

were shot. Not only were their families victims of this act, but there was fear at Jewish community centers from one end of this country to the other. It is time that we reflect this higher level of harm with a higher level of punishment by passing the Federal hate crimes statute.

BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to human cloning. The announcement over the weekend that an American company had cloned the first human life is a profoundly disturbing step toward a brave new world for which none of us are prepared.

My father suffers from Parkinson's disease; and while I recognize the agony of so many Americans with devastating illnesses and injuries, I cannot countenance the creation and destruction of human life as a potential means to ease their suffering. There are other methods of scientific research using adult stem cells and umbilical cord blood that can lead to medical breakthroughs for Alzheimer's, spinal cord injury, and more. These alternatives promote the quality of human life without forsaking the value of human life in its most vulnerable form.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that science has overtaken the law in this instance. The House, in a strong bipartisan vote, has said we should not proceed down this path. The President has stated his opposition to human cloning. And in poll after poll, the American people overwhelmingly object to it as well. The other body must act, and act soon to ban human cloning.

BAGS IN BELLY OF AIRPLANE MUST BE SCREENED

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, on November 18 the President signed a law promising the American people that every bag that goes into the belly of the airplanes will be checked for explosives, a promise that was long overdue. It is within certain time limits imposed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President. Therefore, it is most disturbing that the administration has now told us, 9 days later, that they cannot meet the deadline set forth in law just 9 days ago.

Mr. Speaker, this is very disappointing because the word "cannot" is not in the American lexicon. In a Nation that sent people to the Moon and whose Armed Forces are doing such an exemplary job in Afghanistan, we cannot say we cannot solve this problem.

If there are not enough people to do the job, hire them. Get the National

Guard to do the job, and come to Congress and tell what we need to get this job done because we will stand with the administration and make sure that it gets done. The American people deserve it.

BAN HUMAN CLONING

(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, this past summer I spoke on the floor of this House and voted with my colleagues overwhelmingly to ban human cloning. Two weeks ago I stood at this podium and urged our colleagues in the Senate to act on and pass this important legislation which would ban this mad science. This past weekend, as we all know, it happened. American scientists announced that they had cloned a human embryo.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time. Now is the time to choose between reckless science and a respect for human life, the time to choose between courageous action and silence.

Mr. Speaker, the message to our colleagues in the Senate must be to act now to ban human cloning. We can afford to wait no longer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would again remind all Members, including certain past speakers, to refrain from urging action or inaction in the other body.

PASS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, a quote from the New Haven Register, my hometown paper, dated yesterday, "Hate Crimes Are a Local Danger." What it does is cites three recent reports that were conducted in the State of Connecticut: one by the Anti-Defamation League which says in recent years Connecticut has experienced a breadth and scope of extremist activity disproportionate to its small size. This is an alarming report if added to that is a State police analysis showing that reported hate crimes in Connecticut increased by almost 20 percent from 1998 to 1999. Add to that the chief State's attorney's recent report that says that since September 11 and the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., that there have been 13 hate crimes reported since that day, mostly aimed at American citizens merely on the grounds that they were of Arab extraction or of the Muslim faith. This reemphasizes the need for religious, cultural and educational institutions of Connecticut to continue promoting understanding.

Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity at the Federal level to pass a bill, the Hate Crime Prevention Act of 2001, that would help local law enforcement officials deal with hate crimes. We must do it nationally, and we must do it for our local communities.

BAN HUMAN 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, we learned last week that just because a person has an advanced degree, there is still no guarantee that they are ethical or that they even exercise common sense. Some scientists are claiming today that they need to clone human beings in order to develop cures for diseases. We have been cloning animals for years; and not one, not one animal study has resulted in even a single useful therapy.

The history of animal cloning is replete with defects, deformities, and death. Dolly the sheep was the 277th try. To clone a human being, scientists will have to sacrifice hundreds and thousands of tiny human beings who will die because they are mutated and full of genetic defects and used for experimentation and harvesting of organs and cells.

Mr. Speaker, human life is human life. This kind of mad science should not be permitted. The House has passed the cloning ban. It needs to be passed into law so the American people can rest assured our government still knows right from wrong. It is obvious some scientists do not.

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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, let me tell my colleagues about the company that informed us that they have the technology to clone human beings. This is the same company that conducted research in which they introduced human cells into cow eggs, they have created human embryos specifically for scientific experimentation. In other words—use newly created human beings—steal their stem cells, then kill them. And now they have cloned human beings that lived for a few hours as embryos and then died. The drill here is to clone then kill the newly created human.

Their president, Michael West, has made clear that he has no problems with cloned births once so-called "safety issues" are resolved. Glen McGee, the former chair of their ethics advisory board, current professor of bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania and editor in chief of the American Journal of Bioethics, resigned

from this company's ethics advisory board last fall because they were using it as a front.

But that should come as no surprise, Mr. Speaker, when you consider what is going on in their labs. These are not the people we want to defend. These are not the people we want to hold up as scientific trailblazers, nor do we want to empower or enable them.

Their actions are more like, Mr. Speaker, the Third Reich, where scientists routinely played God, than the work of visionaries like Copernicus, Galileo, Madame Curie or Jonas Salk.

The Senate must pass the House-passed bill to proscribe cloning.

AMERICANS WAITING FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND ENERGY BILLS

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Americans are waiting for desperately needed economic stimulus and energy bills.

Mr. Speaker, the other body has put Americans on hold; on hold for a comprehensive energy bill, on hold for an economic stimulus bill. Both are long past due as evidenced by our growing energy dependence and our deepening recession. The President wisely asked Congress to pass both months ago.

The House passed a comprehensive energy bill in August. The House passed a tax relief bill to spur the economy more than 6 weeks ago. Meanwhile, America is still waiting for the other body to act on both of these high priorities.

How much longer will the other body leadership keep Americans on hold, Mr. Speaker?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Chair would remind all Members once again to refrain from encouraging action or inaction in the Senate.

TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, a week from tomorrow, we in this House are going to be voting on the very important trade promotion authority that the President of the United States needs. The administration has not had it, the past administration did not have it, it expired in 1994; and because of the fact that it was not there and has not been there, we have been a party to only 2 of the 130 free trade agreements that have been established worldwide in the last several years, basically meaning that the United States

of America has ceded its very important leadership role when it comes to global economic growth.

What is it that we need to do? We need to make sure that we step up to the plate and do everything that we can to militarily provide leadership, geopolitically provide leadership and, yes, economically provide leadership. That is what trade promotion authority is all about. It is an important vote. We will be giving this authority to the President so that he can pry open new markets and find opportunities for U.S. workers and businesses around the world. It is about creating jobs right here in the United States. I hope that a week from tomorrow, in a bipartisan way, we can provide overwhelming support for this very important measure.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I must start out by saying I know that we have been admonished not to refer to the other body, but in a bicameral legislative body such as the U.S. Congress, often one side of government will pass legislation that the other side does not pass. That is our situation right now.

This House has passed a Patients' Bill of Rights. This House has passed an education bill. This House has passed a ban on human cloning. And this House has passed a jobs economic stimulus plan. Unfortunately, it is not moving. It has to pass both bodies in order to become law and get the President's signature.

Meanwhile, folks are getting laid off. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off are not getting the benefits that they need. Meanwhile, workers who are laid off and their families are not getting the health care extensions that they need. I hope, as a Christmas present to the American people and to the economy and to all the jobs that are out there at risk, that the other body will in fact pass this job security program so that we can give the American people a very merry Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Once again Members are reminded not to urge action or inaction in the other body across the Rotunda.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on approving the Journal and then on each remaining motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed yesterday in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approving the Journal, de novo;
House Concurrent Resolution 77, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2722, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of 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. LAHOOD. 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 372, nays 39, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 451]

YEAS—372

Abercrombie	Capito	Eshoo
Ackerman	Capps	Etheridge
Akin	Capuano	Evans
Allen	Cardin	Farr
Andrews	Carson (OK)	Fattah
Armey	Castle	Ferguson
Baca	Chabot	Flake
Bachus	Chambliss	Fletcher
Baker	Clayton	Foley
Baldacci	Clement	Forbes
Baldwin	Clyburn	Fossella
Ballenger	Coble	Frank
Barcia	Collins	Frelinghuysen
Barr	Combest	Frost
Barrett	Condit	Galleghy
Bartlett	Conyers	Ganske
Barton	Cooksey	Gekas
Bass	Coyne	Gephardt
Becerra	Cramer	Gibbons
Bentsen	Crenshaw	Gilchrest
Bereuter	Crowley	Gillmor
Berkley	Culberson	Gilman
Berman	Cummings	Gonzalez
Berry	Cunningham	Goode
Biggart	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Bilirakis	Davis (FL)	Gordon
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Goss
Blagojevich	Davis, Jo Ann	Graham
Blumenauer	Davis, Tom	Granger
Blunt	Deal	Graves
Boehlert	DeGette	Green (TX)
Boehner	Delahunt	Green (WI)
Bonilla	DeLauro	Greenwood
Bonior	DeLay	Grucci
Bono	DeMint	Gutierrez
Boswell	Deutsch	Hall (OH)
Boucher	Diaz-Balart	Hall (TX)
Boyd	Dicks	Hansen
Brady (TX)	Dingell	Harman
Brown (FL)	Doggett	Hart
Brown (OH)	Dooley	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Doolittle	Hayes
Bryant	Doyle	Hayworth
Burr	Dreier	Herger
Burton	Duncan	Hill
Buyer	Dunn	Hobson
Callahan	Edwards	Hoeffel
Calvert	Ehlers	Hoekstra
Camp	Ehrlich	Holden
Cannon	Emerson	Holt
Cantor	Engel	Honda