

This legislation makes it a Federal offense to knowingly transport a minor across a State line with the intent that she obtain an abortion in circumvention of a State's parental consent or parental notification law. CIANA also requires that a parent or, if necessary, a legal guardian be notified pursuant to a default Federal parental notification rule when a minor crosses State lines to obtain an abortion unless one of several carefully drawn exceptions are met.

A minor who is forbidden to drink alcohol, to stay out past a certain hour or to get her ears pierced without a parental consent is certainly not prepared to make a life-altering, hazardous and potentially fatal decision such as an abortion without the consultation or consent of at least one parent.

My legislation will close a loophole that allows adults not only help minors break States' laws by obtaining an abortion without parental consent but also contributes to ending the life of an innocent child.

I am hopeful that in this 109th session of Congress we will be successful in securing the rights of parents. As an ardent advocate for human rights for all, especially those suffering political and religious persecution, I join our Holy Father in his desire to see a world where all may live and work together in a spirit of peace, mutual respect and solidarity and where the sanctity of human life is preserved at each and every level.

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

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, you know it should be no secret to anyone in this body that immigration reform is a top priority for millions of Americans, and I doubt that most of us have had a single town hall meeting during this past recess when we have not been asked by our constituents to address

the concerns of illegal immigration. I can tell you, I have heard time and again from my constituents who want to know why it is so incredibly difficult and it seems so difficult for the Federal Government to enforce these immigration laws that are currently on the books. They absolutely cannot understand why some politicians in Washington seem to fail to understand that illegal immigrants are in fact breaking our laws and if they do indeed actually cause a security risk.

As our constituents are preparing to pay Federal income tax, as millions of Americans are preparing to pay their Federal income tax this week, I was asked time and again in town hall meetings this weekend if we did not consider the costs, the extra cost to the American taxpayer of illegal immigration. And I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, I certainly sympathize with my constituents and I empathize with their concerns and their consternation, and I truly share their frustration when I read some of the things I read about illegal immigration.

We have an obvious flouting of the laws, and yet there are some who think that we should actually ignore this problem. Thankfully, we have made some progress this year, and we should credit the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) for much of his hard work and the Committee on the Judiciary for much of their hard work when they worked on the Real ID Act. This body passed that, and certainly it will beef up the identification security measures, many dealing with our driver's license provisions. It will speed up the construction of border barriers, and it will make it tough for those with terrorist ties to gain asylum in the United States. But, Mr. Speaker, I think we all know that that is absolutely not enough.

Just yesterday morning, the Washington Post ran a story with the headline "Probe Faults System For Monitoring U.S. Border."

Now I have been working with my colleagues here in the House to target waste, fraud and abuse in government spending; and I have also been a proponent of tackling our enormous illegal immigration problem. The Washington Post story contains just an astounding level of waste, fraud, and abuse in spending; and it should be a wake-up call for those who do not think immigration reform is a priority. Clearly, the system we have got is not working.

According to a General Service Administration investigation, American taxpayers footed the bill for \$239 million surveillance system across our borders. And what do we have to show for that, sir? A lot of broken equipment and lax border security. This is absolutely incredible.

You have got a bunch of concerned citizens who got tired of all the excuses so they have gone down to the Arizona border to observe illegal immigration and report to the border agents, and

apparently they have been pretty effective. Meanwhile, the Federal government has a \$239 million pile of useless equipment.

This is waste, fraud, and abuse; and this is lack of attention to border security. This is an issue that has my constituents talking at length in town halls, talking about how we are spending the tax money that they are writing the check for this very week.

This article is further confirmation of our belief that the borders are too open, our system is too easily abused and our government is not doing enough. I hope that my colleagues will join me in my effort to eliminate the seemingly endless examples of waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Speaker, to those who have been opposing immigration reform for years now, the time has come for America to address the growing problem of illegal immigration. Our constituents and our national security demand it.

SMART SECURITY AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, last year the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations bravely stood up to the White House by rejecting the administration's request for new nuclear weapons funding.

The White House had requested over \$70 million for research on the robust nuclear earth penetrator, also known as the "bunker buster" and other nuclear weapons initiatives.

The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations zeroed out the President's nuclear weapons initiative; and, just as importantly, they have boldly rejected all funding for the supremely misguided bunker buster nuclear bomb, labelling it provocative and unnecessary.

I credit the subcommittee's chairman, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON). He courageously stood up to the White House on this issue. But President Bush did not let that stop him from once again requesting funding for the bunker buster bomb in this year's 2006 budget proposal.

This year the President has requested \$4 million to study the feasibility of constructing the bunker buster and another \$4.5 billion for bunker buster testing in the Air Force budget. The President's budget also notes that he may request another \$14 million for the bunker buster in fiscal year 2007.

What could the Bush administration possibly be thinking? The United States already possesses the most sophisticated and modern military ever created, yet sometimes it seems like President Bush and his allies still think we are fighting the Cold War. Fortunately, there are still many,

many in Congress who live with the rest of us in the 21st century.

The bunker buster's proponents claim that it is an important device needed in the post-9/11 world to enable our military to attack cave and hideouts with supreme precision, but we do not need a nuclear weapon to accomplish this. The U.S. already possesses the capability to target terrorists wherever they are hiding.

The Bush administration's repeated attempts to develop new nuclear weapons like the bunker buster epitomizes the hypocrisy that underscores President Bush's foreign policy. At the same time that he seeks to prevent countries like Iran and North Korea from developing nuclear weapons, the White House has demonstrated its own nuclear weapons ambitions with a vigorous intensity.

We must remember that the creation of the bunker buster would violate the nuclear non-proliferation treaty which the United States ratified in 1972. That is why later this week I will introduce a resolution calling on the United States to uphold its binding commitment to this vital international treaty.

But these nuclear ambitions should not come as a surprise. In fact, it is just the latest in a long line of instances that demonstrate the Bush administration's petulant double standard when it comes to interacting with the rest of the world.

Before the bunker buster came along, they rejected the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, claiming that it would hurt the United States economy. Before that, it was the rejection of the International Criminal Court which President Bush opposed because it would allow Americans who violated international laws to be tried for war crimes just like war criminals from other countries.

The policy of rejecting international treaties is bad for the United States. Instead of thumbing our nose in the face of international law, America, the world's largest democracy, needs to serve as the gold standard for global consensus and agreement. That is why I have worked to develop a SMART Security platform for the 21st century.

SMART Security is a Sensible Multilateral American Response to Terrorism. Instead of creating new nuclear weapons, SMART Security would work to control the spread of such weapons through aggressive diplomacy, global weapons inspections, and comprehensive non-proliferation efforts.

We need to lead the world's nations to end the era of nuclear weapons. We need to demonstrate that nuclear weapons will not protect the people of the world because if these weapons are actually used there will be nothing left to protect.

Think about the price we have paid to eliminate weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, weapons that actually do not exist. Over 1,500 American lives lost, more than 12,000 severely wounded American soldiers, tens of thousands of

Iraqi civilians killed, and more than \$200 billion spent.

Should we not invest our resources in addressing genuine nuclear threats?

Mr. Speaker, if we do not start working with the other nations in the world, there may come a time when other nations no longer want to work with us.

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

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

INTERNATIONAL VILLAINS AND INTERNATIONAL OUTLAWS

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to speak about international villains, international outlaws. We need to know who they are and who they are not because these terrorists are not ministers of good, but they are ministers of evil.

The terrorists are not freedom fighters as some say, for they oppose all freedoms. Terrorists are not moral because they preach, praise, and practice immoral acts. Terrorists are not for children because they murder children. They murder their neighbor's children, and they murder their own. Terrorists are not for any peace, but are for any chaos. Terrorists are not for democracies, but proclaim the value of totalitarian dictatorships.

Terrorists are not for justice so we must bring them to justice. As related in Proverbs, when justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous and it brings terror to the evil doers. So I say let us bring terror to these evil doers.

I have dealt with local terrorists, street terrorists, all my life, first as a prosecutor and a judge in a criminal court in Texas for 22 years. These people are mean, they are violent, and you can deal with them one way. You do not ask them to try to do better. You do not blame their culture or their lack of culture for their conduct. You do not reason with them. You do not negotiate. You hold them accountable for their choices.

They live for crimes of violence, so you punish them. You make the price high, too high for them to pay so they stop it, so they leave us alone, for it is a right of all of us to be left alone. If they choose not to leave us alone, they must face quick, sudden, and decisive action.

We must continue to deal with international terrorists the same way we deal with local street terrorists. We seek them out and we hold them accountable for their choices. It is not ra-

tional to stop once we have them on the run.

In Iraq, for example, we must finish the job. The phrase "cut and run" may be in the vocabulary of the French Government, but it is not in our vocabulary.

I have been to Iraq. I was there on election day January 30; and the people I talked to, those Iraqis were afraid that we would leave before the job was done. The terrorists want to wait us out because of the comments that they hear on this very House floor, that we should leave the job before it is through. Well, they will not wait us out because we will finish the job. So we will stay the course. We will finish the job before us. For it is far better to fight terrorists on their soil than on American soil, and we will know of no retreat or defeat.

We must train the Iraqi security forces so that they can protect their own borders against the insurgents. We must continue to seek out the terrorists in Afghanistan as well, but we must also deal with the cocaine and heroin traffic that is there because it funds those terrorists.

We must also allow our local law enforcement to fight that same secondary terror, that is, the terror of drugs, that is here in the United States that affects many American families, because those drugs that the terrorist cartels market in our land, they fund their evil ways. We must protect our homeland and support our first responders. For as our troops in lands across the seas battle these evil villains, our first responders are the ones who battle them here on the homeland, and they are always counted faithful.

On September 11, we all remember what we were doing. I was driving my Jeep to the courthouse, and I heard on the radio about the first plane that hit the World Trade Center; second plane, World Trade Center; third plane, crashes in Pennsylvania because of some heroes; fourth plane, hits the Pentagon.

Later that day, as many Americans like myself were watching television, I noticed the phenomena. I noticed thousands and thousands of Americans in New York City when those terrorists hit those buildings. They were running as hard as they could to get away from that terror. But there was another group of people, not very many, but they were there. When that terror hit the World Trade Center, they were running as hard as they could to get to that terror. Who were they? They were emergency medical technicians, they were firefighters, and they were cops. Because these people responded, and these are the people who we count on first, the people responsible for the deaths of the 3,000 on that day will be held accountable.

So we will not waiver in our battle against these international villains. There is no substitute for victory. For we are a people committed to remaining and continuing for centuries to be the land of the free and the home of the brave.