

to address this Nation's difficult economic times, not just to use this recession as an excuse for the passage of an even larger number of tax cuts.

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BANNING HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, recent polls show 9 out of 10 Americans believe that all cloning should be banned. As Members of Congress, each of us has the responsibility to address this critical issue that the American people care about. Failure to do so is intolerable.

I am categorically opposed to all human cloning, but I rise today on behalf of millions of American people who are concerned about cloning technology and the desire for it to be addressed. This Chamber has already voted overwhelmingly to ban all human cloning. However, a recent announcement that an embryo has been successfully cloned brings an added sense of urgency to banning this practice.

Congress must complete consideration of this issue immediately and send a bill to the President for his signature. The leader of the other body can no longer sit on his hands and ignore his constituents. The American people deserve to be heard and deserve to be represented. This must not be ignored.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. LAURA DUHAN KAPLAN AND UNC-CHARLOTTE

(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, I rise today to honor Dr. Laura Duhan Kaplan, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, which is located in my congressional district.

On November 13, Dr. Kaplan was named one of four U.S. professors of the year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Kaplan was honored for her creative and nontraditional methods of teaching philosophy, which have made her classes a favorite of UNC-Charlotte students and earned praise from her colleagues.

Dr. Kaplan's award is an honor for her and the entire UNC-Charlotte community. UNC-Charlotte becomes the first university in the Nation to have three U.S. Professors of the Year serving on its faculty.

I offer my congratulations to Dr. Kaplan and to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on this high honor.

TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY IS IMPERATIVE

(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, free and fair trade is the foundation of our capitalist society. It creates jobs and improves wages. It contributes to economic growth and improves standards of living. It promotes freedom, opportunity and openness.

One in ten Americans work in export-related jobs. Typically, those jobs pay 18 percent more than the national average. In addition to rising wages, trade has resulted in lower prices, resulting in a benefit of between \$1,300 and \$2,000 per year for the average family of four. Clearly, American workers benefit from expanded trade.

The benefits of trade reaped by American workers and their families extend to the entire U.S. economy, as trade facilitates our global competitiveness. Exports have accounted for nearly one-quarter of U.S. economic growth during the past decade. In fact, NAFTA and the Uruguay Round combined have increased U.S. income by nearly \$60 billion per year. Further, U.S. industrial production is 48 percent higher today than in 1990, prior to the enactment of NAFTA and the Uruguay Round.

The passage of Trade Promotion Authority is imperative. Free trade will stimulate our economic recovery and preserve the very core of capitalism. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3005.

H.R. 1343, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

(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, it is time to bring the bipartisan bill, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) to the floor to be voted on.

The terrorists who committed the atrocities on September 11 want nothing less than to destroy our American way of life. Terrorists want our children to grow up divided because of weaknesses, not unified by America's strengths.

The Conyers' bill, supported by 199 bipartisan cosponsors, defends every American from the kind of hate and bigotry that has followed September 11, particularly our children.

Kids, because of the way they appear, have been beaten by their peers, harassed at their schools, and spit on in supermarkets. We must give local law enforcement the tools that they need to punish and prevent these crimes. The Conyers Hate Crime Prevention Act will do just that.

AGAINST CLONING: DESIGNING DISCARDABLE DONORS

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, we heard the news that a Massachusetts biotechnology firm had turned a revolutionary scientific corner. Delicately transferring human DNA into a donated human female egg, they then artificially nurtured the egg into a 6-cell embryo. The embryo then went off about its business, dividing as if fertilized by a sperm, but stopped far short of maturing into a baby.

Their objective in creating this being? To harvest its stem cells to be crafted into potential replacement tissues for patients suffering from various degenerative diseases. Advanced Cell Technology, Inc. positions the product of their research as "only cellular life, not human life." Still, building a life, whether you call it a "cellular life" or a "human life" to serve as a discardable donor is not moral science.

The House passed H.R. 2505, a human cloning prohibition in July, and I urge our colleagues in the Senate to expeditiously pass legislation banning such destructive research.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind Members they should not urge action in the other body.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in recent months, we have passed legislation to rebuild the communities ravaged by terrorism, to bring down the Taliban and root out the al-Qaeda network, and to make our skies safer for the flying public. But there is one glaring omission, left out of the airline bailout bill, left out of the aviation security bill, and that is the workers laid off in the aftermath of these attacks.

What we have known for weeks is now official: Our economy is spiraling downward in a recession worsened by the events of September 11. North Carolina's unemployment rate for last month was 5.4 percent, the highest it has been in almost 9 years.

In this time of financial crisis, we need a recovery plan that includes all our citizens, not just the big corporations looking to benefit from a pre-existing Republican tax cut agenda. Our Republican friends have found time to pass a 16-year refund of the alternative minimum tax for large corporations, but precious little for the

working people who need extended unemployment benefits and reimbursement of their COBRA health care coverage.

These priorities are way out of whack and we must reverse them now.

ON THE ECONOMY

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we learned we have been in a recession for the past 8 months. Mr. Speaker, that is not acceptable to the American people and it is not acceptable to this Congress.

The House has responded. We passed an energy bill that creates jobs; we passed an economic growth bill that creates jobs; and next week we will pass a trade bill that creates jobs.

There are some people that have a different idea about the question of what creates jobs. Mr. Speaker, I have a pop quiz for our friends on the other side of the building:

Which of the following do you think would best grow the economy and get it back on its feet? Investment-based tax relief; a railroad retirement bill; a farm bill; or more funding for bison meat and sight-seeing tours in the Dakotas?

Mr. Speaker it does not take a degree in economics to know the answer. We need to give the President a growth package that will create jobs not just for today but for the future. Yet some people think that other legislation should be the "front burner" issues. These bills have even been scheduled, while the President's plan for economic growth languishes in the other body.

Mr. Speaker, there is no time left. An economic growth package built on tax relief should be the only "front burner" issue this Congress addresses today. It is a big deal, Mr. Speaker. The American people want to get back to work. They want this Congress to act now to jump-start this economy. They do not want to see the process thwarted by a Senate that does not understand which burner should be the front burner.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEE HATWELL

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and pay tribute to one of Washington State's leading citizens, Dr. Lee Hartwell.

I join my colleagues in honoring Dr. Hartwell for winning the Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine. This award, as we all know, is recognized as one of the world's most distinguished honors for those involved in basic medicine and clinical research.

During his more than 30 years involved in groundbreaking research

studying cell division and its relation to cancer, Dr. Hartwell has won numerous awards, including the Massry Prize, the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor Basic Research Award, the General Motors Sloan Award, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Prize, the Leopold Griffuel Prize, and the Gardiner Foundation International Award for Achievements in Science, and now the Nobel Prize.

Much of Dr. Hartwell's pioneering research has been conducted at the University of Washington. He began his service with the university in 1968 and has been Professor of Genetics since 1973. Twenty-three years later, Dr. Hartwell joined the faculty of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, and in 1997 became its president and director.

Since it opened its doors in 1975, the research undertaken by the Hutchinson Center has given hope and extended life to thousands of people. My cousin is among one of those whose life was so extended, and I am deeply grateful, and I join my colleagues in honoring Dr. Hartwell for his life's work and becoming the recipient of the Nobel Prize.

HUMAN CLONING UNETHICAL

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, it was announced that the Massachusetts biotechnology company, Advanced Cell Technology, had created the first human clones. They claim they only want to use these embryos for research purposes. However, this research is unethical for at least two reasons:

First, it involves the special creation of human life for experimentation and then destruction. There are morally acceptable alternatives to this type of research.

Secondly, for this research to advance, scientists will need massive quantities of women's eggs to generate the necessary number of clones for the research to proceed. Women will be donating their eggs not for the purpose of having children but for the purpose of making money.

As pro-choice feminist Judy Norsigian said in a Boston Globe column, "Because embryo cloning will compromise women's health, turn their eggs and their wombs into commodities, compromising their reproductive autonomy and virtually certainly lead to the production of experimental human beings, we are convinced the line must be drawn here."

Judy is right. The Senate needs to act.

SUPPORT H.R. 1343, HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

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

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), today to resurrect a bill that is almost ready to leave this body with 199 cosponsors. I want to thank the gentlewoman from California and also my colleagues that are joining her in this effort, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN), the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE), the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY), the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), and many others.

Now, we have a hate crimes bill, my colleagues. What we need is some improvements that get through some old Federal jurisdictional hang-ups that have been around since about 1994. So join us in this last push. It is not too late.

BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the other body to act immediately to ban human cloning. The news over the weekend that a firm in Massachusetts had successfully cloned a human embryo makes it vitally important that that happen now.

Scientists are creating human life for the sole purpose of destroying it. And this is not the plot of a bad science fiction movie, this is very real. Cloning is very real and it is happening in America right now. We must put a stop to this horrific practice.

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PASS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the House to pass hate crimes legislation before we recess this year. We are a Nation still at war. We are a Nation still healing, and we are still standing strong as a people unified. The events of September 11 have brought out the very finest in what America stands for. Communities have rallied around its law enforcement officers, neighbors have come together, individuals have stopped by a fire station to say a word of thanks. In many ways we have celebrated our diversity and united as a Nation.

Unfortunately, some have taken the events of September 11 to act violently towards those who may appear different from the majority. Since September 11 there have been 1,200 recorded deaths, assaults, discrimination, bomb threats or intimidation against men, women, children and families who look like or are Arab or Muslim Americans.