

cancer research, and his advocacy benefited men throughout America.

Though prostate cancer took the life of William Schwartz, his spirit and tireless efforts will save the lives of many men.

UNJUSTIFIED WAR AGAINST IRAQ

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, we owe it to the memories of those who lost their lives on 9-11 to remember, to reflect, and also to bring to justice those responsible. We also have a similar obligation not to use the events of 9-11 and the great losses which so many endured as a pretext for launching a war against Iraq.

Iraq was not responsible for 9-11. Iraq has not been linked to 9-11. Yet here we are on the anniversary of that grim day, and all the administration is attempting to do is reframe 9-11 by beating the drum for war against a nation not connected to 9-11.

America has had enough violence in the past year for our country to have to suffer even more violence to the truth which brings us into an unjustified war. Let us heal our Nation and heal it with truth and with justice. That is the American way.

CONGRESS SHOULD PASS AN ENERGY BILL

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, we are approaching the end of this Congress without sending an energy bill to the President. The House passed H.R. 4, the Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001; and unfortunately, we are not, after 1 year from that passage, celebrating the signing of H.R. 4 into law.

The President is still waiting to sign a comprehensive energy reform package that reduces our Nation's dependency on foreign oil. Why is the President still waiting, Madam Speaker? Not because of this House, who worked with the President to pass a comprehensive energy reform that increases America's national security. H.R. 4 was ignored by the party that controls the other body, who, instead, chose to take up and pass an energy package that did nothing to reduce our dependency on countries like Iraq and people like Saddam Hussein for our country's energy needs.

Madam Speaker, let us send the President an energy bill that he can sign with confidence, one that increases both our economic security and our national security. Let us pass one that looks very much like the one we passed a year ago August.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to characterize actions or inactions of the other body of the Congress.

STEEL HEALTH LEGACY COSTS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the United States has become the world's steel dumping ground at the expense of U.S. jobs, U.S. families, and the U.S. economy.

Since 1997, 34 steel companies have filed for bankruptcy, 17 since January of 2001, since President Bush became President, including LTV in Cleveland and RTI in Lorain, Ohio. Unfair trade has victimized an entire generation of American steelworkers, who now depend on this industry, steelworkers and retirees, for their benefits.

It is time for our leaders in Washington, for a change, to stand up. The House Steel Revitalization Act, H.R. 808, has 229 cosponsors, more than a majority of this body. The Steel Revitalization Act will mean jobs, it will mean community revitalization, it will mean strengthening and improving the U.S. economy; yet Republican leadership has blocked this bill.

A majority of Members of Congress have cosponsored this Steel Revitalization Act, and the conservative Republican leadership will not let this bill come to a vote. I ask my Republican friends to push their leadership to do the right thing.

ALLOW RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, in the first 6 months of this year, wildfires have burned nearly 3 million acres out west. That 6-month total is significantly more than the annual averages, and even greater than the number of acres burned at the same point during the record-setting fire year of 2000. And thousands of acres of fire continue to burn as we speak.

So far, the State of Nevada has endured over 678 separate fires, turning nearly 81,000 acres into charcoal. Wildfires not only devastate our precious national forests but they endanger private property and the lives of thousands of residents in the West. It is time we give the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior the tools they need to expeditiously implement fuels-reduction work on tens of millions of acres of public land at risk of severe wildfire.

I urge my colleagues to support the efforts of the House Committee on Re-

sources to move the President's healthy forest initiative to reduce wildfire risk for the sake of our national resources, our property, and our lives.

DECREASE OF UNDERWEIGHT BABIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim for helping to bring down the rate of underweight babies in Orange County. Because of the high quality health care these cities have provided to women in my district, we have one of the lowest underweight birth rates in the Nation.

Santa Ana and Anaheim have proven that prenatal programs are the key to lowering the numbers of underweight babies and infant mortality. In fact, one such program, Maternal Outreach Management Systems, or MOMS, a nonprofit organization, has worked hard to improve infant health by working with women who are undereducated or may not have the proper information. MOMS comes together to help, in particular to help those with young children or about to give birth.

Out of the 46,000 born in Orange County this past year, only 5.5 percent of the babies were born underweight. Programs like MOMS have given more women opportunities to provide a better life for their unborn children and a better chance at being healthy. Again, I would like to commend our cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim in helping with this.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM LEGISLATION KILLS FREE SPEECH

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, nothing is more important in our democracy than the right to free speech and peaceful assembly. No matter what they believe, we need to allow people to speak out. When we begin to hush people up because of what they believe, none of us is safe any longer.

Until recently, I thought all of us agreed on this. I guess I was wrong. I am sorry to say that the bankruptcy reform conference report contains a provision that singles out one group of people for unusually harsh punishment simply for what they believe. Under an amendment pushed through by one powerful Senator, peaceful, nonviolent pro-life protestors will face lifelong financial ruin if they have the temerity to stand outside an abortion clinic and protest the death of children inside.

Other groups can keep on speaking out and protesting, as they always have, environmental, labor, and civil rights. But if we pass this bill in its

present form, pro-lifers will no longer have the same rights as other Americans have. This is not fair, and this body should take no part in this. It is wrong.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the bankruptcy conference report in its present form. We should reintroduce this bill without this abortion amendment and do the job right.

URGING MEMBERS TO JOIN CONGRESSIONAL MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to again urge my colleagues, if they are not already members, to join the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus.

In 1997, a little girl named Laura Kate Smither was abducted while jogging near her home in my congressional district. She was later found murdered. We have seen many of those stories, unfortunately too many of them lately. The pain that I saw and the terror that I saw my community go through, as well as the way they came together to search for this little girl, inspired me to want to do something to prevent this kind of loss in the future.

I came to Congress with a lot of ideas and issues on my mind, but soon realized the importance of one that was not being adequately addressed; and so I founded the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus to serve as a loud and unified voice for children all over the world.

We have seen lots of stories recently on CNN and in our newspapers, elsewhere, during the summer. It is not that there are more but that we are becoming aware. I urge my colleagues to join this congressional caucus and to help us continue to fight child abduction and exploitation.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, to state the obvious, tomorrow is September 11 again. Like many Americans, I will be home taking time with family and neighbors for a solemn reflection, remembrance and prayer, and so it should be for all Americans. But my earnest hope, Madam Speaker, is that September 11 of this year not be an anxious time; that in addition to remembering the lost, we actually, Madam Speaker, have much to commemorate.

In the past 12 months, our people have responded with selfless actions of courage and generosity, our military has responded with valor, our President with moral clarity and purpose, and this Congress, Republicans and

Democrats alike, have responded with resources and reform.

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America is better prepared and safer this September 11 than the last. Let us also be confident in this, that He who sets this pilgrim's dream on this wilderness shore still watches over us. And I say like Americans have said throughout generations, I lift up my eyes to the hills, and where does my help come from, my help comes from the Lord.

DEFEAT H.R. 2357, ALLOWING CHURCHES TO FUND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, the American people need to know that there is legislation pending in this House that would turn our churches into political campaign organizations. This bill would actually allow churches to endorse political candidates and even contribute church funds to political campaigns.

H.R. 2357 is an extraordinarily bad bill. It is a dangerous bill. This bill would demean the spiritual mission of our houses of worship by turning them into a vehicle for campaign contributions and partisanship. If someone wanted to maliciously tear our churches apart, I can think of few ways to do it better than to pit church members against church members each year as they debate which Federal, State, county and local candidates to endorse and how much to contribute to them.

This bill is opposed by numerous religious organizations, including the Baptist Joint Committee, the American Jewish Committee, the General Board of Church and Society, the United Methodist Church, the Congress of National Black Churches, the Interfaith Alliance Foundation and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, just to name a few.

If anyone thinks politicizing churches is a good idea, then they need to review the lessons of world history.

AMERICANS URGED TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, this week it is important to remember those who lost their lives during the attack on America last year, as well as all of our first responders, our medics, our military personnel, and the people that volunteered and tried to help.

I think our Founding Fathers would be very proud of our new diligence in our quest to preserve liberty and freedom in this country. President Bush

has designated September 11 of each year to be Patriot Day, and calls on all Americans to observe it appropriately.

I urge my Michigan citizens and all Americans to spend some time thinking about what we need to do to protect our liberty and freedom, and to pray for the families of those that died in the terrorist attack in Pennsylvania, Washington and New York. This Wednesday marks the 1-year anniversary. Let us remember what our forefathers did, and what happened to us 1 year ago and our renewed vigor to make sure that we do what is important to sacrifice ourselves in the preservation of liberty and freedom.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 3210, TERRORISM RISK PROTECTION ACT

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill (H.R. 3210) to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. FOSSELLA moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 3210 be instructed to agree to the provisions contained in section 11 of the Senate amendment, relating to satisfaction of judgments from frozen assets of terrorists, terrorist organizations, and state sponsors of terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule XXII, the gentleman from New York (Mr. FOSSELLA) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WATT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. FOSSELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3210.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, as we all know, tomorrow marks the first anniversary of the greatest attack on the soil of the United States of America. In that attack, both at the Pentagon in Virginia, in Pennsylvania, and in downtown Manhattan, the Nation lost thousands of innocent human lives.

Since then I think our Nation has been on full alert and in the field combating the war on terrorism, seeking out those evil ones who committed those dastardly acts, so we can ensure that we can keep the peace for future generations. But at the same time, we need to get at the heart of these terrorist organizations in those states that sponsor terrorism.