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Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue my 1 minute on internationally abducted children.

In December 1997, Rosana Wayson, at 3½, was abducted to Germany by her mother. The German court overturned the U.S. court order guaranteeing Rosana daily visitation with her father, Mark, and made no provisions regarding future contact.

Mark Wayson has not had any contact with his daughter since August of 1998. He has traveled to Germany 13 times in the last 2 years attempting to gain access to the legal system. The family court has refused to allow him to testify or to present evidence. In Rosana's case, the German government first refused to accept the Hague Convention application and later dismissed it summarily.

Last Thursday I joined my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT), and introduced a concurrent resolution urging signatories to uphold the Hague Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction. This resolution was introduced with 126 original cosponsors, a powerful statement on the importance of this issue.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to put pressure on other countries that are Hague signatories that are not abiding by the Hague treaty. I urge my colleagues to join me in getting the message out and help bring our children home.

AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, the American Freedom Train departed Cameron Depot, Virginia, on its inaugural run 25 years ago today. The American Freedom Train headed for Wilmington, Delaware, to make its premier to the American public and help mark our country's bicentennial.

During 21 months of travel across our great land, the American Freedom Train traveled more than 24,000 miles and visited 138 cities where it became the focal point of local 200th birthday festivities. Nearly 700 million people toured the train's 10 exhibit cars and saw 510 historical documents, works of art, and items of memorabilia that portrayed our country's heritage.

The American Freedom Train, the idea of Mr. Ross Rowland, became one of the greatest events of America's bicentennial. My deepest thanks to my constituents, John and Mary Jayne Rowe, of Covington, Virginia, for the work they have done to preserve the memories of the American Freedom Train.

The sign at the train's exit is as appropriate today as it was 25 years ago: "And now let us celebrate America, its heritage and strength, and together let us build a meaningful tomorrow."

SUPPLEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE FUNDS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND DRUG TREATMENT

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, today the House will take up the first supplemental of the 21st century.

There are two problems with this supplemental. There is \$1.6 billion for Colombia, who is the biggest trafficker of heroin and cocaine to our country, and no dollars for treatment for those in our country who need it.

Also, there is nothing in the bill for Mozambique. We have a commitment from the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) that the money will be forthcoming, and I believe them. We need the President to ask for the money.

Mr. Speaker, there is \$135 million in the International Disaster account. Spend the money. Send it to Mozambique. Do the assessment and replenish the International Disaster account.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote against the rule. We need money for drug treatment. We must have it now.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

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

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, the most important gift parents can give their children is a quality education. This precious gift will open doors of opportunity, and it will ensure that a parent's wish is fulfilled: that the next generation will enjoy a better quality of life than the last.

Educating a child is not easy. It is expensive, too often bureaucratic and much too often out of a parent's control.

For the moms and dads who are struggling to give the gift of education to their children, help is on the way.

The Education Savings and School Excellence Act will help families save for their children's educations and give parents control over where their children are educated.

On behalf of the 90,000-plus children in the district I represent in Washington State, those children heading to college, I urge the United States House to pass this important legislation. We must do all we can to assure that no child is left behind.

PRAYER IN OUR SCHOOLS

(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, once again, the Supreme Court is considering a school prayer issue.

Beam me up. The founders are rolling over in their graves. The founders never intended to separate God from our schools; the founders simply intended to ensure that there would not be one, one State-sponsored religion, period. My colleagues know it, I know it, and the American people know it. The truth is, an America without prayer is an America without God, and a school without prayer is a school without God.

I yield back the utter stupidity of the America political system that continues to rationalize, debate, and deny the importance of God and why our founders placed it in our Constitution.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL REGARDING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE LABS

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, this House will vote today on a supplemental spending bill. It will help maintain peace in Kosovo and fight narcoterrorists in Colombia. However, there is one emergency that is not addressed.

For that reason, I will be offering an amendment to help our States and communities pay for the cleanup of methamphetamine labs, those dangerous and deadly meth labs. It is truly an emergency.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is currently out of money to help our States on meth lab cleanups. My colleagues hear it in their States; I hear it in my State.

My amendment will give the DEA \$15 million to get through this year in helping our States and our local police. It is not new money, but it is a reallocation of the COPS program. It will make a difference to our communities; but more importantly, it will keep our police moving forward on reducing the production of meth that is tearing apart our families, our communities, and destroying lives.

Mr. Speaker, for that reason, I would ask my colleagues to support that amendment when it is offered.

CENSUS 2000

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

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, census day is 3 days away, and so far, the census is going very well. The Federal response rate is at 44 percent. Everyone can go to the census Web site at census.gov and get a daily update on how their localities and States are responding.

I know that some Members on the other side of the aisle have urged their constituents not to fill out the long form. This will only hurt people and localities and their districts. The information we gather on the census enables us to understand who we are as a

Nation and serves as a guide on where to spend our resources from the Government. The Speaker and the minority leader should be urging all Members to work with and encourage their constituents to participate in this important civic ceremony.

SMITH AND WESSON LATEST VICTIM OF WHITE HOUSE ASSAULT ON DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, Smith and Wesson is but the latest victim of the administration's assault on democracy. The recent so-called voluntary agreement by the gun manufacturer follows a familiar script. First, the administration proposed mandatory trigger locks. Then, finding insufficient support among Congress, the people's representatives, the administration turned to ulterior, undemocratic means, to achieve its purpose. They threatened to unleash the full weight of the Federal Government upon the maker of a legal product by suing them into oblivion.

Guess what? The maker of the legal product decided to voluntarily do what the administration asked.

The administration makes no attempt to conceal the power grab. Last week's Wall Street Journal quoted White House domestic policy advisor, Bruce Reed, as stating the agreement shows that "the public good does not have to be held hostage to legislative stalemate." Legislative stalemate? Mr. Reed, it is called democracy.

Mr. Speaker, gun legislation has not moved because the majority of the people believe that those who pull the trigger are the ones actually responsible for the outcome, not gun manufacturers or law-abiding citizens who own firearms and use them responsibly.

The administration calls this voluntary; I call it extortion.

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LET US STAND AND BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS

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

EXTENDING CONCERN TO FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TEXAS DISASTERS

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let me offer my concern to our families and friends in the Fort Worth, Texas area with the terrible tornado that they experienced last evening, and to our families and friends in the Harris County area, with Phillips Petroleum, with the terrible tragedy of the explosion that happened at that plant.

Mr. Speaker, however, this morning, I want to talk about the importance and crucialness of the Census, not only

in this Nation but particularly in the State of Texas, where, from the 1990 Census, the State of Texas lost \$1 billion by undercounting 400,000 people.

Unfortunately, the State of Texas has a 33 percent return, but the fourth largest city in the Nation only has a 26 percent return. That is the city of Houston. Why? Because frivolous lawsuits are being filed alleging an invasion of privacy, not recognizing that this responsibility is a constitutional responsibility and that in fact these questions have not ever been proven to have been used or misused by the Census Bureau.

We need to have the information on the homeless, and I applaud the efforts being made by them. I ask of the INS not to do unnecessary and provocative raids of immigrants to discourage them from being counted. We must count every single person in the United States. We all must count. This is a constitutional right and responsibility and duty. Let us stand up and be counted.

THE EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

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

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the House will consider the Education Savings and School Excellence Act. The proposal allows parents to invest more in their child's education. It allows other relatives, such as grandparents, aunts, and uncles, to invest in a child's education. A parent's employer may contribute, too.

These vital education resources will be made available to cover education expenses that best meet the child's need, be it a tutor, books, tuition, or even a computer.

H.R. 7 would help the families of at least 52 million children. Seventy percent of the tax savings under our Education Savings and School Excellence Act will go to children in public schools whose parents make less than \$75,000 a year, and 76 percent of the children who will benefit from ESA's attend public schools.

Promoting greater investment in learning is not an issue of rich versus poor or Democrat versus Republican, it is about fairness. It is about doing what is right.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, let us pass H.R. 7, the Education Savings and School Excellence Act. Let us make sure no child is left behind.

GUN SAFETY

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, every day the Republican leadership wastes by not convening the Juvenile Justice Conference Committee, 13 children are

wasted as a result of gun violence. That is 13 children gone forever. This is not a game, this is about children's lives.

Our children need safety locks, they need effective background checks, and they need the NRA to loosen its grip on the Republican leadership. They need these things now. Guns kill. It is that simple.

According to the Justice Department, Federal gun prosecutions are up 16 percent, State and local gun prosecutions have risen 22 percent, but our children are still dying. The Republican leadership must convene a meeting of the Juvenile Justice Conference Committee to expand gun safety measures and protect our children.

I urge my Republican colleagues to stop playing politics with children's lives and start working on meaningful gun safety legislation. Our children's lives depend on it.

SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET AND ELIMINATE THE PUBLIC DEBT

(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, Republicans have a plan to pay Uncle Sam's credit card bills. For over 30 years, tax and spend liberals have racked up an enormous debt. It is just now beginning to be paid down, thanks to the GOP majority in the House and Senate.

In our budget, we will pay down \$3.6 trillion, yes, that is \$3.6 trillion, in public debt by the year 2013.

Why does this matter? If we ask a family in my district if they live better without debt, or if they would rather be sitting on massive credit card bills with high interest rates, it is pretty easy to guess the answer will be the former. They will have a hard time understanding the fact that a sizable chunk of our annual budget goes to pay creditors because government spending cannot be kept under control.

Mr. Speaker, paying the public debt will benefit everyone. Seniors will not have their social security funds raided, homebuyers will have lower mortgage rates, car buyers will have lower interest rates. This country will function better with a zero balance and maybe even a surplus to be given back to the taxpayer.

It is time to lift the burden of debt off our children. It is time to support the Republican budget and eliminate the public debt.

URGING HOUSE MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE CONSTITUENTS TO RETURN CENSUS FORMS

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Census forms are due. The Census form, the