

To all of the Dallas Stars, I say thank you on behalf of all Texans. You have shown the whole country that Big-D is more than just America's greatest football town.

Mr. Speaker, the Stanley Cup was the first leg of what will be the 1999 Texas hat trick. I am putting my colleagues on notice. Texas teams will end the century by winning, not only the Stanley Cup, but the NBA championship and the World Series as well.

Congratulations again to the mighty Dallas Stars, 1999 Stanley Cup champions.

PRESERVATION: PROTECTING AMERICA'S TREASURED LAND

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, as I heard from my youth advisory committee visiting the Capitol today, urban sprawl has become a serious concern to Americans in many parts of the country, from the rural farm country in Lancaster and Chester County, Pennsylvania, to suburbs in the south and west.

There are several ways that Congress can help to prevent further unbridled development, yet still keep individual freedoms intact.

Today we will take one small step, through the Patriot Bill, to preserve land in Pennsylvania that is central to our American heritage. It is vital that we preserve two of our Revolutionary War treasures, the historic battlefields of Brandywine and Paoli. It will be a tragedy to lose this history to a housing development that now threatens the region.

By the same token, we must also take a larger step to give individuals in this country incentives to preserve their farmland and open space. By eliminating such burdensome taxes as the estate tax, capital gains tax which threatens so many family farmers, we allow farms in coveted open space to remain intact.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for farms and for open space. First support the Patriot Bill. Secondly, let us get rid of the death tax once and for all.

CONDENM THE SYNAGOGUE BURNINGS IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the logical final outcome of hate crimes is the nightmare we see on our television sets every night in Kosovo. This past weekend, in the State of California, three synagogues were set on fire.

This past year in this free society, which is based on respect for all religions, Mr. Speaker, there were over

8,000 hate crimes in the United States. Some of these were directed on the basis of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender.

Today, I am introducing a resolution condemning this outrageous act, which resulted in the destruction of three Jewish places of worship in the Sacramento area of California.

Scores of my colleagues from across the political spectrum are joining me in this resolution. I ask all of my colleagues to join and express unanimously our condemnation of these outrageous acts and provide assistance to all relevant agencies to bring the perpetrators to justice.

SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate New Hampshire's participation in the 33rd Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival beginning tomorrow on the National Mall.

This festival is a celebration of the history, heritage, and culture that makes the Granite State one of a kind. More than 140 participants will be in the national spotlight exemplifying what has made New Hampshire such a beautiful, important, and unique State for the past 23 years.

The spectacular event will also include a celebration of New Hampshire's political history, as well as its essential role as the traditional host of the first-in-the-Nation Presidential primary.

Over the next 2 weeks, more than 1 million people will join representatives from New Hampshire, South Africa, and Romania in showcasing their traditions and customs through expeditions of music, dance, food, crafts, storytelling, and art.

I am extremely proud to have my home State represented here in the Nation's Capital, and I encourage everyone to find their way down to the National Mall to help New Hampshire celebrate its proud history and culture.

COMPANIES MOVING OVERSEAS AND AMERICA IS LOSING JOBS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Hanover Shoe Company of Franklin, West Virginia is moving overseas. Another 350 jobs going overseas. But the workers have been told, and I quote, "Do not worry. You will find a job."

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. Every day, good paying manufacturing jobs going overseas, being replaced by minimum wage service-sector jobs. Enough is enough. A superpower does not act like a colony.

The sad truth is "made in America" is now street talk for teen pregnancy.

I yield back all the minimum wage part-time jobs without benefits in these United States of America.

STAND UP TO THE GREEDY HAND OF GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Paine, a true patriot and American hero who, of course, is no longer taught in many public schools today, once wrote: "We still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry and grasping the spoil of the multitude."

Although students today no longer find The Rights of Man on their reading lists, they would do well to take heed of Thomas Paine's observation that the government has an inevitable tendency to seek to expand its power and to confiscate the fruits of our labor. It is like a law of nature. Anyone who disputes this fact is invited to step forward and call his first witness.

Government grows and grows, and it commands more and more of what we earn. Taxes go up and our freedom necessarily is reduced. Republicans believe that the greedy hand of government has reached too far, and that Americans have seen too many of their freedoms reduced. It is time to stand up to the greedy hand of government.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS ACT

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, many Democrats in the House of Representatives are working together to lower the cost of prescription drugs. We are asking this Congress to pass the Prescription Drug Fairness Act.

Unfortunately, the drug companies and my friends on the other side of the aisle do not seem much interested in letting this pass.

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The drug companies will give lower prices to HMOs, they will give lower drug prices to hospitals, they will give lower drug prices to insurance companies and to the VA, but they charge senior citizens out of pocket literally twice as much in many cases for prescription drugs than they do these preferred buyers.

The prescription drug companies are banding together to oppose the Prescription Drug Fairness Act on the House floor. They say that this legislation will stifle innovation and hurt research. They say it will cost them so much money they will not be able to continue to develop new drugs. They do not say anything, Mr. Speaker, about huge executive drug companies' salaries. They do not say anything about record \$22 billion drug company profits.

They do not say anything about marketing, about salespeople and about the multimillion-dollar lobbying company campaign they are foisting upon us.

TRIBUTE TO WARDELL YATAGHAN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wardell Yataghene, a gentleman who recently passed away and was president of the Resident Council of Rockwell Gardens, a public housing development in Chicago and a founder of the Coalition to Save Public Housing.

Wardell, unfortunately, died too soon, but he gave his life as an inspiration and as a light for those who live in public housing. And I think as a testament to him, I want to urge that we continue to support public housing in the United States.

JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S CONGRESS

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, today, this week, children from every State in the Union have come to Washington to participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Children's Congress. As the cochairman of the House Diabetes Caucus, which boasts 265 Members of this body who have dedicated themselves to trying to find a cure for diabetes, it is fitting that we pay tribute to these young people who came here today and participated in a ceremony on the west front of the Capitol to highlight the need to cure diabetes.

This is not only an adult disease, it is a child's disease, a cruel children's disease that affects millions of people in this country. It is necessary, it is appropriate that this Congress devote adequate resources to try to find a cure for disease through research.

So I am happy to join all the other Members of the caucus in saluting the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and all the children who participated here today.

I am especially proud of Nancy Stockton, the delegate from Cheney, Washington. Nancy is a tribute to her family, her community and all young people with diabetes.

CONGRESS MUST PASS COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

(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, in the dead of the night, the Republican leadership responded to the

tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, by trying to weaken gun safety laws. Instead of taking up the bipartisan measures already approved by the other Chamber, the Republican leadership joined with the NRA to kill common-sense gun safety measures and blow holes in the Brady law. Now, we are back to square one.

But I am an optimist, and I believe that this body can do what is right for America. I call on my colleagues to meet us halfway, close the loophole once and for all that allows criminals to arm themselves at gun shows without any background check at all. Let us ensure that handguns are sold with child safety locks so that children do not accidentally hurt themselves or anyone else when they find a weapon at home.

These are mainstream ideas that parents and families in the country want passed. The cost of delay is steep. Thirteen children are killed every day with guns. One hundred thousand guns are brought to schools every year. Let us take up gun legislation that will keep guns in responsible hands.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO CUT TAXES, NOT INCREASE THEM

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are arguing among themselves about which taxes they want to raise, about how to come up with additional revenue. Anyone who has any doubt about the truth of this statement need merely consult with statements made by the President, the House minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), and the minority leader in the other body, TOM DASCHLE.

The President said this past January, while in Buffalo, New York, that he was opposed to giving the surplus back to the American taxpayers who produced it because, "You might not spend it right." The President thinks that the government knows better how to spend our money than the people who earned it.

The House minority leader stated his vision of expanding the Federal education bureaucracy by cutting defense and raising taxes. In fact, he said he would be proud to do it.

And now we have the minority leader in the other body who just this past weekend said that tax increases were on the table. Maybe on the Democrats' table, but they are not on the Republicans' table. In fact, we are debating which taxes to cut.

Let us reduce the taxes on the people of this Nation.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 987

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be

removed as a cosponsor of the bill H.R. 987.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 22, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 21, 1999 at 1:21 p.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 105.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken later today.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 211) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of raising public awareness of prostate cancer, and of regular testing and examinations in the fight against prostate cancer.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 211

Whereas nearly 180,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1999, and an estimated 37,000 men will die of the disease;

Whereas prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer among men and the second leading cause of cancer death among men;

Whereas prostate cancer can often be treated successfully if detected early on, although most symptoms are nonspecific and there are few reliable risk factors;

Whereas education and regular testing and examinations are critical to detecting and treating prostate cancer in a timely manner;

Whereas the American Cancer Society recommends that all men aged 50 and over have annual examinations and tests for prostate