

alongside U.S. and European troops, seeking to hunt down remnants of Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization. We extend our condolences to our Canadian allies.

#### U.S. MUST STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, it is more important than ever that we as individuals and the United States as a Nation reflect on the historic link between the United States and Israel. Yesterday was the 54th anniversary of Israel's independence. The U.S. must stand with Israel now as it did in 1948 as the war on terrorism continues throughout the world.

For 54 years, Israel has existed as the only democracy in the Middle East. We must not abandon our work to bring a lasting peace to the region. The efforts of those trying to achieve this goal over the past few days and weeks should be applauded. However, we must also not forget Israel's right as a sovereign nation to defend itself and its people from terrorism.

Israel has stood by efforts of the U.S. to combat terrorism around the globe. Likewise, the U.S. must stand by Israel in its effort to eradicate the scourge of terrorism.

Let us be clear: attacks on civilians by suicide bombers are acts of terrorism.

#### REJECT MAKING THE TAX CUTS PERMANENT

(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, today the majority party will ram through a bill making their tax cuts permanent; but it is not just tax cuts they will make permanent. They will make a \$4 trillion raid on the American Social Security trust fund permanent. They will make their \$1 billion raid on the Medicare trust fund permanent. They will take their temporary wound to Social Security and make it into a permanent scar.

Just when 40 million Americans will be entering Social Security, they will be permanently raiding it for \$4 trillion. They will be doing so as part of an ultimate dream to privatize Social Security and realize what one Republican called the hope that Medicare some day would just "wither on the vine."

Mr. Speaker, today's bill ought to be called the "Permanent Raid on Social Security," the "Permanent Injury to Medicare Act of 2002"; and we should reject it.

#### TIME FOR ACTION ON MEDICARE REFORM

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is time to take a serious look at the problems we have with Medicare. Medicare started for the right reasons; there is no question about that, and I do not think we can argue with that. We did not want the elderly going without the ability to have the proper health care. We all realize it is not perfect and we need to do something about the prescription drug portion of it.

But there is a bigger problem with Medicare, and that is the problem of access. Doctors are dropping out across this country in droves. They are dropping out because the compensation is too low, and we proposed this year to make it even lower. They are dropping out because there is a hassle factor of feeling that if they make a little clerical error, that they might be drawn in by the police and pulled before the courts.

I had a woman come to me in a town meeting the other day that said she brought her mother from Missouri to Colorado, and they had gone to 128 doctors trying to find care for her mother and none of them would take new Medicare patients.

If we do not have access, we do not have a program. Congress must stop ignoring this problem. It is time for action.

#### INDIAN SACRED SITES MUST BE TREATED WITH REVERENCE

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

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday at this time several Members of the House Committee on Resources Democratic Caucus rose to speak on a number of environmental issues as a prelude to Earth Day, which is April 22. As the ranking Democrat on that committee, today we continue with this theme.

My purpose this morning, however, is not to speak to the more traditional environmental concerns of which I share, but rather to draw attention to the destruction of sites located on Federal lands which are sacred to American Indians.

Valley of Chiefs, Montana. This area contains historic rock art and is used for ceremonial purposes. Yet the Bush administration believes it is a pretty good place to drill for oil and gas.

Indian Pass, California, a place where dream trails were woven. Yet the Bush administration has given the green light to a massive 1,600 acre open-pit gold mine there.

There are many other examples.

Most Americans understand a reverence for the great Sistine Chapel or a traditional church with steeple and a bell. I believe it is time we sound the alarm bell for Indian sacred sites and treat them with equal reverence. We are, after all, one Nation under God, and all of our religious beliefs must be protected.

#### WASHINGTON STATE NAMED WINE REGION OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, the State of Washington has long been known for its great people, its great natural beauty, its great companies like Boeing and Microsoft, and its great basketball teams. Now it has been designated with another honor, and that is "Wine Region of the Year" as endorsed by "Wine Enthusiast" magazine.

This designation is fully justified. Washington State is now the second largest wine producing State in the country. It provides \$2.4 billion to the Washington State economy, and it employs 11,000 people. It is a small business-focused industry, and it provides tremendously to the jobs and the agriculture community of eastern Washington and western Washington. It produced 100,000 tons of grapes in the year 2001.

So congratulations to the State of Washington, and congratulations to the wine industry in the State of Washington, which helps our agriculture economy, and thanks to "Wine Enthusiast" magazine for making this designation.

#### PROTECT LANDS SACRED TO INDIAN TRIBES

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, as cochair of the Native American Caucus, I work on many issues on behalf of our first Americans. An issue that is of particular importance to me relates to protecting lands sacred to our Indian tribes.

Native Americans were the first protectors of this great land, and protect it they really did.

Long before my forefathers arrived here, it was the native Americans who respected, honored and gave thanks for all that nature provided. They knew never to take more than what was needed, and never disrespect or damage their sacred areas.

I am sad to see so many native American sacred sites under the threat of desecration and the active role our government often plays.

We have attempted over the years to enact legislation to protect these sites, but each time it falls short. We need to pass legislation that will put the full legal weight of the United States behind the preservation of native American sacred sites.

#### POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

(Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on April 4, the postal

service transmitted its "Transformation Plan" to Congress. I read through some of the report and was surprised that there was no mention of the fact that the postal service spent \$55 million on general advertising in 2001.

The report did, however, stress that the postal service needs more "flexibility" and cited "increasing cost burdens" and "significant fixed costs" as part of the problem.

Now, why on earth is an organization who whines about "burdens" and "fixed costs" spending \$55 million on brand promotion? Remember, this money was spent during the same year it lost more than \$1 billion.

Mr. Speaker, the \$55 million the postal service spent on advertising for product lines which typically lose money could clearly have been spent more efficiently. For example, \$55 million would have just about covered all of the postal service's tax liability on leased facilities last year. Even better, \$55 million would have paid for more than two-thirds of the postal service employee wages in my district.

Mr. Speaker, an agency which spends \$55 million on a losing advertising campaign does not need "flexibility." No, Mr. Speaker. What the postal service needs is some old fashioned "accountability."

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#### EXTENSION OF TAX CUT WILL RAID SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is important to review a little of the chronology leading to today's vote. Only last year, at the end of the Clinton administration, there was a \$5.6 trillion surplus forecast.

Now, the majority of Democrats said, let us be a little fiscally disciplined here. Let us wait and see if these numbers hold up. But the Republican majority, in a rush to judgment, went ahead and enacted a \$2 trillion tax cut. Here we are, the very next year, \$4 trillion of the surplus is gone and we realize that that money is going to have to come out of Social Security and Medicare trust funds, even though five times we all voted for a lockbox on Social Security and Medicare.

The lockbox is broken. Today we are going to cut taxes between the years 2011 to 2020 by another \$4 trillion, \$7 trillion when you count interest payments on the increased public debt it will create, and virtually all of that money is going to have to be paid for by Social Security and Medicare. Yet in that decade, from 2011 to 2020, we are going to see another 40 million people join the retirement rolls.

This is fiscally irresponsible. It is not right. We would not do it in our own

family, and we should not do it to the American family.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to clause 8, 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. WILSON of South Carolina. 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.

This 15-minute vote will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to instruct.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 369, nays 52, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 99]

YEAS—369

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Andrews  
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Ballenger  
Barcia  
Barr  
Barrett  
Bartlett  
Barton  
Bass  
Bentsen  
Bereuter  
Berkley  
Berman  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Blagojevich  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehrlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonior  
Bono  
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Boswell  
Boucher  
Boyd  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (OH)  
Brown (SC)  
Bryant  
Burr  
Burton  
Buyer  
Callahan  
Calvert  
Camp  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Capps  
Cardin  
Carson (IN)  
Carson (OK)  
Castle

Chabot  
Chambliss  
Clayton  
Clyburn  
Coble  
Collins  
Combest  
Condit  
Conyers  
Cooksey  
Cox  
Coyne  
Cramer  
Crenshaw  
Crowley  
Cubin  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Cunningham  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (FL)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis, Jo Ann  
Davis, Tom  
Deal  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delahunt  
DeLauro  
DeLay  
DeMint  
Deutsch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dooley  
Doolittle  
Doyle  
Brown (OH)  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Edwards  
Ehlers  
Ehrlich  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Etheridge  
Evans  
Everett  
Farr  
Fattah  
Ferguson  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes

Fossella  
Frank  
Frelinghuysen  
Frost  
Galleghy  
Ganske  
Gekas  
Gephardt  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gilman  
Gonzalez  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Gordon  
Goss  
Graham  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (TX)  
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Greenwood  
Grucci  
Gutierrez  
Hall (OH)  
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Hansen  
Harman  
Hart  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Heger  
Hill  
Hilleary  
Hinojosa  
Hobson  
Hoeffel  
Hoekstra  
Holder  
Holt  
Honda  
Hooley  
Horn  
Hostettler  
Houghton  
Hoyer  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inslee  
Isakson  
Israel  
Issa  
Istook  
Jackson (IL)

Jefferson  
Jenkins  
John  
Johnson (CT)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones (NC)  
Kanjorski  
Kaptur  
Keller  
Kelly  
Kennedy (RI)  
Kerns  
Kildee  
Kilpatrick  
Kind (WI)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk  
Klecza  
Knollenberg  
Kolbe  
LaFalce  
LaHood  
Langevin  
Lantos  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Leach  
Lee  
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Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lewis (KY)  
Linder  
Lipinski  
Lofgren  
Lowey  
Lucas (KY)  
Lucas (OK)  
Luther  
Lynch  
Maloney (CT)  
Maloney (NY)  
Manzullo  
Markey  
Mascara  
Matsui  
McCarthy (MO)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCollum  
McCrery  
McGovern  
McHugh  
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McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinney  
Meehan  
Meek (FL)  
Meeks (NY)  
Mica  
Millender-  
McDonald  
Miller, Dan  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George

Miller, Jeff  
Mink  
Mollohan  
Moore  
Moran (VA)  
Morella  
Murtha  
Myrick  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nethercutt  
Ney  
Northup  
Norwood  
Nussle  
Obey  
Ortiz  
Osborne  
Ose  
Otter  
Owens  
Oxley  
Pascarell  
Pastor  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Peterson (PA)  
Petri  
Phelps  
Pickering  
Pitts  
Platts  
Pombo  
Pomeroy  
Portman  
Price (NC)  
Pryce (OH)  
Putnam  
Quinn  
Radanovich  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Regula  
Rehberg  
Reynolds  
Rivers  
Rodriguez  
Roemer  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Ross  
Rothman  
Roukema  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Rush  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Sanchez  
Sanders  
Sandlin  
Sawyer  
Saxton  
Schakowsky  
Schiff

Schrock  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Shays  
Sherman  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shows  
Shuster  
Simmons  
Skeen  
Skelton  
Slaughter  
Smith (MI)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Snyder  
Solis  
Souder  
Spratt  
Stearns  
Stenholm  
Stump  
Sullivan  
Sununu  
Tancredo  
Tanner  
Tauscher  
Tauzin  
Taylor (NC)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Thune  
Thurman  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Tierney  
Toomey  
Towns  
Turner  
Upton  
Velazquez  
Vitter  
Walsh  
Watkins (OK)  
Watson (CA)  
Watt (NC)  
Watts (OK)  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Wexler  
Whitfield  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Woolsey  
Wynn  
Young (FL)

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Aderholt  
Berry  
Borski  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (FL)  
Capuano  
Costello  
Crane  
Emerson  
English  
Filner  
Fletcher  
Ford  
Gillmor  
Gutknecht  
Hefley  
Hilliard  
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Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kennedy (MN)  
Kucinich  
Lampson  
Larsen (WA)  
LoBiondo  
Matheson  
McDermott  
McNulty  
Menendez  
Moran (KS)  
Oberstar  
Oliver  
Pallone  
Paul  
Peterson (MN)

Ramstad  
Riley  
Sabo  
Scott  
Strickland  
Stupak  
Sweeney  
Taylor (MS)  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Visclosky  
Walden  
Waters  
Weller  
Wu

NOT VOTING—13

Becerra  
Clay  
Clement  
Hastings (FL)  
Jones (OH)

Reyes  
Rogers (KY)  
Schaffer  
Simpson  
Stark

Trafficant  
Wamp  
Young (AK)

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So the Journal was approved.