

farm families are hurting because of the implosion of the Depression-era quota system. Farmers desperately need a tobacco buyout, which this House has passed, but the President continues to fail to support our farm families.

Yesterday the President flew to Raleigh to raise money for his campaign. Although he collected \$25,000 per plate in campaign funds, he failed yet again to stand up for our tobacco farmers and support the buyout.

Let me state clearly: JOHN KERRY supports the tobacco buyout and rural America. JOHN EDWARDS supports the tobacco buyout and rural America. Democrats and Republicans alike in this House and the other body are working together to get it done.

We need leadership for a change from the President of the United States for our small towns and rural communities.

THE EDWARDS AND KERRY LIBERAL AGENDA IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday the most liberal Member of the Senate chose the fourth most liberal Member of the Senate to become his running mate for Presidency of the United States.

It is important for Americans to know the truth about JOHN EDWARDS' liberal voting record that is out of touch with the mainstream values of America. JOHN EDWARDS voted twice against President Bush's tax relief that has lifted the economy and helped create 1.5 million new jobs since August. JOHN EDWARDS voted twice against the new prescription drug benefit added to Medicare that will help seniors live longer at reduced cost. JOHN EDWARDS has voted against banning partial birth abortions. JOHN EDWARDS has said he is against the Defense of Marriage Act. JOHN EDWARDS has voted to cut billions from our military. JOHN EDWARDS has also voted six times against President Bush's plan for the new Department of Homeland Security.

JOHN EDWARDS is the same as JOHN KERRY, a liberal Senator that does not represent the mainstream values of America.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

THE BUSH-CHENEY ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, some people like to make experience the issue for the Vice President of the United States of America.

Let me ask how much experience does it take to wave the banner "Mis-

sion Accomplished" and watch another 700 Americans lose their lives and not change their policy? How much experience does it take to watch 44 million Americans without health insurance and have no policy for universal care? How much experience does it take to watch college costs rise by 26 percent and not pass or have any legislation to alleviate the financial pain for middle-class families when it comes to afford college education for their children? How much experience does it take to watch \$200 billion worth of retirement savings evaporate and not have a plan for retirement security? How much experience does it take to see household bankruptcies rise by over a third in this country and not have a plan to deal with household bankruptcy? How much experience does it take to watch health care costs rise by a third and not have a plan to deal with the uncontrollable health care inflation in this country?

I am not sure we can take this much experience from the Bush-Cheney administration for another 4 years.

THE TOYOTA PRIUS

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, Congress has been unable to pass an energy bill, an energy policy, that would allow us some measure of independence from foreign oil imports in this country. But a couple of weeks ago just before our break, we were treated to the exhibition of several cars that embrace the hybrid technology, the gas/electric technology, here on Capitol Hill. Many of us did not have the chance to get over and look at those.

But I just wanted to call attention to the 2004 Motor Trend Car of the Year, the Toyota Prius, and if I could quote from their article, that the Prius brilliantly, more than any other car, is a feature-packed and user-friendly gas/electric hybrid capable of delivering an astonishing 60 miles to the gallon in city driving. They go on to say that the all-new 2004 Prius is an altogether more compelling car than any other, that it is the first hybrid that any enthusiast could not only enjoy, but it provides a tantalizing preview of what the future of extreme fuel efficiency, ultralow emissions, and stirring performance where they will happily co-exist in one package.

Mr. Speaker, this was truly a bipartisan technology. I understand that on the other side even the gentleman from California (Mr. HONDA) owns a Toyota.

ENRON

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, finally, finally Enron chief executive Kenneth Lay, or "Ken Boy" as the President af-

fectionately called him, has been indicted and done the perp walk. He masterminded Enron, a corporation that built billions from millions in the Western United States while his employees gloated about sticking it to Grandma Milly. Every Oregonian is paying 40 percent more for their electricity because of manipulation of the market by Enron.

Now the President does not return Ken Boy's calls anymore despite his past generosity, but the President should do more. The President should return the \$139,500 Ken Lay personally contributed to him, the \$602,625 that Enron gave to President Bush. This is money stolen from Grandma Milly and other Western consumers, and the President should give it to a low-income energy assistance fund. It is tainted money. Let us put this chapter behind us, but let us have restitution, Mr. President.

SUPPORT AMENDMENT TO REDIRECT \$20 MILLION FROM UNITED NATIONS

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, there is going to be a short time for debate this afternoon. I am introducing an amendment today to take \$20 million from the U.N. and redirect it to come up to what the President requested for NIST, for research in technology and science.

And I would just suggest to my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that after the fall of Iraq, information has come to light about the United Nations' Oil for Food program and some of the apparent corruption. Now there is an unwillingness of several countries, including the United Nations itself, to not release the kind of information that is going to help us solve this scandal. The U.N., according to the Wall Street Journal, has kept hundreds of millions of dollars of Oil for Food money that should have gone to the Iraqi people. Now the United States taxpayers are paying that.

I hope my colleagues will support my amendment today.

A NEW PRESIDENTIAL TICKET FOR A NEW AMERICA

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, 3½ years ago when the Bush administration took over, our country had a \$236 billion surplus. We also had created in the Clinton administration 22 million new jobs. Today we are in deficit. The deficit will be higher than it ever has been in the history of our country, nearly \$500 billion. Today we are losing jobs to outsourcing. And what do the President's advisers say? Outsourcing is good.

President Bush was in Michigan yesterday. Did he talk about our economy,

how we are going to save our jobs, how we are going to keep higher tuition from going up? A 26 percent increase in tuition. How are America's children going to learn and have the opportunities they must have?

Something is wrong with this ticket. We have a new ticket: Kerry-Edwards, a new America for new people, so children can prosper, so that our schools can be well, so that our health system can be back to what it ought to be.

I say to America, come on, get out. It is their turn, express their views. A new America for a new American family.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT AND HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today for the fifth time to speak in protest of the unfair allocation of Urban Area Security Initiative grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Broward and Palm Beach Counties in my district have not received nearly enough, no, not nearly enough, of the funding they need to keep our families and our communities safe from terrorist threats.

Attorney General John Ashcroft issued a warning in south Florida on July 1 that the terrorists behind the deadly assaults on September 11 are between 75 and 90 percent complete with their plans for a major attack against the United States this year. Mr. Speaker, our region with its ports, airports and millions of visitors cannot be ruled out as a possible target or terrorist base of operation.

In my district we are very much aware of the area's vulnerability. We are at a high level of intensity in south Florida. Broward County and Palm Beach County must be designated as its own urban area so that we can receive the funding we need to enhance the security measures that will protect our families, our communities and critical infrastructure.

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The City of Miami cannot be trusted to allocate these funds.

FORCING KEN LAY AND FRIENDS TO REPAY STOLEN FUNDS

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

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, today is the first good day that Grandma Millie has had in a long time. Disgraced former Enron chairman Ken Lay has surrendered to the authorities. This is an important milestone. Many Americans, including myself, worried that Lay's close ties to President Bush would permit him to go free. I am

heartened that it appears those fears have been proven wrong.

But while Lay's arrest is an important step on the road to justice, justice will not be complete until the victims of Enron's crimes get back the money that Lay and his cronies stole from them. The full scale of Enron's greed is laid bare on recently released tapes, where Enron traders openly crow about stealing millions of dollars each day from Grandma Millie.

What a shame. My congressional district in Los Angeles is full of Grandma Millies, hard-working homeowners who pay their bills on time and in full. They deserve better than this.

I call upon all of us to join to force Ken Lay and his friends to repay the total amount of stolen money.

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS WITH 7(a) LOANS

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

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, small businesses are the economic engine of this country. My home State of Nevada is considered one of the most business-friendly States in the Nation. In fact, Nevada has the fastest growing number of women-owned small businesses in the country.

The Bush administration talks about the importance of our small businesses, yet the President's budget eliminated funding for the SBA's 7(a) loan program. Our entrepreneurs depend on these loans as the only source of affordable, long-term financing for their small businesses.

Yesterday, the House voted to restore the funding for this program. That sent a clear message to this administration that we will not tolerate this attempt to jeopardize the strength of the small business community.

Yesterday's vote was a vote for small businesses in Nevada and throughout the United States that depend on the SBA's 7(a) loan program to live their dream of owning a business, expanding their existing business, and hiring new workers.

It is time for new leadership in the White House. We need a President that not only talks about the importance of our small businesses, but follows up those words with action to fight for our small business community.

VALUES

(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, the administration likes to wrap itself in so-called middle-class values. Let us compare the rhetoric to the record.

This administration has gutted section 8 housing. America's most vulnerable citizens literally may be evicted from their homes as a result.

This administration has refused to extend unemployment benefits, even though the money is there to help America's economically disadvantaged.

This administration has rolled back environmental regulations, fouling the air we breathe and the water we drink.

This administration has lavished tax cuts on the rich, and crumbs on the middle-class.

This administration has underfunded education to such an extent that every child is left out, not just a few left behind.

This administration did such a good job of working with big drug companies that they were able to raise prices three times the rate of inflation before the prescription drug bill passed.

These are not middle-class values. Middle class values are common sense, common decency and the common good.

Middle-class values are going to return to the United States in 117 days.

Mr. Speaker, let the President know he ought to start packing. They are about to leave.

PRAISING SELECTION OF JOHN EDWARDS AS RUNNING MATE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to praise JOHN KERRY's selection of Senator JOHN EDWARDS as his running mate.

For more than 2 decades, Senator EDWARDS has been fighting on behalf of the little guy against America's large corporate interests. JOHN KERRY picked the perfect running mate to complete a ticket that brings hope to middle-class Americans that their needs will no longer be ignored at the White House.

Senator EDWARDS talks movingly and effectively about two Americas. Over the past 3 years, the bridge between them has grown dramatically, thanks to failed policies pushed by the Bush administration that benefit only the privileged few. I am confident the Kerry/Edwards ticket will energize Americans to demand a change of course and support a new vision for America.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3598, MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 706 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 706

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for