

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.

At a time when we are fighting a war against terrorism and hatred, we have a golden opportunity to show the world that we celebrate our diversity; that every American citizen or everyone who visits here will not be in danger because of their national origin or religious faith; that we will not allow these acts of terror to divide us; that we are one Nation under God, indivisible and we will stay that way.

SENATE CONTINUES TO STALL ON ECONOMIC SECURITY

(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, the Nation's economists have confirmed what thousands of American workers have already feared, that our economy is in a recession.

House Republicans have passed an economic security package to create new jobs and help unemployed workers. But the stalling economy continues to be in jeopardy because the Senate continues to stall economic security legislation.

People are hurting, unemployment is rising, and now we have proof that the economy is in recession. What more does the Senate Democratic leadership need? The American people deserve action on this right now. The Senate Democrat leadership failed to push through a strictly partisan version of a stimulus plan on November 14.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the Senate Democrat leadership to stop stalling and send President Bush an economic stimulus package that creates jobs and helps affected Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind Members they should avoid urging action or inaction by the Senate.

WORK YET UNDONE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to talk about the work yet undone, the work this Congress, this House needs to complete. I believe it is imperative that we pass the Conyers Hate Crimes Prevention Act with 199 cosponsors, and I join my colleagues in reminding us of the values of this country of equality and justice.

This past week I commemorated and celebrated Ramadan with members of my community, the Muslim community. They should be protected just as anyone else, and terrorism should not divide us. Muslim and Arab lives have been lost, and they have been intimidated. We should pass this legislation.

We also announced today that we are in a recession, something we know about and that does not make for a happy holiday. We need an economic stimulus package that addresses the unemployed workers of America; in my own State, Enron, which is about to merge with another company, which I encourage to save the opportunities for workers and the resources that America needs. Maybe upwards of 3,000 employees will be laid off.

Mr. Speaker, we need an economic stimulus package. We need to pass hate crimes legislation, and this Congress needs to finish its unfinished business.

PROHIBIT HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That is why we have government. We have government to protect these rights, and more importantly, the rights of those who are the most innocent and the most vulnerable.

Mr. Speaker, on July 31 the House passed the bipartisan Weldon-Stupak Human Cloning Prohibition Act by a large majority. Advanced Cell Technologies of Massachusetts threatens human lives; and if government does not act, we are co-conspirators.

To produce one live cloned sheep, Dolly, scientists created 277 sheep embryos; 276 died in different stages of development or were discarded. The head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Illinois, said that human cloning does not treat any disease but turns human reproduction into a manufacturing process by which human beings are mass produced to preset qualifications. It is time for the other legislative body to move and prohibit human cloning.

PASS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when we are waging war around the world against terrorism, oppression and hate, we must be sure that we are sending a clear message at home to all Americans, especially our children, that hate crimes will not be tolerated, period.

President Bush has repeatedly called on Americans to resist all acts of bigotry and hate; and yet since the terrorist attacks on September 11, thousands of assaults have been reported across the country against people of

South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh backgrounds. Some of those occurred in my district, one of the most diverse districts in the Nation.

The Conyers bill, H.R. 1343, is the right antidote. It is not just talk; it is action. We must elevate the status of hate crimes within Federal law to ensure that the punishment fits the seriousness of the crime. Congress has given law enforcement new tools to fight terrorism, and we must not delay in adding new tools to fight hate here at home.

BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, 88 percent of the American people think that human cloning is immoral. Accordingly, this representative body overwhelmingly outlawed human cloning this July. Many of us are outraged to learn that a bio-technical firm has gone forward and made significant gains in the area of cellular-level human cloning.

Mr. Speaker, I must say today that amoral bio-technical firms ought not to lead America as America leads the world in medical ethics. Rather, America ought to be informed by history, by conscience, by history and by our laws and by this institution.

Our Chaplain spoke today about the Tower of Babel that was built on pride, of technology rising to the skies that destroyed their people. I submit that the creation of nascent human life, for research or vanity, is such a tower that threatens to tear at the fabric of our society and our laws and our very civilization. It must be banned.

PASS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) and the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and 199 cosponsors in support of a Federal hate crimes statute. We must show the world that we are not engaged in a war on Islam, but instead are forming our laws to reflect the fact that we are building the most diverse country in the history of the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that a single act of violence should not be subject to different levels of punishment. But the fact is that we often enhance punishment due to the motivations of the perpetrator, and racial and religious hatred is one motivation that deserves enhanced punishment. We also adjust punishment when the perpetrator causes a greater harm; and hate crimes not only hurt the physical victim, but also tear at the fabric of our society.

There was a hate crime in my district 2 years ago. The Jewish Community Center was invaded and children