

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

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Akin
Allen
Andrews
Armed
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehler
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Boozman
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)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Grucci
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Harman
Hart
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Heger
Hill
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holder
Holt
Honda
Hooley
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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
Levin
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
McInnis
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
Pascarelli
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)

NAYS—52

Aderholt
Berry
Borski
Brady (PA)
Brown (FL)
Capuano
Costello
Crane
Emerson
English
Filner
Fletcher
Ford
Gillmor
Gutknecht
Hefley
Hilliard
Hinche

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.