

to concentrate on his dying. He stopped in the middle of it and told John to behold his mother, and from the cross we are reminded of the importance and the love and the strength of our mothers and the kind of moral character that they have conveyed on to us.

I would trust that as we go forward with the congressional agenda that we will not invoke pain through policy and through measures on mothers who attempt in every way that they know how to care for their families, both spiritually and economically.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of recognition of Mother's Day 2002 to honor mothers across the world and to honor the profession and the calling of mothering.

I make these remarks today in memory of my own daughter, a wonderful mother to two little boys before she died 2 years ago, and in honor of their father, her husband, who is doing a fabulous job of parenting and mothering them.

The second Sunday in May is an opportunity for each of us to reflect upon our own upbringing and to offer gratitude to the one who has nurtured us the most, and many of us know firsthand being a mother is much more than a biological process. Every day women who have never given birth become mothers to abandoned, separated or orphaned children.

Last week, Save the Children unveiled their "State of the World's Mother 2002" report. The report was assembled to assess the state of mothers and children in the volatile regions of war and conflict. The findings of this report are particularly pertinent given our Nation's war on terrorism.

After 23 years of conflict, Afghanistan is slowly recovering with assistance from governments and humanitarian agencies such as Save the Children. Specifically, the report tells us that investing in mothers is one of the most effective ways to help post-conflict societies achieve reconciliation and move forward.

Often after enduring years of destruction and chaos, women step up to play highly constructive roles as peace-makers and rebuilders. In Afghanistan, we know that reconstruction largely depends upon the reintegration of women in that society. For this reason, in December Congress passed the Afghan Women and Children Relief Act into law. This law will provide vital educational and health care assistance to women and to children in that region.

The need for increased aid to war-torn Nations, the majority of which are in the developing world, is clear. Mothers and children in these regions are in-

deed at great risk of death, disease, displacement and exploitation; and because of those factors, the cycle of difficulty goes from one generation to the next.

The United States does not fare as badly as the developing world in terms of maternal health; but our country has its own set of problems, which includes high rates of violence against women. This epidemic, perpetrated against 31 percent of American women, is undeniably a serious concern; and while domestic violence is a criminal justice issue, it is really at its core a matter of public health.

Women experience 85 percent of violent victimizations; and each year at least 6 percent of all pregnant women, about 240,000, are battered by the men in their lives. This battering leads to complications of pregnancy, including low weight gain, anemia, infections, first and second trimester bleeding. So domestic violence poses a considerable threat to maternal health.

To combat this problem, I have introduced the Domestic Violence Vaccinating and Treatment Act, which would dramatically increase the scale of intervention and prevention efforts. My legislation would urge every health care provider to screen women over age 18 for domestic violence. In the confidential environment of a doctor's office, health care professionals would serve as a bridge between the patient and the criminal justice system.

Specifically, my bill would provide health care professionals with the training needed to assess women for signs and symptoms of abuse and then to supply her with adequate treatment and referrals. This routine verbal screening for domestic violence, fairly straightforward and simple procedure, would unlock options a woman may not otherwise pursue and allow her to see that shelter and advocacy services may be useful to her.

We know that battered women comprise up to 30 percent of ambulatory care patients, but only one in 20 is correctly identified as such, and I hope my legislation will help in clearly identifying victims of violence in order to pinpoint the perpetrator and to end the cycle of abuse.

Another goal of the legislation is to identify problems before they escalate to prevent in the long term this cycle of domestic violence from repeating itself from one generation to the next. As we well know, a child's survival is largely dependent upon the health and well-being of his or her mother or caretaker.

So this Mother's Day, let us bear in mind the vital role that women play in creating a peaceful and prosperous world for all children. As I have pointed out, this statement rings true not only for mothers in our country but for mothers living in developing countries around this world.

Women hold families together. Therefore, women hold communities and whole Nations together; and thus,

mothers are a crucial link in the livelihood and survival of our Nation's future as well as the future of the world as a whole.

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS OPPOSE THE SPREAD OF GAMBLING

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of South Carolina). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, this week 220 religious leaders across the spectrum signed an open letter to this Congress and to the Bush administration calling on the Nation's leaders to oppose the further spread of gambling.

The signers are across the spectrum of the religious views in this country. It is time, Mr. Speaker, for the country to address the devastation that gambling has wrought on our children, our families, communities and Nation, is what they wrote.

Mr. Speaker, I want to emphasize the significance of this letter. This is not a message from political leaders, this is not a message from business or labor, this is not a message from many of the usual interest groups that express their views here every day. Rather, it is a message from our Nation's moral and spiritual leaders. Not often do so many religious leaders from such broad perspectives speak out on any issue. But when they do, it is noteworthy.

Recall the issues of slavery, the civil rights movement, elderly and child poverty, the dangers of communism, South African apartheid, famine and humanitarian issues throughout the world. All these issues commanded the attention of the Nation's spiritual leaders. The incredible spread of gambling is also a call to arms for our Nation's faith communities.

Why are so many in the religious community so alarmed? Legalized gambling, once relegated to a few areas of the country, continues to spread at an alarming rate, so quickly that soon almost every American will be within driving distance of a casino. Gambling expansion has swept the Nation, with revenues jumping from about \$1 billion in 1980 to well over \$50 billion today. That means Americans lose on average of \$137 million every day of the year from gambling. Let me say that again: Americans lose on the average \$137 million every day of the year from gambling.

In short, while the explosion of various forms of gambling across America has generated revenue for States and for the gambling industry, it has left in its wake human misery that is only now beginning to be understood. This misery ends up costing the States more than they receive and creates a vicious cycle as the need for social services dramatically increases. Whether a State lottery, a casino or a "cruise to nowhere," gambling is a losing bet for funding legitimate social needs.

Yet in State after State the gambling industry pours money into the coffers of political campaigns from both political parties in hopes of advancing their interests. The fact that gambling has not spread further is a tribute to the tireless efforts of a few grass roots activists in the States. These citizen advocacy efforts, often outspent by rates of 20 to 1, have held a levy against an even greater encroachment by the gambling industry into every community in America.

But the gambling industry has another card up its sleeve and has used it very effectively in the last decade. Instead of going through the normal legislative channels, they have ever increasingly circumvented State grass roots resistance by going through our Nation's Native Americans. Indian casinos are the fastest growing form of gambling today. Our Federal policy toward our Nation's first citizens is in a terrible state. A few tribes have done very well, and yet nearly 80 percent of all Native Americans receive nothing from gambling. Let me repeat: 80 percent receive nothing from gambling. The vast majority live in areas where casinos are simply not viable.

What kind of Federal policy rewards a few people living in population centers while the rest languish? There is a casino that operates in California that actually has one adult member of the tribe, one member, and thousands of Native Americans live in our Great Plains States and receive nothing. Defenders of Indian gambling never seem to talk about this disparity.

What has the spread of gambling meant for the country? Some 15.4 million Americans are already suffering from problem and pathological gambling, also called gambling addiction, which is devastating to the individuals and his or her family. The effects of this addiction are wide ranging and often impact many who are not at all involved with gambling. It is not unusual for a gambling addict to end up in bankruptcy, with a broken family, and facing criminal charges from his or her employer. Youth introduced early to gambling are particularly at a high risk for gambling addiction. Of the over 15 million Americans suffering from problem gambling disorders, over half, 7.9 million, are adolescents. There is a tremendous need for prevention. Unfortunately, there is no money really for prevention.

Soon, gambling will be in every home in America with the Internet connection. More than 850 Internet gambling sites worldwide had revenues in 1999 of \$1.67 billion, up more than 80 percent from 1998, according to Christiansen Capital Advisors, who track the industry. Revenues are expected to top \$3 billion by 2002, and the Congress and the administration have done nothing.

I would hope this Congress and this administration would reflect on the seriousness of this issue. This is not about a person making a choice to travel to Las Vegas or Atlantic City

and gamble for recreation. The reality is that such a choice takes planning and some time. As gambling spreads throughout the Nation, there is less planning, less time, and much more availability for potential addicts to gamble.

With all this hard evidence, our Nation's religious leaders have been moved to forcibly speak out. They have demanded that we "place American citizens and families ahead of false promises and hefty political contributions of the gambling industry and begin to address this rapidly growing menace to our national welfare."

Who will speak out against the spread of gambling, the crime, the corruption, the family breakdown, the suicide the bankruptcy, the exploitation of the poor? Our Nation's religious leaders have spoken out. I would hope that Congress would speak out. And I would say to the Bush administration, your silence on this issue is becoming deafening. So the Bush administration should also speak out.

For the poor, the young, the elderly, the addicts, the families of America, hopefully, maybe just someone, someone will listen and speak out.

Mr. Speaker, I provide for the RECORD a copy of the letter signed by these 220 religious leaders and all their names.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM 220 RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ON THE SPREAD OF GAMBLING

DEAR MEMBER OF CONGRESS: We, the undersigned, represent a variety of faith perspectives and religious beliefs. We hold differing convictions regarding many of the most prominent issues of our day. Yet we are united in our opposition to legalized gambling. We believe it to be a moral and cultural cancer. Therefore, we respectfully urge Congress to begin to address the devastation that gambling has wrought on our children, families, communities and nation. Consider just the following sampling of gambling's toll on America's citizenry:

Gambling exploits those with the fewest financial resources, as both a multitude of studies and our own experiences in our individual communities readily confirm. A few months ago we were inundated with glowing press accounts of the Powerball winner from Kentucky who gambled part of his unemployment check to attain the jackpot. How many tens of thousands of others in similar circumstances squandered their meager income chasing this state-sponsored fantasy and wound up without enough money to pay the rent or put food on the table? According to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC), individuals earning less than \$10,000 per year spend more on lottery tickets every year than any other income group.

Each of us—and the faith communities we represent—could provide countless stories of families shattered by gambling addiction. We are often the ones forced to pick up the pieces of lives ripped apart by divorce and domestic violence. According to a survey by the NGISC, gambling has been responsible, in whole or in part, for more than 2 million divorces in recent years. Child abuse and neglect are other effluents of gambling's explosive growth. In addition, research indicates that children of gambling addicts do more poorly in school, experience more behavioral problems, and are more susceptible to gambling addiction themselves.

The gambling boom has made our communities more dangerous places to live. Gambling operations attract crime, and they create new criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens. Studies confirm that more than half of gambling addicts will engage in illegal activities—everything from embezzlement to armed robbery—to fund their compulsion to gamble.

Gambling has subverted the rightful role of government as protectorate of the people. Casinos in particular have bought favors with politicians at all levels, thus enabling them to spread their poison product into even more communities. In the most recent election, gambling interests lavished \$10.9 million on candidates and parties at the federal level alone. That does not include the multi-millions spent on lobbying, nor does it take into account that gambling interests have become the single most powerful force in a number of state governments. All of this influence comes at a terrible price that is paid for by the gambling industry's multitude of victims.

The rapid increase in legal gambling opportunities has created a concomitant boom in the number of gambling addicts. According to the NGISC, more than 15 million Americans struggle with a significant gambling problem—and the repercussions are often profound. Perhaps no single statistic better reveals the depth of despair associated with gambling addiction than this: One in five of those who become addicted to gambling will attempt to take his or her own life.

Legal gambling operations entice teenagers to delve into this dangerous activity. Many become trapped. Studies show that the rate of gambling problems among adolescents is dramatically higher than that for adults. Hundreds of thousands of teens regularly access casinos, lotteries, and other legal betting venues despite age regulations to the contrary. Further, aggressive and omnipresent gambling advertising campaigns disparage the ethic of work, diligence and study while bombarding teens with the idea that gambling is the means to get rich quick.

Gambling has become a blight on our nation's cultural landscape. As religious leaders, we see the gambling-induced pain and devastation among many of those who look to us for spiritual guidance. Thus, we stand together not only in our concern, but in our commitment to oppose this predatory and destructive industry. We call on members of Congress to place America's citizens and families ahead of the false promises and hefty political contributions of the gambling industry, and to begin to address this rapidly growing menace to our national welfare.

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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the remarks made by the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) and the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) relative to Mother's Day and the role that mothers play in this country. And I also take the moment to pay tribute to both my maternal and paternal grandmothers, as well as my own dear mother and my wife for the outstanding roles that they have all played in giving to the institution of motherhood.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 39 years, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. I rise in support of the Small Business Administration and the designation of the week of May 5 through 11, 2002 as National Small Business Week. This celebration will honor the estimated 25 million small businesses in America who have created three out of every four new jobs and generate the vast majority of American business innovations.

Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal achievements and contributions to our Nation's economy. One outstanding entrepreneur is named to represent each State as the State's Small Business Person of the Year, and from this group the national Small Business Person of the Year is chosen. I am very proud and pleased to be able to congratulate Ms. Diane MacWilliams, from my 7th Congressional District of Illinois, who is President of Quicksilver Associates, Incorporated, in Chicago, for being our State's Small Business Person of the Year.

Armed with a brand new degree in fine and applied arts from the University of Illinois, Diane MacWilliams dove head first into a new career in graphic arts as a new hire in the audio-visual department with Arthur Anderson & Company. Over time, she perfected her skills in photography and graphic arts and began taking on more special assignments, including a promotional slide presentation for the Reading Is Fundamental campaign.