

labor costs. It has been estimated by some that the union-only project labor agreement could increase the construction cost by 10 to 15 percent. This means that funds aimed at building and renovating some of Los Angeles' schools would actually be lost to artificially high labor cost.

I am a firm believer that the lowest qualified bidder for these building projects should be able to win the construction job, regardless of union affiliation. Quite frankly, I find it against the American spirit of healthy competition to put rules in place that work otherwise.

I hope that when this project labor agreement is voted upon on the 23rd of this month, the Los Angeles Unified School District will vote for the best interest of their students and against an anti-education project labor agreement.

SCHEDULE GHB AND STOP TEENAGE DEATHS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise again this morning to encourage my colleagues to move swiftly to schedule GHB. GHB is a drug that many of us are not aware of but has killed teenagers across this Nation.

I have legislation called the Hillory J. Farias bill, H.R. 75. I am working with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) and others to ensure that we move quickly to have this drug scheduled and made illegal. What is the reason?

Hillory J. Farias was a 17-year-old bright teenager who went to a teenage club and drank a soft drink. Unbeknownst to her, the lack of taste, the lack of smell GHB drug was placed in her drink. The next morning, Hillory was found dead in her bed.

This drug has been given a lot of pluses. For example, it is found on the Internet described as a relaxing agent. They liken its effects to alcohol. Some even consider it to be a form of treatment to the effects of alcoholism. One site claimed that the drug was better than alcohol because it did not cause damage to the brain or liver. There are many misconceptions about this drug.

I ask my colleagues to help stop the death of young people. Let us schedule GHB and pass this legislation quickly.

REVITALIZING THE MIAMI RIVER

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the Miami River project should be a priority in this year's consideration of the Water Resources Development Act. The Miami River Commission and the Miami River Marine Group remind us that it is vitally important that we act

to provide the necessary Federal cost share so that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 1990 recommendations for navigational maintenance dredging of the Miami River be implemented as soon as possible.

Congress must clarify the language of the Act so that the intended 75 percent Federal and 25 percent non-Federal cost share formula will be applied in the Miami River project to the cost of navigational maintenance dredging, including disposal costs.

The removal of these toxic sediments will have the added benefit of eliminating a significant pollution threat to Biscayne Bay, one of our most pristine environments.

The Miami River is the fifth largest port in our State of Florida. Any further delay in dredging could endanger one of our Nation's most critical shipping links to the Caribbean and Latin America.

We must maintain this environmental river, as well as restore the environmental quality of a key part of south Florida's ecosystem.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

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

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's Social Security system has traditionally been a safety net for citizens hoping to live long and fruitful lives. However, changes in our society's economic and social conditions warrant reform.

The facts are abundantly clear. The trust fund will be depleted by 2032. As such, the current debate is not about the necessity of reform, but what structural revisions will preserve the system long-term.

I believe that reform should be synonymous with guarantee; that is, guaranteed minimum benefits for decades to come. Reforms that do not ensure system solvency or include pension or private savings plan without such a guarantee, frankly, are indefensible.

Today I urge my colleagues to support reform that, as Franklin Roosevelt said, takes care of human needs throughout the next millennium.

SUPPORT OUR SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN BY PROVIDING FUNDING

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about the state of our Nation's military, because the readiness of our military is in perilous danger.

This Nation cannot continue to turn a blind eye to underfunding of our armed forces while asking our military men and women at the same time to keep doing more and doing more with less and less.

A recently released accident report of the 12 airmen who lost their lives in a tragic accident of their rescue helicopters last September in Nevada is a reminder of the perilous readiness environment that our armed forces are required to operate in.

It is up to this administration and this Congress to provide our service men and women with the right tools, the right training and the resources to accomplish their mission, and nothing less.

For my part as a veteran, I honor these men and their families and the 66th Rescue Squadron for their great service to this country. I believe we must honor their legacy by ensuring our military men and women have the resources to do their jobs. Support our servicemen. Support our servicewomen by providing full funding to our military.

USE SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, both parties have a plan to save Social Security. Quite frankly, neither plan is adequate. There is no budget surplus. There is a deficit. The only surplus that exists is in the Social Security account. I say it is time to pass an amendment to the Constitution that says Social Security money can only be used for Social Security and Medicare, and no politician or no administration could reach in and use that money.

It is not Republicans' money, it is not Democrats' money. It is the people's money. If we could, in fact, do it for term limits on presidents, and if we could do it for every other reason that exists, we can protect the most important account of the American people and save Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back all the IOUs in the wastebaskets of the Social Security center.

SOCIAL SECURITY MONEY BELONGS TO OUR SENIORS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we do have to protect Social Security. The President has been saying over and over he wants to save Social Security, but he keeps spending it on foreign giveaways. I would just say, Mr. President, you cannot have it both ways.

Unlike the President, however, this year's budget resolution will set aside fully 100 percent of the Social Security surplus to strengthen that vital program for our seniors. Seniors have paid a lifetime of earnings into Social Security, and we promise to protect it for them. We are committed to that promise, and we cannot allow Social Security money to be frittered away on foreign aid.

The President just wants to use Social Security surplus funds as a slush fund for his failed Social Security policy, for his failed foreign policy as well. Mr. Speaker, that money belongs to our seniors. American seniors need it and deserve it, and we must make sure that they get it. Mr. President, do not spend away our Social Security money.

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CONGRESS MUST REMAIN COMMITTED TO BRING PEACE TO ALL OF IRELAND

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my condemnation of the brutal March 15 killing of human rights attorney and mother Rosemary Nelson.

Rosemary Nelson died after a bomb ripped apart her car in Lurgan, County Armagh in the north of Ireland. Forty year old Rosemary, mother of three, had previously represented the nationalist Garvaghy Road residents coalition in nearby Portadown over the long-running Drumcree Orange Order Protest. Her death mutes a powerful voice in the quest to bring lasting peace to the north of Ireland.

Congress must remain strongly united in its commitment to the condemnation of bombings and acts of terrorism and continued human rights abuses. We must remain committed to bringing peace and justice and prosperity to all of Ireland.

That is why we must pass my resolution, H. Con. Res. 54, to honor the 1-year anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Accords. I urge my colleagues to stand firm on the United States' support of Irish peace by joining the 77 cosponsors of H. Con. Res 54, and the U.S. Senate is passing that resolution today.

STOLEN NUCLEAR SECRETS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, this New York Times headline says it all: "China Stole Nuclear Secrets for Bombs, U.S. Aides Say: Espionage Case at New Mexico Lab is Said to be Minimized by the White House."

Why would a case that intelligence experts consider to be worse than Aldrich Ames be minimized by the White House?

The reason is clear to all those who have followed the campaign finance scandal of 1996. It would also be clear to all those who followed the administration's China policy.

First, when this scandal came to light in 1995, and then more conclusively in April of 1996, the White House was under fire for taking campaign

cash from the Communist Chinese army.

Second, this stunning revelation of nuclear espionage would have threatened the administration's policy of what they call engagement with Communist China.

That is why the White House would have a clear incentive to avoid notification of Congress and to reject the clear evidence that our most sensitive nuclear secrets have been stolen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE ON NEW HEADQUARTERS IN INDIANAPOLIS

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

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the American College of Sports Medicine on the completion of a vast new addition to its headquarters building in Indianapolis.

In the early 1980s, Indianapolis' corporate leaders and city officials advanced a visionary plan to make the city the amateur sports capital of the Nation.

We have had immense support from the corporate community in Indianapolis. On December 15, 1983, Mayor William Hudnut broke ground for the ACSM National Center, which has become one of the anchor projects of the Canal area redevelopment. He referred to it as "A cornerstone in the Amateur Sports Capital."

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the American College of Sports Medicine on the completion of a vast new addition so that it would be able to advance the immense amount of work that it has done in terms of sports medicine.

CAMPAIGN CASH AND ESPIONAGE SCANDAL

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the outrage continues to grow over the campaign cash and espionage scandal involving the Chinese and this administration.

Quoting the lead editorial from this morning's Wall Street Journal, "Bad enough that the Chinese have stolen the technology for a nuclear warhead that will make their own missiles more threatening to U.S. national security; far worse is the casualness with which the White House greeted the news. Sandy Berger says he was briefed on this in April of 1996, which happens to be the same month Al Gore traveled to California for his infamous Buddhist fundraiser."

And from the lead editorial in this morning's Washington Times. "It is clear that Sandy Berger has no credibility. Rather than cooperation, he of-

fers blame shifting. Rather than credible explanations, he offers excuses."

Mr. Speaker, we say to the President, Sandy Berger must go.

BUDGET DETAILS NEGLECT MEDICARE

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

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, the details of the budget being prepared by the majority are finally beginning to leak out. They include an embracing of the Democratic initiatives on Social Security and \$1 trillion in tax cuts. I like tax cuts just as much as the next person, but what was missing from the budget was any mention of Medicare.

While Social Security does reach crisis perhaps in the year 2032, Medicare is lacking today. In fact, seniors pay more out of their own pockets for health care costs than they did when John F. Kennedy declared a health care emergency and initiated a Medicare program.

Now, the Democrats are proposing and the President is supporting the notion of covering prescription drug and using a portion of the surplus to shore up Medicare for seniors today.

Now that the majority has embraced Social Security, perhaps they should embrace Medicare as well.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN TRUTH IN BUDGETING

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, obviously, my friend from the other side of the aisle has confused St. Patrick's Day with April fools when he talks about the Republican budget.

Let me talk to my colleagues. There is philosophical and mathematical differences between the way the Republicans and Democrats use numbers. It is best illustrated by this story.

One of the Democrats' leading budget hawks went to go buy some worms. He was going fishing. He walked up to the bait store and said, "How much are your worms?" The guy said, "You can have all you want for \$1." So the Democrat said, "I will take \$2 worth."

That is the problem. We almost need national testing when it comes to truth in budgeting with the Democrats.

Let us go through this little quiz on Social Security: Republicans want to preserve 100 percent; Democrats 62 percent.

Fill in the blanks: Which is greater, 62 percent or 100 percent?

True or false, 62 percent does not equal 100 percent.

True or false, 38 percent will be spent on non-Social Security items under the President's budget.

This is true. The President wants to preserve 62 percent, Republicans want