

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for allowing the opportunity to have such a wonderful man, who has brought so much to so many people's lives, be with us today.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF LEES-McRAE COLLEGE, BANNER ELK, NORTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today, Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, celebrates its centennial. It is altogether fitting that we pause to honor the vision and accomplishments of its founder, the Reverend Edgar Tufts, on this celebrated day.

For 100 years, Lees-McRae College has provided a quality, student-centered, values-based education. From its humble beginning in Edgar Tufts's study, Lees-McRae has grown into a fully accredited baccalaureate institution.

In addition, Lees-McRae is committed to being an integral part of the larger community, as witnessed by its outreach projects, cooperative programs with area schools, and humanitarian service activities.

Lees-McRae College is an institution of which the entire Nation should be proud, and we wish it well as it enters its second century.

AMERICAN JOBS BEING SHIPPED OVERSEAS

(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 Pentagon wants to buy combat ships from foreign shipbuilders. Now, if that is not enough to sink your rubber ducky, check this out: we give billions to Russia and billions to China in tax breaks, and, even though the American worker builds the best ships in the world, the Pentagon now wants to buy ships from Russia and China.

Beam me up. Who is running the Pentagon, Monte Hall? I think it is time to tell the Pentagon that we can hire generals and admirals a hell of a lot cheaper from Korea too.

I yield back the fact that American jobs are literally being shipped overseas.

SERVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(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, this Republican Congress is working hard to pass legislation that meets the needs of Americans, such as providing prescription drug coverage, protecting the Medicare and Social Security trust

funds, and paying down the national debt. Unfortunately, this administration and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have rejected our proposals each and every time.

Now is the time, Mr. Speaker, to meet the needs of the American people.

Nevada is pioneering a plan for prescription drug coverage for our seniors, and this Congress should look seriously at providing similar coverage to all needy American seniors as well. But, like most Nevadans, we are tired of waiting for the Democrats to enact Social Security and Medicare lockbox acts, and they are tired of waiting for a real commitment by the Democrats to pay down our national debt.

This Republican Congress has acted on these priorities; and now, we too are tired of waiting. It is time for this administration and the House Democrats sign into law legislation which has passed this House and meets the needs of the American people.

I yield back the inaction of the Clinton-Gore Administration and the House Democrats, who are more concerned with political rhetoric than serving the American people.

IMPENDING ENERGY PRICE CRISIS

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves facing impending cold weather and a looming energy crisis. Oil prices and high energy costs must be an issue on the Nation's agenda.

The rising cost of home heating oil will have a devastating economic impact on 36 percent of the households in the Northeast. We in Congress cannot ignore this.

Currently, home heating oil inventories are down. In fact, stocks of crude oil, gasoline and heating oil in the United States have not been at levels this low since the middle 1970s, when our economy was thrown into turmoil.

The demand for fuel is predicted to increase significantly this winter. We need to do a few things. A home heating oil reserve in the Northeast with an effective trigger is critical to the stability and well-being of all of our constituents.

I am pleased that the President has heeded the bipartisan call of many in Congress to use the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help lower the price of oil and satisfy some of the demand. Only a small percentage of the released oil will be used for home heating oil, but the message the President has given is clear: the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and its funding and weatherization assistance is also essential for low-income families.

We must continue to take steps to ensure that low-income families and seniors do not have to make the choice between staying warm or buying food.

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY NELSON, NEBRASKA'S ANGEL IN ADOPTION

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

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor every family who has welcomed an adoptive or foster child into their home, but I want to express my special appreciation to Nebraska's "Angel in Adoption," Tammy Nelson. The award is sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

Tammy and her husband, Jeff, provide a home for two adopted sons, three foster sons, two guardianship sons, one extended family son, and a biological son. That is nine boys, and they also have a grown daughter.

Tammy's busy schedule includes teaching adoption classes. She is also an assistant to a youth group in her church, and she even coaches a girls wrestling team. I have no idea how she gets it all done.

Obviously, Tammy has a strong commitment to her family and community. She makes a big difference in the lives of her children and children across the State. As a grandfather of two adoptive children, I can well understand how much love and dedication it takes to welcome adoptive children into a family.

I want to thank Tammy and Jeff, and everyone who is involved in providing safe, loving homes for our Nation's children.

BRINGING ABDUCTED CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in my continued effort to bring to this House's attention my deepest concern for the American families destroyed by cases of international child abduction. Today, I will share with my colleagues the story of Gabrielle, Elizabeth and Ashley Millares, who were taken by their non-custodial father, Mr. Arle Millares, on December 25, 1996.

A felony warrant for child concealment was issued in January of 1997. Mr. Millares and the children are believed to be in the Philippines, his place of birth. He does not have American citizenship, nor has he ever had a Social Security number.

Mr. Millares and his children were featured in the December 1997 issue of the Front Line newsletter, a publication of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Mrs. Jennifer Murphy, the custodial mother, has not seen nor heard from her children in over 6 years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor for these daily one minutes because I care about families and reuniting children with parents. I urge my colleagues to

join me in spreading the message and taking a responsible role in bringing our children home.

SEPTEMBER 26, A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

(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, on this day, September 26, 1780, 220 years ago, the treason attempt of American General Benedict Arnold was discovered. General Washington reported to Congress, "Treason of the blackest dye was yesterday discovered. General Arnold, who commanded at West Point, was about to deliver up that important post into the hands of the enemy. Such an event must have given the American cause a deadly wound if not a fatal stab. Happily, the treason has been timely discovered to prevent the fatal misfortune. The providential train of circumstances which led to it affords the most convincing proof that the liberties of America are the object of Divine protection."

As a result, Congress called for a national day of prayer and thanksgiving, declaring in the resolution, "It hath pleased Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, to rescue the person of our Commander-in-Chief and the army from imminent dangers at the moment when treason was ripened for execution. It is therefore recommended to the several States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer."

On this day, 220 years ago, Congress called on the people of the United States to openly thank God for protecting America, a lesson we should still remember today.

THE MEDIA SHOULD GIVE US THE FACTS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the media, newspapers, radio and TV stations, have a huge impact on our lives. They influence how we think and act.

Protected by the constitutional right to free speech, the media have few restraints on what they can say and do. They enjoy a "public trust" not to abuse their power. But I wonder how objective Washington political writers can be, when 89 percent acknowledged in a survey that they voted for Bill Clinton and AL GORE.

What concerns me is that we all need accurate and objective information if we are to reach informed opinions about national issues.

The media needs to treat their readers, listeners and viewers with respect, respect for their intelligence to make the right decisions for themselves and for our country. News stories should give us the unvarnished facts and then let us draw our own conclusions.

AMERICANS WANT A DEBT-FREE AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, do you know what? AL GORE is a spender. He wants to spend \$1.4 trillion of our surplus on new government programs, eliminating any hope that Americans will get needed tax relief and stopping our efforts to eliminate our national debt.

Republicans have already successfully eliminated \$350 billion of public debt and have dedicated 90 percent of the next year's surplus solely to debt reduction. Republicans will eliminate another \$240 billion in debt in the next year alone.

The choice is easy: Do you want to spend \$1.4 trillion in new government spending or have a debt-free America?

Mr. GORE needs to rip up his government credit card and join the Republicans in eliminating our national debt. Americans want, need, and deserve a responsible government and a debt-free America.

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AMERICA NEEDS NATIONAL POLICY ON ENERGY

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, this past week the administration announced that we were releasing fuel from our Strategic Reserve, and it had nothing to do with politics or the upcoming election.

And I thought, April Fools Day only came once a year.

This administration has proven that it has no energy policy, unless that means stealing secrets from Los Alamos, then they are quite inept. The administration goes after Microsoft, a domestic company with great entrepreneurs, and leaves OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum States, untouched.

We need in this country to create a national policy on energy. We need to look for alternative fuel sources and not be so reliant and so dependent on outside influences to take care of our oil. The recent announcement that we would release 30 million barrels of oil, as Tim Russert said on Meet the Press this week, will only last America 36 hours.

Mr. Speaker, we need a policy, not politics. We need help for American families, not quick sound bite solutions. We need new direction and new leadership, not the old standby rhetoric of saving America by using our most precious reserves for a political play rather than for helping American consumers.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). Pursuant to clause 8, rule

XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 332, nays 47, answered "present" 1, not voting 53, as follows:

[Roll No. 488]

YEAS—332

Abercrombie	Cunningham	Houghton
Ackerman	Davis (FL)	Hoyer
Aderholt	Davis (IL)	Hunter
Allen	Davis (VA)	Hutchinson
Andrews	Deal	Inslee
Armey	DeGette	Isakson
Baca	Delahunt	Istook
Bachus	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Baker	DeLay	Jackson-Lee
Baldacci	DeMint	(TX)
Baldwin	Deutsch	Jenkins
Ballenger	Diaz-Balart	John
Barcia	Dicks	Johnson (CT)
Barr	Dixon	Johnson, E.B.
Barrett (NE)	Doggett	Johnson, Sam
Barrett (WI)	Dooley	Jones (NC)
Bartlett	Doolittle	Kanjorski
Barton	Doyle	Kaptur
Bass	Dreier	Kasich
Becerra	Duncan	Kelly
Bentsen	Dunn	Kennedy
Bereuter	Edwards	Kildee
Berkley	Ehlers	Kind (WI)
Berman	Ehrlich	King (NY)
Berry	Eshoo	Kingston
Biggert	Etheridge	Klecza
Bilirakis	Evans	Knollenberg
Bishop	Everett	Kolbe
Blagojevich	Ewing	Kuykendall
Bliley	Farr	LaFalce
Blumenauer	Fletcher	LaHood
Boehlert	Foley	Lampson
Boehner	Forbes	Lantos
Bonilla	Fowler	Largent
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Larson
Bono	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Boswell	Frost	LaTourette
Boucher	Galleghy	Leach
Boyd	Ganske	Lee
Brady (TX)	Gejdenson	Levin
Brown (FL)	Gekas	Lewis (CA)
Brown (OH)	Gephardt	Lewis (CA)
Bryant	Gilchrest	Lewis (KY)
Burr	Gilman	Linder
Buyer	Gonzalez	Lipinski
Callahan	Goode	Lofgren
Calvert	Goodlatte	Lowe
Camp	Goodling	Lucas (KY)
Canady	Gordon	Lucas (OK)
Cannon	Goss	Luther
Capps	Graham	Maloney (CT)
Cardin	Granger	Maloney (NY)
Carson	Green (TX)	Manzullo
Castle	Green (WI)	Martinez
Chabot	Greenwood	Mascara
Chambliss	Hall (TX)	Matsui
Clayton	Hansen	McCarthy (MO)
Clement	Hastings (WA)	McCarthy (NY)
Clyburn	Hayes	McGovern
Coble	Hayworth	McHugh
Combest	Herger	McInnis
Conyers	Hill (IN)	McIntyre
Cook	Hinojosa	McKeon
Cooksey	Hobson	McKinney
Cox	Hoefel	Meehan
Coyne	Hoekstra	Meek (FL)
Cramer	Holden	Meeks (NY)
Cubin	Hoolley	Menendez
Cummings	Hostettler	Metcalf