

college students who say they drink to get drunk is rising. It is almost one-half. Underage drinking costs the United States \$53 billion annually. There are roughly 3 million teenage alcoholics in our country. Despite these grim statistics concerning underage drinking, alcohol advertising accounts for more than one-half of college sports advertising revenue. The 2002 NCAA basketball tournament had more alcohol ads than the Super Bowl, World Series, college bowl games, and Monday Night Football combined. The basketball tournament has more than 16 times the rate of alcohol advertising as normal programming.

A spokesperson from the NCAA recently said such advertising is "not inconsistent with our mission." I guess I would beg to differ with that statement. The NCAA statement of purpose indicates that part of its mission is to prepare student athletes for lifetime leadership. The NCAA handbook states that NCAA policies should exclude advertisements that do not seem to be in the best interests of higher education.

In view of the fact that nearly one-half of college students are binge drinkers; 1,400 college students die annually from alcohol-related incidents, which is the leading cause of death on the college campus; more than 70,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assaults; 500,000 students are injured each year while drunk; recent recruiting scandals at NCAA schools were often alcohol-related, I would have to say that there is great inconsistency in linking college athletics with the alcohol industry. The 12-, 13-, 14- and 15-year-olds watching the tournament this weekend will witness great athletes display their skills. These young people will identify with those athletes, and they want to be like them. Sandwiched into the telecasts will be many ads promoting alcohol; and most of the ads will contain attractive young people, celebrations and sometimes adolescent humor. The connection between players on the court and the alcohol advertising will be subtle, but it will be very real.

Dean Smith, my friend, the former North Carolina basketball coach, said this: "If aspirin were the leading cause of death on college campuses, do you think chancellors, presidents and trustees would allow aspirin commercials on basketball and football telecasts? They wouldn't, not for a minute."

I spoke today with John Wooden, in my time maybe the greatest coach of all time. He won 10 NCAA basketball championships in 12 years. John said that he wholeheartedly endorses taking alcohol advertising out of college sports. Andy Geiger, the Ohio State athletic director, opposes alcohol advertising. Eighty-four percent of Americans think advertising beer on college games is not in the best interest of higher education. Seventy-one percent of Americans support a total ban of alcohol ads on college games. Seventy-

seven percent of parents say it is wrong for colleges to profit from alcohol advertising while trying to combat alcohol abuse on their campuses.

The alcohol industry will counter by indicating how much money they spend to curb underage drinking. However, in 2001 the alcohol industry spent a total of \$811 million on product promotion and only 1 percent of the ads promoted responsibility. The placement of their ads and the content of their ads cater to a youthful market. Young people always represent future customers.

I do not advocate Congress legislating NCAA matters. The NCAA is a voluntary organization and such legislation should be left to the schools. And I do not believe that eliminating alcohol ads on college sports will end underage drinking. However, I do urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 575, expressing the sense of the House that the NCAA should affirm its commitment to a policy of discouraging alcohol use among underage students by ending all alcohol advertising during radio and television broadcasts of collegiate sporting events.

Hopefully, this resolution will help college administrators see the untenable position they now occupy and move to end current alcohol advertising.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, next week the House goes into recess. Yet the House has failed to address the expiration of the assault weapons ban. We in Congress should be looking at this again. September 13 is when it expires. We have 168 days to take care of this. The good news for terrorists, cop killers, and drug dealers is that they will be back on the streets with the assault weapons of their choice.

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Since I took the floor last week, over 400 Americans have died from gun violence in this country. By the time the House comes back, we will have lost another 800 Americans in this country. But instead of doing the commonsense thing, instead of having a sense of urgency, the House has stood idly by.

Some seem content to let the assault weapons ban expire on September 13. I am not. The ban has kept us safer for the past 10 years. There is no reason why we should let assault weapons back on the streets. It has also respected the rights of gun owners, protecting the hunters, law-abiding citizens buying the guns that they want. But again do we need assault weapons back on the streets? Only criminals have been kept from their gun of choice. This explains why 66 percent of American gun owners support renewing the ban. The American people support it by even more overwhelming margins.

Once again, our Nation's law enforcement officers are leading the fight to keep the ban in place. The gun industry continues to evade the ban with copycat weapons like these. These are the ones that were banned. These are the ones that are out there on the streets now. They still do the same deadly thing. They take down as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time. This also has to stop.

I came to Congress to reduce gun violence in this country. I fought for commonsense, effective gun measures. That is why I have introduced H.R. 2038, which would renew the ban but also close the loopholes so that these guns cannot be back out on the streets either. We cannot let special interests control this Congress. We have 168 days left to renew it.

Let me say one other thing. Gun violence in this country costs the health care system over \$1 billion a year, \$1 billion. That is not counting the pain and the suffering that goes to the communities and to the families, those that might never walk again, those that end up never being able to go back to work. And, by the way, the American people pay half of those costs because insurance runs out for those that did have insurance, but, because rehab is so long, they run out of insurance.

Why do we tolerate this? Why are the American people not fighting? Here in Congress many a vote or many a rule, many a measure is won or lost by one vote. The American people have to understand they have a voice in this House. This is the people's House.

I am asking the American people to get involved in this issue. Do they actually want assault weapons back on the street? I think there is enough fear in this country now with the war on terrorism. Do they honestly want possibly the terrorists that are in this country in cells to be able to go to a gun show and pick up an assault weapon? Remember, in D.C., we had two people with a Bushmaster that paralyzed this whole area, cost millions of dollars. By the way, the Bushmaster was supposed to be a banned gun. The deaths that came from that incident can be multiplied throughout our cities and throughout our country. Is that what the American people want?

Common sense. Assault weapons, we see them on TV every single night in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, Israel. Is that what we want in this country? Open warfare between our police officers, drug dealers, gangs? Wake up, America. We need America's help in the House. They have the right to call their Senators and their congressmen. We can do this, but we only have 168 days left. Please get involved.

VACCINATIONS CONTAINING MERCURY

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to my colleagues, if they have children or grandchildren, pay attention to what I am going to say because this is very important.

Recently, there was an article put out by AP that was in the Indianapolis Star which was on the front page that I read, and it said that women and children should eat less fish, and the reason they should eat less fish is because there is a high mercury content in the fish and it can cause neurological problems in the children and in the parents if they eat too much fish.

What the article did not say is that many of the vaccinations that adults get and many of the vaccinations that the children get have mercury in them. So we are not supposed to eat the fish, but it is all right for the pharmaceutical industry to put a preservative called thimerosal into a vaccination and then inject their children with it and then the children get the mercury directly from a needle and it goes into the brain and causes neurological problems.

This is not baloney. My grandson got nine shots in 1 day, seven of which contained thimerosal, mercury; and within about 2 or 3 or 4 days, he became autistic. These are pictures of children from across the country who were normal children who received a number of shots containing mercury, and they became autistic. Many of their parents have testified before my committee as to how their children were before they got the shots and how they were after they got the shots.

We have been raising Cain with the Food and Drug Administration to get mercury out of children's vaccines and we got it out of almost all of them. But it is still in three: the HIB vaccine, the Hepatitis B, and the flu vaccine. I want to get it out of all of them because no child should be subjected to having mercury injected into their body. If it is bad for them to eat fish with mercury in it, then it is sure a heck of a lot worse for them to get a shot from a needle, a vaccination that puts mercury into their bodies.

Children used to get one or two shots. When I was a kid, we did not get many shots. We were kept out of school if we had mumps or measles or any of those things, but now they give them shots for all that. A child, before he starts in the first grade, gets as many as 30 shots. Can the Members imagine 30 shots with mercury in them, the cumulative effect of that on the brains of these children?

For those who are concerned about it as adults, and I see some gray hairs in the room, the flu vaccine, the tetanus vaccine, almost all the vaccines that we get, and our troops get in the field, get as many as 11 in 1 day in the Persian Gulf, most of those contain thimerosal, which is 50 percent mercury.

We need to collectively, as a body, tell the Food and Drug Administration and our health agencies to get mercury

out of all vaccines. It is not necessary. If we go to single-shot vials, we do not need to have mercury in there as a preservative to make sure that they are not contaminated. All we have to do is use common sense.

The problem is it is going to cost just a few cents more per shot to make sure that it does not contain mercury. If we really care about the thousands of children who are becoming autistic and the people who are getting Alzheimer's, we need to get mercury out of the vaccines. There is an epidemic of Alzheimer's now. We used to have one out of 10,000 children who were autistic. Now it is one out of about 200.

Anybody who has a parent or grandchild ought to listen to what I am saying, because if their child gets numerous shots with mercury in them, they run the risk of being autistic. I have had hearings for 4 years now, and I am telling the Members that scientists from around the world agree with what I am telling them. Many countries in the world have taken mercury out of the vaccines. We need to do it here.

THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, this week the House is on the verge of passing a \$2.3 trillion budget with a \$521 billion deficit, showing that it is impossible to finance three wars with three tax cuts and expect a different result.

This budget repeats the same mistakes that have resulted in a jobless economy and a wage recession in America, the lowest wage growth in any period of time in a period of economic "growth." The Republican budget continues the status quo policies that have resulted in 2½ million Americans who have lost their jobs, 43 million Americans without health care, 4 more million Americans since the President took office, 2 more million Americans in poverty who walked out of the middle class into poverty, wages frozen, and \$1 trillion in corporate and individual bankruptcies. Three years, \$3 trillion dollars added to the Nation's debt, and 3 million Americans have lost their jobs. What a record.

During the 2000 presidential campaign, President Bush said he opposed nation-building. Who knew it was America he was talking about?

This budget, the President's economic policy, is really a tale of two budgets: one for America and one for Iraq. We have spent more than \$100 billion on Iraq's occupation without promising the same future here at home.

In Iraq they get universal health care and free job training, while in America 44 million Americans go without health care, 10 million children without health care, and 8.2 million Americans without jobs.

In the area of health care, 2,200 Iraqi health professionals and 8,000 volunteers are receiving free training. In America under this budget that the Republicans and the President put together, health training funds are cut by 64 percent.

One hundred and fifty clinics and hospitals have been rebuilt, serving 3 million Iraqis, providing 100 percent prenatal and infant coverage. In America, community health care clinics are cutting funding by 91 percent; Maternal and Child Health Care, Healthy Start, and family planning, all frozen.

In the area of jobs, \$60 million is being spent to retrain the Iraqi veterans. Yet we have cut the manufacturing job training program by 67 percent over 3 years.

In the area of education, we built 2,300 schools in Iraq and underfunded Leave No Child Behind in America by \$8 billion.

Iraqi universities are getting \$21 million for higher ed partnerships. In America, the Perkins loans are cut by \$99 million and Pell grants are frozen.

The police in Iraq, \$500 million for training. In America, the COPS program is cut by \$659 million.

In the area of housing, \$470 million is spent on Iraqi public housing, while in America \$791 billion is cut from Section 8 housing vouchers.

In the area of environment, we are paying for \$3.6 billion in water and sewers in Iraq; and in this budget, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which deals with drinking water here in America, is cut by \$500 million.

The port of Umm Qasar was completely rebuilt in Iraq. The Army Corps of Engineers cannot afford U.S. port security upgrades since their budget has been cut by 63 percent.

Roads, we have spent \$240 million on roads and bridges in Iraq, but mass transit, including highway funding, remains stalled under this administration.

As President Bush seeks reelection and we think about his pledge in 2000 to oppose nation-building, he has the dubious honor of saying he kept his pledge because he is opposed to nation-building here in America.

I am not opposed to what we are planning for Iraq. That is a good thing. But I oppose the notion that we will literally reconstruct Iraq while we deconstruct the United States.

In this budget this administration, this Congress, is telling the American people that they have two priorities, two sets of values, and two sets of books, one for Iraq and one for America. Compared to how Americans view their futures, we cannot deny Americans the same dreams of affordable housing, affordable health care, affordable education that we have promised Iraq and their children. America can no longer afford to be so generous if hope for a prosperous tomorrow and a better tomorrow is diminished here at home for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, the same values we hold for Iraq we must pledge for all Americans. So we cannot allow our economy