

and his students. These qualities have led to a doubling of our congregation in the 3 years since he came to our church.

Reverend Reist is distinguished by his love for his family, his church and his college, and his ability to motivate and cultivate those around him. I am proud to welcome him here today as our guest chaplain.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will receive 15 one-minute speeches on each side.

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SALUTE TO THE WORLD SERIES PLAYERS, ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS AND NEW YORK YANKEES

(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, there is no doubt that this is a trying time in our history. Questions of great moment confront this House, and yet precisely because this is a time of national need, it is entirely appropriate that we focus likewise on our national pastime because the recently completed World Series offers to millions of Americans more than just diversion and amusement. It offers again reinforcement of the positive characteristics of teamwork and rising to the task when the chips are down.

As one who is honored to represent the great State of Arizona, I come to this well today to salute the new world champion Arizona Diamondbacks. Randy Johnson, Curt Schilling, absolutely thrilling on the mound. Quite rationally and reasonably co-Most Valuable Players in the series.

I salute likewise the American League Champions New York Yankees because it is a simple notion in sports, to be the best, you have to beat the best, and that is what the Diamondbacks accomplished as a team.

So we salute the D-backs as World Champs. We salute the Yankees, and let us get back to work on behalf of the American people.

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GAO EMPLOYEES EPITOMIZE PROFESSIONALISM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of all of the Members of the House. It is not every day that Members of the House and their staffs have to evacuate their congressional offices due to an unseen but potentially lethal health hazard. In fact, as all of us know, it was unprecedented.

Today, on behalf of all of my colleagues, I want to express my sincere thanks to David Walker, the Comptroller General of the United States,

and all the dedicated employees of the General Accounting Office who were relocated or otherwise inconvenienced to accommodate Members and their staffs while House office buildings underwent precautionary testing for anthrax.

Those employees' graciousness and patience demonstrated their teamwork and the fact that their important work was uninterrupted when thousands, I emphasize, Mr. Speaker, thousands of us descended on GAO headquarters, is a tribute to their professionalism and to their Americanism. It also reinforced our American ethic that, working together, there is little that we cannot do.

Again, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire House, I thank David Walker, all of the employees at GAO for their cooperation, their graciousness and their facilitation of the business of America.

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NATIONAL HISPANIC SCIENCE NETWORK

(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, I am pleased to announce that the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse is holding its first annual conference on Hispanic Drug Abuse Research this weekend here in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the National Hispanic Science Network is to foster biomedical research on drug abuse among Hispanics and to facilitate its application to public health.

This conference will share its findings with prominent investigators affiliated with the universities from across the Nation. Also in attendance will be representatives from national research policy organizations and representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The National Hispanic Science Network is working toward reducing health disparities between Hispanics and other populations. This group is committed to involving Hispanic scientists in federally supported research through mentoring, training, networking and technical assistance opportunities.

Please join me in congratulating the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse for its dedication in assisting Hispanics through research and education.

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FORTRESS AMERICA

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, it is time for us to confront the double message we have sent the American people in the wake of the tragedy of September 11.

On one hand, we exhort Americans to travel, spend money, go out on the

town and help revive the sagging economy. On the other hand, when they come to the Nation's Capitol, they find it closed, locked and off limits.

What kind of example are we setting for America's museum of democracy? Is ours a government of and for the people or a government that lives behind heavily guarded, closed doors?

When Americans come to Washington, D.C., they get the same dreary refrain at the White House, the FBI and the Supreme Court: Closed to the public. When they come to the House of Representatives they find their Member of Congress can no longer provide a guided tour of the storied corridors, the Capitol dome or the old Senate Chamber. Instead our visitors are sent for 10 minutes to sit by themselves in the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, there are those who say we need a Capitol littered with jersey barriers, ugly fences and awful planters so we can feel safe in our fortress, but I say we should not let security concerns rob us of the freedom to participate in and petition the government. If terrorists can wander all the way to the Capitol without being discovered, we really are in desperate straits.

Mr. Speaker, when will you give the American people back their Nation's Capitol?

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HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, time is running out for us to stop mad scientists from cloning innocent human beings.

Infamous fertility specialist Severino Antinori is working with a team of scientists right now to clone humans. He recently told the BBC radio, and I quote, I think in 3 or 4 months we will have the first pregnancy. Asked whether he would have a cloned human being by September 2002, he said, I hope and I believe.

Columnist Charles Krauthammer is one of the many calling on the Senate to pass a human cloning ban. He recently said, and I quote, "Sanity and prudence combined to produce a great victory on July 31 when the House of Representatives overwhelmingly defeated—the margin was over 100 votes—the legalization of early human embryonic cloning. But the fight is not over. The Senate needs to act as well."

Our government, Mr. Speaker, cannot sit idly by as unethical scientists play God and redefine what it means to be a human. We cannot allow this violation of human rights, this crime against humanity, to take place on our watch.

We need a cloning ban and we need it now.

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AMERICA'S GREATEST PASTIME

(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, baseball will eliminate two teams. Some surprise. Tickets average 50 bucks. A program is \$10; popcorn, \$5; parking, \$20. A hot dog and a beer cost about \$10 to \$12 at most stadiums. Beam me up. The umpire said, "Play ball," not "monopoly."

When a family of four needs a second mortgage to go see a baseball game in America, it does not take Dr. Ruth to explain to major league baseball what has gone wrong. I yield back what is left of America's great pastime after the greatest World Series perhaps in our history.

#### STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR AMERICA

(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, over in the Senate, the majority leader said of our stimulus package it is not a front-burner issue as other legislation is, particularly government spending.

On behalf of the nearly 7.7 million unemployed Americans, that is just plain wrong. These people know that bills do not stop coming just because someone stops working. These people need relief and they need it now.

We need to give our economy a much-needed boost. Giving people the kind of economic security with more money will do just that.

The House-passed tax bill will give the average family of four approximately 944 more dollars every year. That is nearly \$1,000 to pay off credit, school, charity or save for retirement. That is a car payment, insurance and gas for a month.

TOM DASCHLE was wrong. To the 700,000 who filed for unemployment last month alone, economic security is a front-burner issue. I urge the Senate majority leader to think about the 7.7 million unemployed and make economic security a front-burner issue.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Members are reminded they should not mention the remarks of Members of or quote from the other body.

#### SUPPORT TRAVEL AMERICA NOW ACT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, the time has come to address the devastating impact the terrorist attacks

have had on our travel and tourism industry, which is vital to America and to Rhode Island.

Last year, this industry attracted over 15 million visitors and generated over \$3.2 billion in Rhode Island and nearly \$600 billion nationwide. It employs 61,000 Rhode Islanders and more than 19 million people across the country.

The Travel America Now Act, sponsored by my colleague, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG), encourages Americans to resume travel and provides targeted tax relief to businesses and consumers.

We reacted quickly to help the airlines. Now Congress must do the same for the millions of businesses and people who are indirectly affected by the attacks and are in equal need of assistance. Not only will this bill strengthen the travel and tourism industry but also the American spirit.

#### SUPPORT TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs of my State whose families are supported by exports from Illinois. Together, they exported more than \$32 billion in goods and services to some 208 foreign countries last year.

It is important to realize that these individuals not only are helping to keep our State's and Nation's economy rolling, they are sharing America's best with the world. Numbering more than 400,000, these workers expect their government to do everything in its power to protect their markets and new opportunities.

Unfortunately, America's trade negotiators lack the one essential tool, trade promotion authority, or TPA, that they need to make the deals that eliminate barriers to trade and open doors to new marketplaces.

Make no mistake, our foreign competitors have this authority and they use it to their advantage. Of the more than 130 free trade agreements in force today, the U.S. is party to just three. If this were the military, we would be charged as AWOL.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot let our exporting companies and their workers down. Let us pass H.R. 3005.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO PASS HATE CRIME LEGISLATION

(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, since the tragedy of September 11, young children are being spit on, called names, harassed, and hurt because they are Muslim or they look like they might be Muslim.

State governments and local police need the tools to fight and prosecute these hate crimes. We must elevate the status of hate crimes within Federal law to ensure that the punishment fits the seriousness of the crime.

We must set an example for young people that we do not tolerate hate; that they are protected; and that they can feel safe and they will be secure. Now is the time to pass hate crime legislation.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BAN CLONING

(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, a month ago, a Dr. Zavos of Cyprus announced that he expected to be able to create a cloned human being within 3 or 4 months. That means 2 or 3 months from now.

Mr. Speaker, cloning human beings is wrong. Cloning human beings is immoral. Any scientist who intends to clone a human being should be stopped. The scientific community says so, the American people say so, and earlier this year, the House of Representatives said so.

The few scientists who promote cloning call it progress. Well, I want to remind my colleagues that years ago Adolf Hitler employed the science of eugenics and also called it progress. The Nazis wanted to create a race of German supermen, the way dog breeders try to breed championship dogs. That was wrong. It was stopped, and it has not been tried again.

Now we have a few rogue scientists trying to clone human beings. We cannot stop Dr. Zavos, only the Government of Cyprus can do that, but we can stop the scientists in this country who are trying to do the same thing.

The other body needs to bring this bill up for a vote before it is too late.

#### ECOTERRORISM

(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, in spite of the ongoing war that America is waging against terrorism in Afghanistan, we continue to face ecological terrorist attacks right here at home.

Just last month, ecoterrorists used timed fire bombs to attack and destroy a Federal facility near the California-Nevada border in order to protest Federal efforts to round up and control excess wild horses.

Ecoterrorism, Mr. Speaker, continues to grow as Web sites teach disciples how to manufacture and use these fire bombs. These deadly terrorist attacks, like Ted Kaczynski's, have already killed or wounded American citizens and destroyed millions of dollars of public and private property.

Although the national media has virtually ignored this issue, the American