

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(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, I come to the floor today to address a very serious and pressing problem in our communities and in our society, domestic violence. Around the world at least one woman in every three has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Most often, the abuser is a member of her own family. Increasingly, gender-based violence is recognized as a major public health concern and a violation of human rights.

In my home State of West Virginia, domestic violence complaints to law enforcement agencies have increased by 400 percent since 1998. Last April, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that West Virginia would be receiving \$1.1 million. I commend this effort.

We must keep in mind that battering behavior is prevalent across all lines of race, ethnicity, geography, education, social class, religion and sexual orientation and that battering has adverse, long-term psychological, emotional, physical and economic effects on women and children.

Mr. Speaker, this is Violence Against Women Week, and so I urge all of my colleagues to stand up for battered women everywhere.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, this week I will be introducing a bipartisan resolution recognizing and supporting the goals of International Women's Day celebrated March 8 every year. We should commemorate this day by honoring the women around the globe who have contributed enormously to the struggle for gender equality and the advancement of women. That struggle continues today. While the right to vote has been won here in the United States, there still remain women in many countries fighting for their voices to be heard and for representation in their political process. Furthermore, women still earn less, own less property and have less access to education, employment and health care than men.

Our war against terrorism should include ending violence against women. The U.N. estimates that one out of every three women and girls has been beaten or sexually abused in her lifetime. Each year there are 1 million to 2 million women and children illegally trafficked across international borders, with 50,000 transported to the United States. It is estimated that 130 million girls and young women have been subjected to female genital mutilation, with at least 10,000 girls at risk of this

practice here in the United States. It is unacceptable.

I urge the Congress to pass this bipartisan resolution commemorating International Women's Day.

AGRICULTURE BILL IN CONFERENCE

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the conferees on the agricultural bill in both the House and the Senate are now meeting to come to an agreement on what should the agricultural policy be for the United States for the next 5 yrs. The Senate put in provisions in their bill that there should be payment limitations that limit how much money a farmer can get from price supports. The House, when we brought up my amendment, failed by 28 votes to pass such a payment limitation amendment.

I urge my colleagues to join us and call my office or the office of the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) or the office of the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY), sending a letter to those conferees to encourage that we have some payment limitations. There are huge farm operations receiving 15, 20, 25, 30, \$35 million from 1998 until 2001. There is logic to having a farm policy that helps most of our farmers, the traditional family farms instead giving an extra \$2 to \$3 billion to the huge mega farms.

I would ask my colleagues to join in this effort to have a good farm policy bill with some payment limitations.

CALLING FOR AN EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(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, it may be great comfort to the unemployed in this country to know that we have gathered here in the House of Representatives today to debate whether or not there should be a mourning dove hunting season.

The Speaker made us very comfortable back in September saying we would do something about the unemployed. We have not done anything since then about it that can get through both the House and the Senate. The Senate sent over a clean unemployment bill that should be brought to the floor and sent back to the Senate and become law.

Since September, 1.3 million Americans have exhausted their benefits. In January alone, 356,000 people exhausted their benefits, the single largest loss of benefits in almost 10 years.

Why is it that you have to bring a bill out here today with another poison pill tied to it? There are 222 press secretaries right now in those Republican offices with their thumb right over the

send button to send out the press release that we have done something about unemployment. You know it will die in the Senate because you designed it to die in the Senate. I do not think that is fair, and I think that we ought to bring the Senate bill out here and pass it with no problems.

THE WAR ON TERROR

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Valdosta, Georgia, and Savannah, Georgia, received the sad news that four of our service members in the First Ranger Battalion were among those who were killed in Afghanistan. We join their families and the entire Nation in mourning their loss and appreciating their patriotism and sacrifice.

But even as we do that, the criticism of the policy in Afghanistan by the Democrats continues. Jimmy Carter says that Bush's approach is too simplistic. Let us review time a minute. When the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, Jimmy Carter was President, and his very complicated reply was to boycott the Olympics. I guess that is not simplification, but what George Bush is in uniting a global front against terrorists, I guess that is simplistic. It is interesting that Mr. Carter only served one term.

Meanwhile, Democrats in Congress are saying that the war will not be won or complete until we get Osama bin Laden. I guess they better explain that to World War II veterans because, after all, we never found Hitler, and they must think that we lost that war as well.

I join Democrats, and I know it is not all the Democrats, there are a lot of good Democrats who are supporting this administration, but I invite the liberal extremist fringe in their party to support the President and to support our service members. This is a matter of freedom.

AMERICAN CORPORATIONS GO TO BERMUDA

(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, America goes to war against terrorism. America's fighting men and women are put in harm's way. American soldiers lose their lives. And American corporations go to Bermuda. At a time of national emergency, accountants are writing advice to their corporations saying that maybe patriotism will have to take a back seat in the opportunity to maximize their profits by avoiding American taxes on their corporation by taking up illegal residence on the island of Bermuda.

With the Republican tax cuts to the wealthy, the burden of paying for this

war is falling more and more on middle-class and lower-income Americans. More and more this war is being fought out of the Social Security trust fund that is paid more and more by middle-class and lower-income Americans, but American corporations decide that they will escape any liability, any responsibility for the payment of America's efforts against terrorism by going to Bermuda and taking a tax holiday.

TEACHER TAX CREDIT ACT OF 2002

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

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I will introduce the Teacher Tax Credit Act of 2002 to the Congress.

Over the next 10 years, America will have to recruit and train 2 million new teachers. While we do not have a teacher shortage now, we do have a maldistribution of teachers. This Tax Credit Act would provide a \$2,000 non-refundable tax credit for teachers, assistant teachers, principals and assistant principals who teach in title I eligible schools. Those are schools in our poorest neighborhoods where it is often hard to keep teachers, where the average experience level of teachers is lower than they are in other schools because it is a tougher job.

So let us give teachers in our schools that need the most help a little more support from the Federal Government by saying, yes, we want to give you the resources you need to stay in that neighborhood, teach in that school and make sure that we leave no child behind.

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

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, historically, domestic violence has been a silent epidemic. According to a recent study conducted by the Commonwealth Fund, almost 4 million women are physically abused each year in the United States. In my district alone, domestic violence remains unabated. We had the tragic situation where a young man went to court, was convicted of domestic violence, was allowed to leave the courtroom and go home and prepare himself for prison. Instead, he visited his wife's job and killed her and another day care provider.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in this country, where they are more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assailant. We need to expand the Call to Protect program, continue funding of VAWA and demand that the Violence Against Women Office in the Department of Justice become permanent.

Ensuring that domestic violence victims receive necessary services to protect themselves and their children is one of the most important things that this legislative body can do while we attempt to sensitize those who are guardians of law, who are sworn to uphold the meaning of the law, will be further sensitized to the violence against women and how it can be abated.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). Pursuant to clause 8 of 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. McNULTY. 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.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 43, answered “present” 1, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 48]

YEAS—352

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Baker
Baldwin
Barcia
Barr
Barrett
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
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Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito

Capps
Cardin
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Collins
Combest
Conyers
Cooksey
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Crenshaw
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Davis (CA)
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Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal
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Delahunt
DeLauro
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
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Doggett
Doyle
Dreier
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Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge

Evans
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Ferguson
Flake
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Frank
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gibbons
Gillchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Goss
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Green (TX)
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Hall (OH)
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Hilliard
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Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Israel
Issa
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Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
Johnson (CT)
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Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller
Kelly
Kennedy (RI)
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Kildee
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Langevin
Larson (CT)
LaTourette
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lipinski
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Lynch
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Mascara
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh

McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Mica
Miller, Dan
Miller, Gary
Miller, Jeff
Mink
Mollohan
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Osborne
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Otter
Owens
Oxley
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pelosi
Pence
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pitts
Platts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reyes
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman
Roukema
Royce
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Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
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Sensenbrenner
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Skeen
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Smith (MI)
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Smith (TX)
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Stearns
Stenholm
Stump
Sullivan
Sununu
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Turner
Upton
Velazquez
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins (OK)
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Whitfield
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Wolf
Wynn
Young (FL)

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Baldacci
Borski
Brady (PA)
Capuano
Crane
DeFazio
English
Gutknecht
Hastings (FL)
Hefley
Hilleary
Hooley
Hulshof

Jones (OH)
Kennedy (MN)
Kucinich
Larsen (WA)
Latham
LoBiondo
McDermott
McNulty
Moore
Moran (KS)
Peterson (MN)
Ramstad
Sabo
Schaffer
Strickland

Stupak
Sweeney
Tanner
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Towns
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Visclosky
Weller
Wicker
Wu

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Tancredo

NOT VOTING—38

Abercrombie
Ballenger
Bentsen
Blagojevich
Calvert
Clayton

Condit
Cox
Coyne
Cubin
DeLay
Dooley

Doolittle
Ehrlich
Filner
Gephardt
John
Kilpatrick