

jobs. We need an economic stimulus package now that will lower the Federal tax burden and, thereby, increase incentives to work, to save, to invest, to start new small businesses, to hire new workers.

We need to create an environment of opportunity, to help people get back to work, because the people that I represent of the Lehigh Valley and the Upper Perkiomen Valleys of Pennsylvania, they do not want to know how long they can stay out of work; they want to know how quickly they can get back to work.

The President has proposed and the House has passed a meaningful, tax-lowering, back-to-work economic stimulus package. And what is the other Chamber doing? Instead of a real economic stimulus package, the majority party in the other Chamber has proposed a package mostly consisting of unproductive government spending.

Unbelievably, less than 30 percent of the Senate Democrats' stimulus bill, so-called stimulus bill, is dedicated to actually increasing any incentives for new job creation. Instead, there is all manner of new spending. There is an expansion of authority for Indian tribes to issue tax exempt private bonds, there are increases in subsidies to bison ranchers and pumpkin growers, there is a tax credit proposed for using poultry waste to produce electricity.

Mr. Speaker, this is not economic stimulus; it is pork barrel spending. We need real economic stimulus.

CONGRESS MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO SAFEGUARD AIRLINE SECURITY

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

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, our airline industry is vital to America's economic health. Our airlines not only employ over 1 million Americans, but they also provide the mobility upon which our modern economy and society is based.

In the wake of September 11, Congress passed a short-term boost for the airline industry. But the only way to ensure the long-term stability of our air transport system is to reassure the public that air travel is safe.

In contrast to the speed with which this Congress enacted the \$15 billion quick-fix for airlines, the House dragged its feet on passing an airline security bill.

This week, another aircraft accident has caused further alarm for the flying public. While there is no reason to believe terrorism was involved, Americans need assurances that air travel is safe.

Mr. Speaker, please urge the conferees to finish their work this week and give us an aviation security bill that, like the original Senate version, can be passed unanimously into law.

TIME TO FEDERALIZE AIRPORT SECURITY

(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, we need airport security, we want airport security, and we must have airport security.

When I say that, I do not mean Argenbright Security. Did we ever hear a worse oxymoron than using the term "Argenbright" and "security" in the same sentence? How can one claim to be a security company and let a man get through with seven knives, a can of Mace, and a stun gun? That is not security.

How can airlines keep hiring this company? Southwest and United up in Baltimore just hired them again to manage their security. How can anyone put confidence in a company that has repeatedly been fined for violations? How can anyone put confidence in a company that either does not do background checks or does them in such a shoddy way that felons can slip through their screening? How can anyone put confidence in a company when they are hiring new immigrants from the Third World to do their security checking?

What we are doing is not working. We need a change. The first change we need is to recognize that airport security is a Federal responsibility. Now, whether they are all Federal employees or not is not the point, but it is a Federal responsibility.

The other body needs to stop stonewalling and negotiate in good faith and get us an airport security bill today. The American public is losing its patience.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members that they should not characterize actions of the other body.

GLARING INADEQUACIES IN AIRPORT SECURITY DEMAND FEDERALIZATION OF AIRPORT SCREENERS

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and too many Republicans are holding the airline security bill hostage. They refuse to federalize airport screeners.

September 11 revealed the glaring inadequacies in airline security. Since September 11, a passenger entered the cockpit of an airplane and attempted to attack the pilot. In another well-publicized incident, a passenger was allowed to get past screeners with seven knives, a can of Mace and a stun gun.

Just a few days ago, at Boston Logan International Airport, an Argenbright security guard left her checkpoint unattended for several minutes, allowing people to walk through unchecked.

The American public does not feel safe, and we should be ashamed of the fact that we cannot get an airline security bill passed in this House. Enough is enough. We should not go home until we get it done this weekend.

Mr. Speaker, I challenge all of the Members of the House, but particularly those who are holding up this issue based on whether or not they will agree to federalize those screeners, to stop the politicking, to stop playing with people's lives. Let us get on with airline security.

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URGING SENATE ACTION ON HUMAN CLONING BAN

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, time is running out. With each passing day, scientists come closer and closer to cloning a human being. Step-by-step, they are completing a process whereby human life, the most sacred of gifts, is cheapened and devalued through mass production.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues in the House for their hard work earlier this year in passing the Human Cloning Prohibition Act. But now is not the time to rest. Now is the time to continue our work and urge our Senate colleagues to listen to the voice of the American people and to vote to ban human cloning.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Senate's compromise to bring this bill to the floor in a few months. Unfortunately, the time line for cloning science is set to outpace our own schedule.

Therefore, I urge my Senate colleagues to act now to bring this bill to a vote and to outpace this unethical misuse of science that would demean nature's work and degrade human life.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL G. McGINTY OF FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

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

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on yesterday, my colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), and I announced, in the midst of all of the important other agendas that are going on in the House, an effort to pay tribute to all of the people who were killed in the September 11 disaster.

Today I rise to pay tribute to Michael G. McGinty, who, during his life in an Air Force family, moved many times. So when he and his wife, Cynthia, bought their first home in Foxboro, Massachusetts, he put down

roots, planted flowers to attract birds and butterflies, and became chairman of the deacons at Bethany Congregational Church.

But his great joy in life was being the father of David and Daniel. Ms. McGinty says, "I'm the one who would say it was time to do homework, but he would come and make it fun and games."

The night before Mr. McGinty left for his meeting at the World Trade Tower, he and his wife had a great conversation where everything clicked, and they felt really good about their family and children. She said, "I am so glad that the last conversation we had was a really good one."

I pay tribute to Michael McGinty today.

TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

(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, I rise to discuss the issue of trade promotion authority today.

The benefits of international trade have been clear for decades. Trade fosters not only economic growth, but also the growth of free and democratic societies around the world. As the most prosperous Nation in the world, we understand the importance of expanding trade, and expanding trade helps spread our values overseas.

It is not a coincidence that many of the economies most engaged in trade have also pursued political freedom. South Korea, Taiwan, and Mexico are just three examples. If economic isolation were the answer, then Cuba and North Korea would be among the wealthiest and most prosperous countries in the world.

Now more than ever the U.S. has a moral obligation to lead the fight for democracy around the world. Free trade offers one of the best ways to promote a democratic society. We must lead by example. Support trade promotion authority.

THE AVIATION SECURITY BILL

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 months we have seen reports of knives, guns, mace, and stun guns slip past keystone cop security guards at our Nation's airports, and still the GOP defends the third-rate rent-a-cops at our airports.

Two days ago, one of the airport screeners at Logan Airport in Boston who was tasked with protecting the traveling public left her checkpoint unattended for 4 minutes while passengers gained unfettered access to the gate area.

There have been over 90 breaches of security since September 11. In the

words of our colleague from Ohio, "Beam us all up. Have we totally lost it? Have we learned nothing from the events of September 11?" I find it incredible that negotiation for this bill have dragged on this long.

There is no compromise when it comes to the security of our aviation system. The status quo has failed us, and continues to fail us every day. We must do away with private security firms at these checkpoints and implement the federalization of our airport security apparatus immediately.

This country has suffered enough, and we have an obligation to protect each and every one of our citizens. We must do that today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HANSEN). With reference to a previous speaker, the Chair reiterates that Members should not urge action by the other body.

TRADE

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, as Americans struggle with economic uncertainty, Congress seeks to stimulate our stalled economy and create new jobs. However, I daresay that many of my colleagues have overlooked one of the most consistent and dependable solutions available, one that Congress has the ability to foster: Trade.

Recent studies have found that if global trade barriers were cut by one-third, the world economy would increase by more than \$600 billion a year. Eliminating trade barriers altogether would increase the global economy by nearly \$2 trillion.

The infusion of this much capital into the world market would serve as an engine of economic growth and improve the standard of living for all Americans.

Also, it would be unwise to ignore the fact that, since 1990, more than 20 million new jobs have been created in the United States.

It is not merely coincidental that this increase corresponds to the enactment of trade agreements such as NAFTA and GATT. In fact, trade has stimulated job creation, resulting not only in new jobs, but in higher wages in those jobs supported by exports.

As we seek to alleviate economic hardship, the U.S. must look beyond our borders to increase interaction with our trading partners, and Congress can facilitate this by supporting trade promotion authority.

RAMADAN GREETING

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, it is highly appropriate that we welcome Imam Yahya Hendi. This body represents all Americans, and it is extremely appropriate, then, that we should welcome the Imam today to help celebrate the commencement of the holy month of Ramadan, which is set to begin tomorrow.

Islam is not only one of the world's great religions, but it is one of the great American religions. American Muslims have immigrated to this country from all corners of the globe, and in all parts of the United States Muslims are valued, integral members of our communities.

It is an honor for me to represent the largest Arab American community in the United States. As Ramadan begins, I extend my personal greetings to all Muslim Americans, particularly my friends and constituents in Michigan's 16th District.

Mr. Speaker, I also send best wishes to our Muslim friends and allies in the Middle East and South Asia, as well as Muslims in all corners of the world. To our allies in the Islamic world, I would also like to express my gratitude for their friendship, particularly at this difficult time. As President Bush has pointed out, the United States is not at war with Islam. We are at war with terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, some of what has been said over the last couple of months has painted a highly inaccurate picture of Islam. Islam is not a religion of division and intolerance, but rather, a religion which values diversity and understanding. It is, above all else, a religion of peace and progress.

Americans must not tolerate injustices committed out of ignorance against any group of Americans, particularly against Muslim Americans, who share with us the horror of the events of September 11, which to them are particularly offensive because the Muslim community feels it is grossly improper that the perpetrators expressly attempted to use that faith as an excuse for a horrible crime.

In this month of introspection, faith, prayer, and cleansing, I again wish to relay my greetings and best wishes to the Muslims in southeast Michigan and in the United States, as well as all the Muslims in the world.

IN HONOR OF TUBBY RAYMOND'S 300TH WIN

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

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a football legend, the great Harold Tubby Raymond, head coach of the University of Delaware Fighting Blue Hens.

A lover of sports since he was a kid, Tubby played football and baseball in college. Unable to hit the curve ball,