

After the recent murder, said the chief, of Jessica Lunsford, in Citrus County, the Punta Gorda Police Department decided they were unsatisfied with the way they were handling local sex offenders. The result was this program.

He said, "We will work hand-in-hand with our local probation and parole officers to ensure that offenders and predators are following the lines drawn for them. The bottom line to offenders and predators: Don't cross the line."

St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara and Under Sheriff Gary Wilson have had a similar program for some time.

I commend both of these agencies for their proactive leadership and urge all cities and counties to follow their lead. It is time we get tough. We should not expect people to register. We should be pursuing them. We should be following them. If they break the law, they should be back in jail.

IT IS TIME TO GET OUT OF IRAQ

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's Washington Post carried two pages of pictures of our brave young men and women who were killed in Iraq.

This war is an abstraction for most Americans, but not for the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The fallen soldiers' contributions will never be diminished. What they stood for is in the highest service to this Nation.

But we must ask questions of those who sent them, of those who would keep our troops there, of those who would send even more troops, of those who say, well, now that we are there, we must stay there. Such logic would have left us still fighting a war in Vietnam.

How can we move on to other matters in this Capitol when we are sending more men and women to die in a war that was based on a lie? This war has forever altered the lives of tens of thousands of families in this country and hundred of thousands in Iraq.

Enough is enough. It is time for an exit strategy. It is time to get out of Iraq.

WASTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, imagine this: A person in a nursing home receives a prescription for a 90-day supply of medication. A few days later, the physician changes that. What happened with those unused drugs? They are thrown away.

Millions of Federal and State dollars could be saved by restocking unused

prescription drugs that are often thrown away by long-term care facilities when a patient changes prescriptions, passes away, is discharged or transfers.

What if these drugs could be restocked and safely used?

It has been estimated that restocking unused medications may save as much as \$1 billion among the elderly Americans each year and up to \$380 million in long-term care facilities alone.

The FDA issued an informal opinion allowing the restocking of drugs that meet safety guidelines; however, there is still wide disparity between what the States are doing. This confusion is costing the States and the Federal Government money.

Rather than flushing drugs down the drain each month and wasting money, I urge my colleagues to work with me and the States on uniformed standards for restocking drugs and to examine the new savings that can save money, improve lives, and improve health care.

For further information, I ask my colleagues to check out my Web site at murphy.house.gov of ways we can continue to save lives and money.

MEDICAID CUTS IN THE BUDGET

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, 44 Republicans wrote to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE), the Committee on the Budget chairman, protesting the Medicaid cuts included in the House budget they had recently voted for. Their letter says, "We strongly urge you to remove these reductions and the reconciliation instructions targeted at Medicaid."

Their letter correctly notes that the policy should drive the budget and not the budget the policy. That is a good idea. Unfortunately, it seems like one that will not be followed in the impending budget deal.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that if the budget conference report contains Medicaid cuts, these 44 Republican Members will not buckle to the pressure of the Republican leadership.

We all need to stand firm. Just issuing a letter against cuts in a budget you just voted for is not enough. It is important to follow up by not voting for the final bill if it contains the cuts you say you are against.

Cuts to Medicaid of this magnitude are going to have real harm to millions of real people. We should reject any budget that indiscriminately calls for millions of dollars in cuts to Medicaid.

LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to tell by reading the front

pages of papers across the country, but the House has been racking up legislative accomplishments, one after another after another, most of the times with growing bipartisan support.

Look at just a few of the accomplishments in the first 100 days of this Congress.

Legal reform. The Class Action Fairness Act addresses the most serious lawsuit abuse by allowing larger interstate class action cases to be heard in Federal courts with a Consumer Class Action Bill of Rights.

Border security and immigration reform. The REAL ID Act completes the work of the 9/11 Commission recommendations by implementing reforms to strengthen our border security and better protect our homeland.

The death tax repeal. The permanent repeal of the death tax ends the unjust and unfair tax on millions.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure and a welcome sight to me to see my colleagues on the other side of the aisle join us to do the people's work. Let us continue that good work and tackle Social Security and tax reform.

THE REPUBLICANS' BUDGET ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AND HISPANIC COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic leadership just released two reports that make clear just how much damage the Republican budget will do to the African American and Hispanic communities, as well as to children.

This budget fails to deliver \$12 billion in proposed funding for education. If the President really meant that no child would be left behind, why are 3 million children not getting the help in reading and math that they deserve?

The budget fails to make health care accessible. With more than 20 million African Americans and Hispanics without health insurance, the Bush budget offers health care cuts that will increase the number of the uninsured.

President Bush claimed that his Social Security privatization plan would benefit African Americans because we have shorter life expectancies. The budget makes it clear that the President would rather exploit this issue to sell his privatization scheme than do something to help African Americans live longer.

This budget creates deficits, not jobs, and it favors tax cuts for the rich over making the American dream more accessible to all. Every American deserves better.

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FIRST 100 DAYS OF CONGRESS MARKED BY LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, in a community where overreaching and puffery is a state of art, it is always dangerous to begin to talk about things we have actually accomplished, but I want to join my colleague from Georgia in bragging about what this House has done in its first 100 days.

The leader of this House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), is in no small part responsible for the aggressive legislative agenda that we have accomplished. In addition to those acts that the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) mentioned, we have also passed a supplemental appropriations act to provide the necessary funding for the fight in Iraq and Afghanistan and to continue the fight on the war on terrorism.

We have also passed and sent to the Senate a budget resolution, which includes reconciliation for the first time since 1997. We have also passed a highway bill, which will provide needed infrastructure improvements and growth for this country for the next 6 years. Again, sent to the Senate and we are awaiting their action. We have also passed and had the President sign a bankruptcy reform bill as well as the class action lawsuit reform.

So this House, in the first 100 days, has accomplished much and I am proud to be a part of that; and we should thank Leader DELAY for his leadership in that regard.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of all the individuals who are taking part in events in this Nation's Capital, in Orange County, California, and all across our Nation to observe the fall of Saigon on April 30.

April 30, 1975, marked the beginning of a journey for many who sought refuge in an unknown land and an uncertain future. These individuals risked everything for a chance to live freely and provide better opportunities for their children and for their families.

In the 30 years since, most Vietnamese Americans have been able to rebuild their lives and to contribute to the diversity of this Nation. The world has changed since that fateful day; but one thing remains constant, Vietnamese Americans work tirelessly to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

As we reflect on the anniversary, please join me and Vietnamese American communities in honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in this conflict and in celebrating the contributions of Vietnamese Americans across our Nation.

NORTH COLLEGE HILL TROJANS CELEBRATE STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, this year in the State of Ohio's own version of March Madness, one team in my district, the North College Hill Trojans, celebrated the school's first State basketball championship by defeating second-ranked Ironton 71 to 65.

The Trojans left no doubt in people's minds that they were the best Division III basketball team in the State of Ohio, capping off an amazing 27 to 1 record by winning its final 21 games. Something tells me that the State of Ohio is going to be hearing a lot more from North College Hill in the years to come.

Four of the team's five starters were freshmen and sophomores, led by Ohio Mr. Basketball and first team All-USA Today team honoree O.J. Mayo. I want to congratulate head coach Jamie Mahaffey and all the rest of the coaching staff and every member of the North College Hill team on a job well done. I also want to congratulate the parents and the students and the fans for a great season.

Mr. Speaker, I would not at all be surprised if I am up here again next year at this time congratulating North College Hill on winning back-to-back State basketball championships.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, Social Security is one of the most successful programs ever enacted by Congress. Through its guaranteed benefits and reliability, it has saved tens of millions of seniors from a life of poverty during their most vulnerable years.

To appreciate fully the importance of Social Security, one need only to have our grandparents talk about the tragic lives of many of our seniors prior to the 1935 passage of the Social Security Act. Yet the President's current proposal fails in its protection of our Nation's seniors by sacrificing the reliability of Social Security benefits for the highly risky scheme of private accounts, subject to the unpredictable fluctuations of the stock market. For that reason, it is no accident that seniors across the country are opposed to the President's ill advised and extremely risky Social Security proposal.

Let us reject the President's ideas and instead draft a plan to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security and again give Americans the safety and confidence they have long enjoyed from the Social Security System.

WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by the direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 242 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 242

Resolved, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of April 28, 2005 (1) providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 or (2) establishing a separate order relating to budget enforcement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the ranking member of the Committee on Rules, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 242 is a same-day rule. It waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules.

H. Res. 242 allows the House to consider the rule and conference report accompanying H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 or establishing a separate order relating to budget enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative we pass this same-day rule so that we may consider the congressional budget resolution today. Once the House completes consideration and passes the budget, we can send the budget resolution to the Senate. The Senate will then be in a position to consider, and hopefully pass, the budget resolution on Friday, before they recess next week.

I am pleased and excited at the prospect of the passage of this budget. For the first time since 1997, the budget includes reconciliation instructions to authorizing committees, calling for the reduced rate of growth of mandatory programs. Mandatory spending is the guaranteed spending that grows every year, mostly without reform or review.