

Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not mention one of Chaplain Finch's most noteworthy contributions was his service on the Chaplain Emergency Response Team which was activated to assist in the aftermath of the events of September 11. Along with Chaplain Finch, there were 30-plus other Navy chaplains assigned to Coast Guard units who assisted in this effort, and at this time, I would like to submit their names for inclusion in the RECORD in recognition of their significant contribution, as well.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to extend a cordial welcome to Chaplain Bryan Finch for being here today. His presence and blessing on this House means so much to me and the thousands of young men and women who proudly wear Coast Guard blue.

CHAPLAINS WHO SERVED WITH THE CERT AT  
THE WORLD TRADE CENTER

CPT Leroy Gilbert, Chaplain of the Coast Guard, USCG HQ, Washington, DC.

CPT Thomas Murphy, USCG Academy, New London, CT.

CPT Ronald Swafford, USCG Pacific Area, Alameda, CA.

CPT Peter Larsen, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

CDR Wilbur Douglass, USCG Atlantic Area/Fifth CG District, Portsmouth, VA.

CDR Deborah Jetter, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Nine).

CDR Douglas Waite, Deputy Chaplain of the Coast Guard, Washington, DC.

CDR Derek Ross, USCG Training Center, Cape May, NJ.

CDR Lawrence Greenslit, USCG District Seven, Miami, FL.

CDR Steven Brown, USCG District Nine, Cleveland, OH.

CDR Richard Carrington, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

CDR Michael Doyle, U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain.

LCDR Randall Brown, USCG Air Station, Cape Code, MA.

LCDR Thomasina Yuille, USCG District One, Boston, MA.

LCDR William Brown, USCG District Eight, New Orleans, LA.

LCDR James Jensen, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Thirteen).

LCDR Gregory Todd, USCG Activities New York, Staten Island, NY.

LCDR Manuel Biadog, USCG Training Center, Petaluma, CA.

LCDR Bryan Finch, USCG Training Center, Yorktown, VA.

LCDR Phillip Lee, USCG RELSUP 106 (District Eight).

LCDR Thomas Hall, USCG GANTSEC, San Juan, PR.

LCDR Brian Haley, USCG Academy, New London, Ct.

LCDR Dennis Boyle, USCG Air Station, Cape Code, MA.

LT Keith Shuley, USCG Training Center, Petaluma, CA.

LT Thomas Walcott, USCG Group, Milwaukee, WI.

LT Steven Bartell, USCG RELSUP 106 (District One).

LT James Finely, USCG Training Center, Yorktown, VA.

LT Alan Andraeas, USCG Air Station, Borinquen, PR.

LT Peter Rosa, USCG Group, St. Petersburg, FL.

LT Douglas Vrieland, USCG Group, Charleston, SC.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE  
ERADICATION OF HIV/AIDS AND  
TUBERCULOSIS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, one-third of the world, including 15 million Americans, are infected with tuberculosis. My State of Florida ranks among the top four in tuberculosis cases every year. Tuberculosis is the leading killer among people infected with HIV/AIDS, and both remain public health concerns that we must continue to address.

This year, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Health Department, the Florida Department of Health, the South Florida American Lung Association, and the Global Health Council and many other public health organizations, I am promoting a forum entitled "When HIV and TB Collide: A World TB Day Event." This conference will explore how unique partnerships between government, faith-based groups, and community-based organizations can together help combat the deadly combination between HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis that threatens the health and well-being of our communities. I urge my colleagues to help raise awareness on these diseases both globally and locally, and to continue working until they are eradicated from our world.

BRINGING ABDUCTED AMERICAN  
CHILDREN HOME

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I continue today with my story of Ludwig Koons. Last week, we left off with Jeff Koons finding his son abandoned by his mother and left in a dangerous and pornographic environment. Mr. Koons took Ludwig from this environment and returned with him to New York City where he immediately initiated divorce and custody proceedings in the Supreme Court of New York.

His ex-wife filed an appearance through counsel, and the parties agreed on joint custody of Ludwig. The agreement prohibited either party from removing the child from New York until a final ruling on the divorce. Both parties agreed to be accompanied by a bodyguard outside the home to ensure that Ludwig remain in New York City. The Supreme Court of New York ordered ratification of the parties' agreement, ruling that the parties were prohibited from removing Ludwig from the jurisdiction until further court order.

Well, Mr. Speaker, Ilona Staller ignored that court order and on June 9, 1994 abducted Ludwig to Italy. Neither the United States Government nor the Italian Government is working to help solve this problem.

Mr. Speaker, join me in helping bring Ludwig Koons and all American children home.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN SPEICHER

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we learned this week that there are credible reports that Saddam Hussein has been holding an American Navy pilot for the last 10 years. Lieutenant Commander Scott Speicher was shot down over Iraq during the Gulf War, and he has never been accounted for. Now, intelligence sources are saying Saddam Hussein captured him and has been holding him prisoner ever since.

Mr. Speaker, we know that Saddam Hussein does not follow the rules of peace or war. The world knows that he is a tyrant who murders his own people, and we know that he has repeatedly invaded his neighbors. Now it seems he may be secretly imprisoning an American officer.

To be clear, we do not know yet if this is true, but if it is, Saddam Hussein needs to return our pilot to us immediately. If he does not, the Government of Iraq will have to pay the consequences, and I do not need to point out that those consequences will be severe.

PRAYING FOR A SAFE RETURN FOR MIRANDA GADDIS AND ASHLEY POND

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

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to alert those who may be watching in Oregon and across the Nation to the tragic disappearance of two young teenagers from my district.

Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13 years of age, students at Gardiner Middle School in Oregon City and teammates on the school dance team, have been recently reported missing.

Ashley disappeared January 9, and Miranda vanished last Friday, March 8. Both were last seen by their mothers early in the morning as they left their homes at the Newell Village Creek apartments to catch the bus to school on South Beavercreek Road.

The FBI has recently stated that Ashley and Miranda's disappearances appear to be related and that foul play may be involved.

If anyone has any information regarding Ashley or Miranda's whereabouts, please contact your local FBI offices or the Oregon City Police Department.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these girls and law enforcement as they continue to work tirelessly for the safe return of these girls.

FEDERAL BUDGET MUST REFLECT  
NEW PRIORITIES

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SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE  
BUDGET

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, last Monday this Nation recognized the 6-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks which claimed the lives of thousands of innocent Americans. Now, as a Nation, we are in the middle of a war to root out the culprits of the September 11 attacks and to rid the world of terrorism. Our mission is not only right and necessary, but it is also massive and challenging. Like a runner, this is not a sprint, but a marathon.

Terrorist cells exist in countries around the world, and as a result, our work will not be limited to just Afghanistan. Consequently, as our budget process begins, we must provide the critical resources our military and intelligence communities need to win the war against terrorism.

This is a new world, Mr. Speaker, that we are now living in; we are living with new threats, and our Federal budget must reflect our new priorities.

COMMISSION ON BLACK MEN AND  
BOYS

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as we move toward welfare reform, I want to report an extraordinary standing-room-only hearing by our Commission on Black Men and Boys here in the District last night. I established this 12-man commission after noting serious challenges facing black men about a year ago; just as by focusing on women and children, we made good progress.

The problems of black men are deep: 6 percent of the population, 50 percent of inmates in jail, half of all HIV cases. The devastating effect has been on the African American family.

This began with a flight of jobs, manufacturing jobs, from the African American community, replaced by an underground economy and an underground culture. We have to do something about those jobs.

The lead witness last night was Darrell Green, the legendary football star who started his own foundation to assist youth and who spoke about manhood and about his own policy work.

The commission is drawing its own action plan that the city has said it will carry out.

I am grateful to the minority staff of the Committee on Government Reform, which is working with me to translate the commission's work nationally to benefit other districts.

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP RE-  
FUSES TO SCHEDULE DEBATE  
ON FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECUR-  
ITY

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment that the Republican leadership refuses to schedule a debate on the future of Social Security. They appear unwilling even to schedule or to bring up the plan introduced by their own majority leader.

Perhaps it is because that plan calls for benefit cuts, substantial benefit cuts for many Americans, including disabled Americans. Perhaps it is because creating private accounts will cost more than \$1 trillion in transition costs; and perhaps it is because the plan exposes beneficiaries to unnecessary risks for unlikely rewards.

I welcome the opportunity to debate the future of Social Security, but the Republican leadership so far refuses. Perhaps it is because, if they do, their plan will be rejected by the American people.

IMPORTANCE OF FAKED MISSILE  
DEFENSE TESTS

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, the GAO recently released a report outlining the ways in which the Pentagon and its contractors fudged the results of a missile defense test in 1997. The report found that missile test results were fabricated by excluding negative test data, ignoring sensor malfunctions, and by delaying the disclosure of undeniable errors. All this is now irrelevant, the Pentagon concludes, because the system used in that test has not been used in 4 years.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I disagree. The fact that these test books were cooked could not be more important. The President has asked Congress to match last year's \$8 billion-plus missile defense appropriation and has formally issued his intention for the United States to pull out of the ABM treaty. Yet the Pentagon recently canceled the supposedly important Navy missile defense system due to cost overruns of 65 percent, and more recent missile defense tests were found to have been fixed by the use of GPS location beacons.

Mr. Speaker, the CBO has estimated that a working missile defense system will cost another \$64 billion by 2015, and the United States has been working on this since World War II and it still does not work. We do not need to give the Pentagon one more dollar.

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, Social Security has been a successful program that has lifted millions of the Nation's seniors out of poverty. Our seniors are facing a dilemma, one that threatens their security and trust as they reach their retirement years.

We must fight to preserve our Social Security trust fund and honor our commitment to our seniors. The President's budget does not honor this commitment to our seniors, and, in turn, fails all Americans.

Now is the time for us to focus on a long-term budget plan that will not only help recover the economy, but also help recover and make sure that our Social Security trust fund is kept intact, returning us to an era where we can protect our Social Security and protect our seniors, and even strengthen the Social Security trust fund.

We need to recommit to the idea that Social Security surplus dollars are for Social Security, and paying down our national debt is something that we all need to do.

We also are aware of the fact that the President has also appointed a committee, and we know that when one stacks a committee, that every single member on this committee was for the purpose of privatizing Social Security. They had no other motive but to do that. Every single one of them on that committee had that one intention.

Mr. Speaker, it is our responsibility to make sure we protect our seniors and future generations.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). 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. RODRIGUEZ. 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 355, nays 45, answered “present” 1, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 54]  
YEAS—355

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