

Studies have shown that a repository site at Yucca Mountain is at least 10 times more prone to earthquakes and lava flows than government scientists previously estimated. Nevada ranks third in the Nation for earthquake activity, experiencing over 650 earthquakes in the last 20 years; that means with over 30 earthquakes a year alone in this area.

Clearly, Yucca Mountain is one of the worst places to store the deadliest material ever created by man.

Mr. Speaker, we need to find a solution to the energy crisis, but we need to base it on true science and not misinformation and conjecture.

The DOE plans to buy nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain is not only misguided but immeasurably dangerous for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JO ANN LONG

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Pastor Jo Ann Long as she celebrates her ministerial anniversary of 30-plus years. She is the founder and pastor of the New Covenant Life Church located in the heart of my district.

As a young woman, Pastor Jo Ann was called to the gospel ministry. Since 1962, she has remained a dedicated and dynamic leader.

Over the years, her ministry has taken her all over the world as she served in almost every position within the Church of God and Christ.

Drawing on both professional and personal experiences, Pastor Jo Ann identifies with the issues and needs of women, children and youth. Most of her work has been ministering to these same people.

In addition to serving as pastor, teacher, and mentor, Pastor Jo Ann is a respected and renowned voice on the radio and television. Seizing on every God-given opportunity to positively impact a life, she began her radio ministry some 20 years ago. Tirelessly, she has hosted a number of pastoral counseling programs and has undoubtedly brought spiritual, mental, and emotional healing to thousands of listeners and viewers in the Midwest.

Today, together with the assistance of the flock at the New Covenant Life Church, Pastor Jo Ann holds various uplifting forums, sponsors informative workshops, and runs several community-based organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in saluting a woman of vision with a mission and holistic gospel ministry, Pastor Jo Ann Long.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT REWARDS PROGRESS, CORRECTS FAILURE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, the overarching goal of H.R. 1, the No Child Left Behind Act, is to narrow the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and their more affluent peers. The bill takes a two-track approach, expanding flexibility for States and local school districts while holding them strictly accountable for increasing student achievement.

The No Child Left Behind plan will tie Federal funding to results for the first time in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that was enacted in 1965. Since then, the Federal Government has spent more than \$130 billion, including more than \$80 billion in the last 10 years, and created more than 50 programs on the landmark Title I program to close the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and their more affluent peers.

Today the gap remains wide, and in some cases it is getting wider. We cannot keep perpetuating a system that accepts such mediocrity, not at the expense of our least fortunate children.

One feature of accountability in H.R. 1 is a plan to help low performing schools, a designation that will be made by the States, to improve their performance. The bill increases the set-asides for States' school improvement funding to 5 percent.

Let us please support the No Child Left Behind bill.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON SCHOOL PRAYER

(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, another attack on school prayer, this time at the Virginia Military Institute. For 157 years, VMA students said a prayer before dinner; not anymore.

Attorneys representing two, mind you two, students said it is unconstitutional. Unbelievable. Schools without prayer, schools without God. And what really frosts my pumpkin, experts around the country say it has solved the problem.

Congress, should give them more money. Beam me up. Schools do not need more money; schools can use God. I yield back all the guns, drugs, murder and rape in our schools. And I ask what is next, church without prayer?

VOTE YES ON H.R. 1, NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as an original cosponsor and strong supporter of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleagues, let me be crystal clear, this act does three things. First, we invest \$5 billion in reading for children in grades K through 2. The reason is, 70 percent of

the fourth graders in our inner city schools cannot read. We must address this issue head on.

Second, we measure the performance of each child in grades 3 through 8. Why? We do not want to have a situation where a child falls through the cracks and goes to college where he cannot read. We want to measure that performance and fix it. Again, we are addressing that issue head on.

Third, and for those children trapped in a failing school or unsafe schools, they will have a safety valve in the form of immediate public school choice.

This is a good bill that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 1 this week.

CLEANING UP AFTER THE CLINTON-GORE ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the Bush administration has been in office less than 100 days, and they are unveiling a comprehensive energy policy. The Clinton-Gore administration was in office 8 years and provided this country with a comprehensive energy crisis.

The energy issue is not about a clean environment, it is about developing a policy. The administration had 8 long years to provide this country with a coherent energy policy and they did not.

Clinton-Gore Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said it best when he admitted that the Clinton-Gore administration had been caught napping on energy policy. Mr. Speaker, now this country is waking up to the nightmare of a full-blown energy crisis, complete with blackouts and high gas prices as a result.

The Clinton-Gore administration had no policy for 8 years. The Bush-Cheney administration now has one within 100 days.

LOOKING AT ISSUES REGARDING ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the President is going to announce this administration's energy policy. I say bravo. For the last 8 years, like the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) mentioned, we have not had an energy policy except close to the election, former President Clinton released some of the strategic oil reserves. Of course, that only made a short-term difference. Petroleum imports over the last 8 years have risen from 50 percent of our need to 58 percent.

We are now faced with a dramatic and challenging future as we try to reduce our dependence on imported oil,

especially from OPEC. So the opportunity to look at some of the other oil-producing countries in the world is something we must pursue. But even more than that, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Research, we must look at renewable and alternative sources of energy including clean coal technology.

We must push for the kind of research necessary to increase efficiency and conservation in this country.

I think also it is time to review President Clinton's increase of 4.3 cents on the gas tax that he implanted in 1993 to be a temporary measure for deficit reduction. The balanced budget is accomplished; let us discontinue that tax increase even if we maintain the Highway Trust Fund.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to 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. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the 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 348, nays 53, answered "present" 1, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 114]

YEAS—348

Abercrombie Brown (SC) Deal
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 Allen Buyer DeLauro
 Andrews Callahan DeLay
 Arney Calvert DeMint
 Baca Camp Deutsch
 Bachus Cannon Diaz-Balart
 Baker Cantor Dicks
 Baldacci Capito Dingell
 Baldwin Capps Doggett
 Ballenger Cardin Dooley
 Barcia Carson (IN) Doolittle
 Barr Carson (OK) Doyle
 Barrett Castle Dreier
 Bartlett Chabot Duncan
 Barton Chambliss Edwards
 Bass Clay Ehlers
 Becerra Clayton Ehrlich
 Bentsen Clyburn Emerson
 Berkley Coble Engel
 Berman Combest Eshoo
 Berry Condit Etheridge
 Biggert Conyers Evans
 Bilirakis Cooksey Everett
 Bishop Cox Farr
 Blagojevich Cramer Fattah
 Blumenauer Crenshaw Ferguson
 Boehlert Cubin Flake
 Boehner Culberson Fletcher
 Bonilla Cummings Foley
 Bono Cunningham Ford
 Boswell Davis (CA) Frank
 Boucher Davis (FL) Frelinghuysen
 Brady (TX) Frost
 Brown (FL) Davis, Jo Ann Gallegly
 Brown (OH) Davis, Tom Ganske

Gekas Lofgren Rogers (KY)
 Gibbons Lucas (KY) Rogers (MI)
 Gilchrist Lucas (OK) Rohrabacher
 Gilman Luther Ross
 Gonzalez Maloney (CT) Rothman
 Goode Maloney (NY) Roybal-Allard
 Goodlatte Manzullo Royce
 Gordon Markey Rush
 Goss Mascara Ryan (WI)
 Graham Matheson Ryan (KS)
 Granger Matsui Sanchez
 Graves McCarthy (MO) Sandlin
 Green (TX) McCarthy (NY) Sawyer
 Green (WI) McCollum Saxton
 Greenwood McCrery Schakowsky
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 Hall (TX) McHugh Schrock
 Hansen McInnis Scott
 Harman McIntyre Sensenbrenner
 Hart McKeon Serrano
 Hastings (WA) McKinney Sessions
 Hayes McNulty Shadegg
 Hayworth Meehan Shaw
 Herger Meek (FL) Shays
 Hill Meeks (NY) Sherman
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 Hoekstra Miller (FL) Simmons
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 Hoyer Myrick Snyder
 Hulshof Napolitano Solis
 Hyde Neal Souder
 Inslee Nethercutt Spence
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 Israel Northup Stearns
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 Jackson-Lee (TX) Oliver Tanner
 Jenkins Ortiz Tauscher
 John Osborne Tauzin
 Johnson (CT) Ose Taylor (NC)
 Johnson (IL) Otter Terry
 Jones (NC) Oxley Thornberry
 Kanjorski Pascrell Thune
 Kaptur Pastor Thurman
 Keller Paul Tiahrt
 Kelly Payne Tierney
 Kerns Pelosi Toomey
 Kildee Pence Towns
 Kilpatrick Peterson (PA) Traficant
 Kind (WI) Petri Turner
 King (NY) Phelps Velazquez
 Kingston Pickering Vitter
 Kirk Pitts Walden
 Kleczka Platts Walsh
 Knollenberg Pomo Wamp
 Kolbe Pomeroy Watkins
 LaHood Portman Watt (NC)
 Lampson Price (NC) Waxman
 Langevin Pryce (OH) Weldon (FL)
 Lantos Putnam Weldon (PA)
 Largent Quinn Wexler
 Larson (CT) Radanovich Whitfield
 Latham Rahall Wilson
 LaTourette Regula Wolf
 Leach Rehberg Woolsey
 Lee Reyes Wu
 Levin Reynolds Wynn
 Lewis (CA) Riley Young (FL)
 Lewis (KY) Rivers
 Lipinski Rodriguez

NAYS—53

Aderholt Hastings (FL) Moore
 Baird Hefley Oberstar
 Bonior Hillery Pallone
 Borski Hilliard Peterson (MN)
 Brady (PA) Jones (OH) Ramstad
 Capuano Kennedy (MN) Roemer
 Costello Kennedy (RI) Sabo
 Crane Kucinich Schaffer
 Crowley LaFalce Slaughter
 DeFazio Larsen (WA) Stark
 English Lewis (GA) Strickland
 Filner LoBiondo Stupak
 Gephardt Lowey Taylor (MS)
 Gillmor McDermott Thompson (CA)
 Gutierrez Menendez Thompson (MS)
 Gutknecht Miller, George

Udall (CO) Visclosky Weiner
 Udall (NM) Waters Weller
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 Bereuter Hinchey Ros-Lehtinen
 Blunt Hunter Roukema
 Boyd Hutchinson Sanders
 Burr Jefferson Scarborough
 Clement Johnson, E. B. Sweeney
 Collins Johnson, Sam Thomas
 Coyne Linder Watts (OK)
 Dunn Moakley Wicker
 Fossella Nadler Young (AK)
 Hall (OH) Rangel

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So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 114, Approval of the Journal, I missed the vote due to detainment departing the White House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the first vote was rollcall vote 109. It was on H.R. 1696, calling for the World War II memorial to be expeditiously built on the Mall in Washington, D.C. I arrived late for the vote, as I was in a meeting. I was under the impression the first vote was approving the journal; thus I voted no. Had I realized the vote was calling for the World War II memorial being expeditiously built on the Mall, I would have voted yes. I ask the RECORD reflect how I wish to have voted on the World War II memorial on rollcall vote 109, H.R. 1696.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). Pursuant to House Resolution 138 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1646.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1646) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes, with Mr. LAHOOD in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in House Report 107-62.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. HYDE

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment made in order by the rule.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 4 offered by Mr. HYDE: