

We must have resolve to stop our enemies and support our brave troops who are fighting to defend our freedom and protect American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

AMERICA NEEDS A PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Most Americans would agree that it would be prudent to have a plan to provide for the continuity of government and the rule of law in case of a devastating terrorist attack or natural disaster, a plan to provide for the cooperation, the coordination and continued functioning of all three branches of the government.

The Bush administration tells us they have such a plan. They have introduced a little sketchy public version that is clearly inadequate and doesn't really tell us what they have in mind, but they said, don't worry; there's a detailed classified version. But now they've denied the entire Homeland Security Committee of the United States House of Representatives access to their so-called detailed plan to provide for continuity of government. They say, trust us. Trust us, the people who brought us Katrina, to be competent in the face of a disaster? Trust us, the people who brought us warrantless wiretapping and other excesses eroding our civil liberties? Trust us?

Maybe the plan just really doesn't exist and that's why they won't show it to us. I don't know. Or maybe there's something there that's outrageous. The American people need their elected representatives to review this plan for the continuity of government.

MORE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF OUR LIVES

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, our path to energy independence is anything but that. We have become more energy dependent on foreign governments, and our own government continues to find new ways to control our lives regarding energy use. The government is in the toilet bowl control business. Now toilets must meet strict Federal regulations, but these expensive toilets must be flushed more than once to be effective.

The government now polices our washing machines. But new regulations that limit water usage are so ineffective with these new gizmos that Consumer Reports states the government machines don't get dirty clothes clean unless they're washed multiple times. So much for saving energy.

And now the government is in the light bulb police business, requiring ex-

pensive new bulbs to be used that are only made, ironically, in China. Instead of finding new ways to punish and police Americans for using energy, we should find new efficient sources of more energy.

I doubt if our forefathers fought for independence at Valley Forge just to give us an all-controlling government that demands how citizens use washing machines, light bulbs and toilet bowls. And that's just the way it is.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3162

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly this morning to tell this Nation and the children of the State of New Jersey that this House has heard their call for help.

Yesterday's passage of H.R. 3162, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007, was a significant achievement for the children of working Americans throughout this country. In New Jersey alone, this legislation will maintain coverage for over 120,000 children currently enrolled in New Jersey's FamilyCare program, while also helping the State provide care for the 136,000 children currently eligible for the program but not enrolled in it. The New Jersey FamilyCare program would also be allowed to extend coverage to 126,000 young men and women who are aging out of the program but still need access to health care.

I am especially glad that the CHAMP Act will also help 80,000 of the lowest income and most wonderful adults in my State keep their coverage through this program.

Mr. Speaker, the SCHIP program that we passed yesterday has the potential to have a significant impact on improving children's health care across this Nation.

"HOLD-ON-TO-YOUR-WALLET" CONGRESS

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to speak about the Ag approps bill that is going to come before us, and the culture of tax and spend that is just running unabated in this House.

And why should we expect the Ag approps bill to be any different? Well, of course it is not any different. It is going to be more of the same; it is going to be more of the same tax and spend.

And again we see a piece of legislation that is spending more than what the President requested, which many of us think was too much in the first place; 5.6 percent more than the President requested and 5.9 percent more than last year. You know what, Mr.

Speaker? There are a lot of Americans that would like to see a 5.9 percent increase in their paycheck.

It is time for this House to get its fiscal house in order. It is time for the liberal left to stop spending the taxpayer's money. This is the "Hold-On-To-Your-Wallet" Congress. They're proving it every single day.

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 1961, John F. Kennedy stood behind me and said that the U.S. was going to put a man on the moon in 10 years. That was very ambitious, but we did it. And we're going to have a similar moment of goal setting and aspirations and vision tomorrow when we vote to adopt a renewable portfolio standard for America, where we will guarantee Americans that we will have 15 percent of our electricity coming from clean, renewable sources by the year 2020.

This is something we know we can do; States are doing it, whole nations in Europe have over 20 percent clean, renewable energy today. And we should follow the spirit of Oak Ridge, Texas, which 2 months ago became the first city in the United States to have all their electricity from clean, renewable, 100 percent biodiesel. This is something the States can do for a variety of reasons. Let's have another "Apollo-John F. Kennedy" moment tomorrow when we pass the renewable portfolio standard.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR MINNESOTA TRAGEDY

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the people of Minnesota and, indeed, the people of this country have suffered a great tragedy. And I think this is one of the few times when I can say that I speak for all of the Members of the House when I say that our sympathies and our desire to be of assistance is with them. We want them to know that they are not alone in this moment of tragedy.

I also want to say this, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, the House voted 225-204 to provide a health care safety net for the children in this country. This will help the children in the State of Texas, where I happen to represent the Ninth Congressional District, and we have the largest portion of uninsured children in the entire Nation.

This is the safety net that children need. Children don't decide where they're born and to what families they come. Children need health care. This will help Texas to do what it should have done when it lost \$830 million to