

Let us stop the raid, start the accounts. Let us move forward with this commonsense plan.

I urge all my colleagues to give thoughtful consideration to the Ryan-Johnson-McCreery-Shaw plan for beginning the reform of Social Security.

#### IN SUPPORT OF TITLE IX

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the 33rd anniversary of Title IX, the landmark 1972 law that blocks gender discrimination in education. I am a proud supporter of this law that has helped girls and women move toward equality in athletics at every level and in every community across the Nation.

As opportunities have been made increasingly available, women's participation in sports has grown exponentially. Nearly 2.6 million high school girls and over 135,000 women in college now participate in organized sports. That is more than 2 million women and girls having a chance to score a goal, slide into home plate, or sink that winning basket. For many young athletes, the scholarship opportunities provide the only means by which they can attend college.

Moreover, they tend to graduate at higher rates, perform better in school, are less likely to use drugs and alcohol. They also tend to have more confidence, better body image, and higher self-esteem than female nonathletes, the critical attributes that help them succeed throughout their lives.

We build on these advancements in the name of the equality, and I want those here to stand for and defend the integrity of this pioneering civil rights law.

#### SCNT EQUALS CLONING

(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, Members of this body this past week have been told by outside groups that somatic cell nuclear transfer is not cloning. That is just not true. SCNT is the same process that created Dolly the sheep. If SCNT does not create a clone, then Dolly was not a sheep.

SCNT produces an embryo, whether the procedure is done to destroy the human embryo for research or to implant it to produce a child. The fact that creating it does not involve sperm is what makes it a clone. This is unquestioned by serious people. Bioethics commissions, President Clinton, and George W. Bush said that the product of SCNT is a cloned embryo.

In a debate as emotional and important as this one, it is important to understand all the facts; and it is equally important to see through the word

games espoused by some groups and Members of this body.

SCNT creates a cloned human embryo. There is no way around it. And that is why this body should move quickly to stop human cloning before scientists start killing human clones like they killed all those sheep when they cloned Dolly.

#### TITLE IX AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise to speak about two wrong-headed policies.

First of all, let me honor and celebrate Title IX: remember the U.S. soccer team, women's soccer team, the WMBA; and then of course the assault on Title IX to allow the schools to send an e-mail to determine whether students, young women want to participate in sports. Do the Members know what that means? No women's sports. I stand here today to support a full funding of Title IX. Get rid of the loophole.

And then, Mr. Speaker, I want to say to my friends who think that we are going to accept the smoke and mirrors on the new Social Security plan, let us let me tell them that it is the same old plan. It privatizes Social Security, raids the trust fund, and weakens Social Security because what it does is it takes money from the trust fund and puts it in private accounts. Democrats stand for a solvent Social Security. Social Security is not a policy issue. It is a personal issue. It is an umbrella. It is the wind beneath the wings of those who work every day. Do not buy the smoke and mirrors of Social Security and support Title IX with no changes.

#### CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

(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, more than 40,000 business and professional leaders from 150 countries have come together this week to attend Rotary International's Centennial Convention led by President Glenn Estess, Sr., in Chicago.

During their first 100 years, Rotary International grew from a small club established by Paul Harris in Chicago to a diverse international network of community volunteers who are dedicated to building peace and goodwill in the world. Today, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs in 161 countries.

Rotarians are carrying out humanitarian projects in their own neighborhoods, promoting youth exchanges, and raising money to eradicate polio worldwide.

As a former Rotary Club president, I am proud to recognize the organiza-

tion's distinguished record of volunteerism and thank all Rotarians who contribute to the success of this vital organization. I also appreciate my district director, Butch Wallace, as president of the West Metro Rotary Club; and my chief of staff, Eric Dell, as president of the Capitol Hill Rotary Club.

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

#### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

(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, I rise to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Title IX and pay tribute to the significant advancements made for women's educational and athletic opportunities. Not coincidentally, this year is also the 33rd anniversary of the UC Santa Barbara Lady Gauchos basketball team, this year's Big West Conference champions.

I hold a basketball signed by the team members of the 1997 team who participated in the NCAA tournament here in Washington, DC. Any woman who has played for this team can attest to the numerous benefits afforded to them by receiving the same opportunity as men to participate in college athletics.

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There is a clear interest for women to play sports, and schools must respond.

To anyone who disagrees, I would like you to know that the UCSB women's basketball team sells more season tickets than the men's team.

So I am appalled that the Bush administration is trying to weaken the enforcement of Title IX in our Nation's colleges and universities.

On this anniversary of Title IX, we must stand up and protect it.

#### AIRLINE PENSIONS

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we do not need any more airline companies going bankrupt.

Imagine retiring with a pension only 50 or even 20 percent of what you expected. That is what is happening to thousands of airline employees.

A government bailout is not fair to taxpayers, and it will not work. What will work is industry-specific pension reform.

In the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure hearing yesterday, we heard testimony from financial experts, the PBGC, the Pilots Association, and others. They painted a picture of a flawed current business model. In the face of high fuel costs and more retirees than workers, defined benefit plans simply do not work for many companies.

Congress can help. H.R. 2106 gives the airline carriers greater flexibility in funding their pensions. It provides more security for employees and will ensure that taxpayers will not be held liable for these underfunded pensions. A government bailout should not be a financial planning tool for the airlines.

Mr. Speaker, employees should receive the pensions they have worked for their entire lives, and taxpayers should not be left holding the bag. The Employment Pension Preservation and Tax Prepare Protection Act, H.R. 2106, is the winning formula.

#### TITLE IX'S 33RD ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, 33 years ago, Title IX, written by our dear friend, Patsy Mink, became law. Title IX recognizes that only when all Americans have opportunity to reach their potential can our country reach its potential.

Recently, the Bush administration said that if a school's women students do not respond to an e-mail from the school asking if they are interested in sports, then the school would be in compliance with Title IX.

That is ridiculous. There are acceptable standards to measure compliance that are accurate and must be used.

The lesson of Title IX is that interest flows from opportunity. That is why women's participation in sports has increased 800 percent in high school and 400 percent in college since 1972.

Moreover, if we are going to make policy based on how many people ignore one of the dozens of e-mails in their in-box, we will be in huge trouble with Title IX.

I hope that the President will heed the letter from the gentlewoman from California (Leader PELOSI), the gentleman from California (Ranking Member MILLER), and myself and 140 other Members, and rescind this clarification.

#### FLAWED POLICY DENIES CUBAN-AMERICANS REGULAR FAMILY VISITS

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the case of Sergeant Carlos Lazo. Sergeant Lazo is a Cuban American, a proud Cuban American who is serving in our military. He recently did a tour in Iraq and came home, wanting to visit his two children in Cuba. He was prevented from doing so, stopped at the airport, because we have a policy that only allows Cuban American families to visit each other once every 3 years. Here is a man serving in our military, proudly; we trust him in Iraq, but we do not trust him to visit his own family in Cuba.

It seems to me this policy is flawed. We will have amendments next week on the Treasury-Postal bill.

I urge my colleagues to look at this case, to meet with Sergeant Lazo who is on Capitol Hill today, and to rethink this policy of ours that denies Cuban Americans the ability to visit their families.

#### IN SUPPORT OF TITLE IX

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Title IX program which created equality, equality for young men and women in our Nation's schools.

As Title IX celebrates its 33rd anniversary today, I am concerned with recent attempts to undermine the program that will reverse the progress Title IX has made in enabling young women to participate in sports.

The Department of Education recently issued its "Additional Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy: Three-Part Test, Part Three" which changes the way schools determine female interest in athletics by making an e-mail survey the sole interest indicator.

This new policy harms the Title IX program because it prevents schools from using a multi-method approach to assess female sports programs. By deciding to base the future of women's athletic programs on e-mail surveys, the Department of Education is denying women the same opportunities as men to participate in sports.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to continue to support equal rights for men and women in every arena of public life, including sports. I strongly urge the Department of Education to rescind its policy. Title IX opened the doors for women; let us not close them now.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3010, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 337 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 337

*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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General

debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived except for section 511. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. When the Committee rises and reports the bill back to the House with a recommendation that the bill do pass, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to 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. Speaker, House Resolution 337 is a fair, open rule that provides for the consideration of the Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill for fiscal year 2006.

I want to commend my friend, the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman REGULA) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Ranking Member OBEY) for their efforts in moving this important piece of legislation to the floor.

This appropriation bill funds health and education programs that are vitally important to our children and families. The Committee on Appropriations has met the need for these programs, while living within the parameters set by the House and the budget resolution.

The bill provides an \$118 million increase to the Department of Education, including a \$100 million increase for Title I State grants. My colleagues across the aisle decry what they call a lack of funding for education, and nothing could be further from the truth.

Since Republicans took control of Congress, funding for the Department of Education has more than doubled. In the last 5 years alone, total education expenditures have increased by nearly 50 percent.

I am particularly pleased that the committee provided resources to key college prep programs. The TRIO program is funded at last year's level of \$837 million, and GEAR-UP will receive \$306 million, also equal to last year's allocation. These two programs are very successful in helping low-income students in making the transition to college. Many TRIO and GEAR-UP participants from high schools and colleges across West Virginia took the