

where only token nods of the head toward our honored dead are given, if at all.

Many people do not know that at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, we should take a moment of silence in recognition for the lives lost for freedom's sake. But we cannot blame the American public. After all, it was Congress that made the day into a 3-day weekend in the early 1970s. By comparison, Mr. Speaker, Veterans' Day is celebrated on November 11, regardless of which day of the week it falls on, and Memorial Day should also be the same.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the thousands of men and women who have given their lives fighting for the freedom we enjoy today, and those currently fighting for the freedom we will enjoy tomorrow, let us restore Memorial Day to its original date, May 30. We owe our loved ones and friends who died in service to our country a restored Memorial Day.

CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the chickens come home to roost for the Republicans. After destroying a \$5 trillion surplus and giving away \$4 trillion in tax cuts to the wealthiest people in the country, tomorrow the Republicans must take the first step in authorizing an additional \$750 billion in deficit spending, Mr. Speaker; \$750 billion that this Nation does not have because of the Republican giveaways in the tax cut, and \$750 billion that unfortunately now must come directly out of the Social Security Trust Fund.

Remember all of those promises about a lock box, about a super lock box, how they would never use Social Security for any other purpose? All of those promises go by the wayside tomorrow, because tomorrow is the first step when the Republicans vote to increase by \$750 billion of spending that is taken directly from Social Security.

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What does that mean to Social Security recipients? It means that Social Security is less secure. Eventually, it means that the age limit is going to have to be raised, and then the Republicans will have to work on their plan to privatize Social Security. The last time they privatized something, it was the energy markets; and the next thing we saw was the Enron Corporation.

REPUBLICAN TAX CUT MEANS LOWER TAXES FOR THE POOR

(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. Mr. Speaker, before our tax cut, the top 50

percent of taxpayers paid 96 percent of all the taxes paid in the country. After this tax cut, the top 50 percent of taxpayers pay 97 percent of all the taxes paid in this country.

Let us say it another way, Mr. Speaker. Before the tax cut, the lower 50 percent of taxpayers paid 4 percent of all the taxes in the country. After the tax cut, they pay only 3 percent of all the taxes in the country.

Help me understand, Mr. Speaker, how this tax cut was a tax break for the rich. It seems to me it was a tax break for the poor, because the lower 50 percent of taxpayers now pay only 3 percent of the total taxes, rather than 4 percent. Mr. Speaker, that is a 25 percent decrease in the taxes paid by the lower 50 percent.

REPUBLICAN PLAN TO PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY

(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, the American people deserve to know what the Republican Congress and the President are going to do to Social Security. They have proposed a vague plan, a plan they say is voluntary, that would create individual accounts for those who choose to invest a portion of that money in the stock market. They say that these accounts will earn retirees a higher rate of return.

But what they do not tell the voters and they do not tell the American seniors about is that changing to this new system will result in cutting benefits, cutting benefits for Social Security retirees across the board.

So even though the accounts themselves may be technically voluntary, the benefit cuts are very much mandatory; and if a retiree does not want to risk his or her benefits in an increasingly shaky stock market, fine, but his or her guaranteed monthly check will not equal what it is today. If they have a higher rate of return on their account than the government will allow, what they do not tell us is that in fact the government is going to tax that rate of return at 100 percent.

Mr. Speaker, the simple fact is that the Republican plan cuts benefits for today's retirees, those in the future, and puts them at risk. Let us not let them do it.

COMMENDING THE 106TH RESCUE WING OF THE NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, on May 16 the 106th Rescue Wing of New York's Air National Guard completed their 292nd successful life-saving rescue. Based out of Gabreski Airport in West Hampton Beach on the East End of

Long Island, the 106th Rescue Wing was called to rescue three people whose sailboat mast had broken in the rough North Atlantic seas about 600 miles south of Long Island. The members of the 106th Rescue Wing are nothing short of heroes: 292 people owe their lives to the heroic efforts of the brave members of the 106th Rescue Wing, currently under the command of Colonel Robert J. Stack. The 106th Rescue Wing epitomizes the bravery and professionalism of our men and women in uniform.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the First District of New York, home to the 106th Rescue Wing, a grateful Nation and 292 people who would not be here today without the efforts of the 106th, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 106th Rescue Wing of the Air National Guard.

PATRIOTISM REQUIRES OPPOSING PRIVATIZATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND AND INVESTIGATING SEPTEMBER 11 TRAGEDY

(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 join my colleagues with their concerns about the undermining of Social Security preservation and safety for our seniors; and we must fight against both the privatization and the invading of the trust fund, which will happen tomorrow, unfinished business that we must stand up and be counted for and be patriotic on behalf of our seniors.

Might I, Mr. Speaker, suggest that it would be unpatriotic as well if we stood by and did not understand what happened on September 11. It would be unpatriotic, not to talk about politics and who is in the White House and who is not, but to find out why the INS failed in its duty in giving two dead terrorists visas.

It would be derelict on the part of Congress not to find out what FBI Director Mueller is talking about when he speaks about the potential of a suicide bomber. What information does Congress need to have in a confidential and executive session manner to protect the American people? What happened with the August and July memo?

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, I would say it would be unpatriotic if we did not establish what happened so we could save lives and begin to have a road map that would make sure that we understood what happened here in America. It would be unpatriotic, Mr. Speaker; and we in Congress must do our job.

TOMORROW THE HOUSE WILL TAKE ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS UNDERMINING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I think that this is a very important day for people to be paying attention. Tomorrow, we are going to come out here, and we are going to take one more step toward undermining Social Security.

Now, the majority has said for a long time they wanted to privatize it; and certainly if we do not fund it, there is not going to be anything left except people doing it privately.

But tomorrow is the day we start. We have not dealt with any of the issues that are before this Congress of any import. We have not dealt with the pharmaceutical benefit for seniors. We have not dealt with a whole bunch of other things.

But what are they doing tomorrow? They are passing more money out the door to fund the tax cuts for the rich. That is the reason they are borrowing tomorrow, is because the bill is coming due. In fact, today we are going to actually make another move to raise the debt some more.

Why do we not face the fact that we ought to think about the poor and the elderly and what their benefits are going to be in the future?

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT GENE ARDEN VANCE AND THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend the war on terrorism claimed another casualty, the first casualty of a National Guardsman and the first casualty from my home State of West Virginia.

Sergeant Gene Arden Vance of Morgantown, West Virginia, was killed in eastern Afghanistan after his unit came under heavy fire. Sergeant Vance served in the 19th Special Forces Unit of the West Virginia National Guard and has been stationed in the Middle East for the past 5 months.

Like many National Guardsmen, Sergeant Vance lived a productive life in his local community, working at the local bicycle and kayak outfitting shop in Morgantown while maintaining his training and skill to be called on to serve his country on a moment's notice.

On September 11, newly married and just beginning a new semester at West Virginia University, he put his studies and his honeymoon on hold to fight terror in the name of freedom. As an American, it is difficult to hear of any soldier dying in the name of freedom, but in this instance it is especially sad to me and my fellow West Virginians because Sergeant Vance was one of our own.

Sergeant Vance died honorably in service to his country. His story of leaving his home to be called to help fight the war on terrorism is the story

of many other men and women who serve in our National Guard. Their heroic and noble dedication is an invaluable part of America's work in defending liberty.

On behalf of the men and women of the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to Sergeant Vance's family and loved ones. Our thoughts and our prayers are with them at this very difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions may be taken in two groups, the first occurring before the debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, and the second after the debate has concluded on the remaining motions.

DOT KIDS IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2002

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3833) to facilitate the creation of a new, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be a haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3833

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—
(1) the World Wide Web presents a stimulating and entertaining opportunity for children to learn, grow, and develop educationally and intellectually;

(2) Internet technology also makes available an extensive amount of information that is harmful to children, as studies indicate that a significant portion of all material available on the Internet is related to pornography;

(3) young children, when trying to use the World Wide Web for positive purposes, are often presented—either mistakenly or intentionally—with material that is inappropriate for their age, which can be extremely frustrating for children, parents, and educators;

(4) exposure of children to material that is inappropriate for them, including pornography, can distort the education and development of the Nation's youth and represents a serious harm to American families that can lead to a host of other problems for chil-

dren, including inappropriate use of chat rooms, physical molestation, harassment, and legal and financial difficulties;

(5) young boys and girls, older teens, troubled youth, frequent Internet users, chat room participants, online risk takers, and those who communicate online with strangers are at greater risk for receiving unwanted sexual solicitation on the Internet;

(6) studies have shown that 19 percent of youth (ages 10 to 17) who used the Internet regularly were the targets of unwanted sexual solicitation, but less than 10 percent of the solicitations were reported to the police;

(7) children who come across illegal content should report it to the congressionally authorized CyberTipline, an online mechanism developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, for citizens to report sexual crimes against children;

(8) the CyberTipline has received more than 64,400 reports, including reports of child pornography, online enticement for sexual acts, child molestation (outside the family), and child prostitution;

(9) although the computer software and hardware industries, and other related industries, have developed innovative ways to help parents and educators restrict material that is harmful to minors through parental control protections and self-regulation, to date such efforts have not provided a national solution to the problem of minors accessing harmful material on the World Wide Web;

(10) the creation of a "green-light" area within the United States country code Internet domain, that will contain only content that is appropriate for children under the age of 13, is analogous to the creation of a children's section within a library and will promote the positive experiences of children and families in the United States; and

(11) while custody, care, and nurture of the child reside first with the parent, the protection of the physical and psychological well-being of minors by shielding them from material that is harmful to them is a compelling governmental interest.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to facilitate the creation of a second-level domain within the United States country code Internet domain for the location of material that is suitable for minors and not harmful to minors; and

(2) to ensure that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration oversees the creation of such a second-level domain and ensures the effective and efficient establishment and operation of the new domain.

SEC. 3. NTIA AUTHORITY.

Section 103(b)(3) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 902(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) shall assign to the NTIA responsibility for providing for the establishment, and overseeing operation, of a second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain in accordance with section 157.”.

SEC. 4. CHILD-FRIENDLY SECOND-LEVEL INTERNET DOMAIN.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended in part C by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 157. CHILD-FRIENDLY SECOND-LEVEL INTERNET DOMAIN.

“(a) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The NTIA shall require the registry selected to operate and