written.

As one professor noted, in the constitutional design of the Founding Fathers, especially Alexander Hamilton's discussion of the Federal judiciary in the Federalist Papers, the ultimate recourse in the event the judiciary usurps legislative powers is impeachment by Congress. This has been thoroughly understood in every period of our history.

Writing in the Harvard Law Review in 1913, Wrisley Brown, whose investigation led to the impeachment of Judge Robert W. Archibald, said impeachment is a political remedy to a political problem. It is directed against a political offense, it culminates in a political judgment, it imposes a political forfeiture, it is a political remedy for the suppression of a political evil with wholly political consequences.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, for the record, on rollcall vote 103 I mistakenly pressed "aye" instead of "no." My vote should have been recorded as a "no."

DUNN AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3, JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL ACT OF 1997

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