

70 percent of family businesses do not survive a second generation. Ending the death tax penalty will do much to keep our economy moving.

House and Senate negotiators have been working on a compromise for a transportation bill that would make much-needed improvements to Federal highways. Tonight they came to an agreement, both on a bipartisan and bicameral agreement, to move that bill forward. Economists estimate that for every \$1 billion spent to improve our highways, 40,000 jobs will be created.

On all of these accomplishments, I want to thank those Members on the other side of the aisle who chose to work together to get good things done for the American people.

Our work is far from done. Next month we should complete work on conference reports, on job creation bills like the highway bill and the energy bill, as well as legislation dealing with CAFTA. We also plan to take up the PATRIOT Act, reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act and the taking of people's private property by the government. And soon we will begin the steps of reforming Social Security for coming generations.

I am proud that this House under Republican leadership has stayed focused on a real agenda. We are doing what we can to improve conditions for America's families and to foster job creation, economic growth and innovation. We are getting the work done.

One of my heroes, Ronald Reagan, once said, "Government can and must provide opportunity, not smother it; foster productivity, not stifle it." That has been the goal of our Republican Conference each time the American people have sent us back into leadership.

In the end, I really do believe that we will be judged by our work and our accomplishments for the American people. The partisan sniping that has become the mainstay of Washington does nothing for the farmer back home in the cornfields of Illinois, the housewife in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or the struggling family in Greenville, Mississippi. We help the American people most by showing leadership, by taking action, by keeping our promises.

This 109th Congress is off to an unprecedented start, and I thank our Members for their perseverance, their dedication and their commitment to the people of the United States of America. God bless you all.

#### TRIBUTE TO STEVEN FRANCIS GAUGHAN

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, too often today we call people "heroes" when in fact their actions do not rise to the level of the heroic. Tonight, however, I want to say a few words to honor the memory of a true hero, Prince George's

County, Maryland, police officer Steven Francis Gaughan, who was killed in the line of duty on June 21 trying to protect the community that he loved.

Officer Gaughan was a 15-year veteran of the police force, and was a member of a special unit that tracks and arrests drug dealers and violent criminals. According to all who knew him, Steven was devoted to his work, his church, sports teams and family; his wife, Donna, his son, Daniel, and his daughter, Rachel. To Donna, his children and all his family and friends, I extend on behalf of all of us our deepest sympathies.

Let me close, Mr. Speaker, by quoting the Washington Post, which stated: "Steven's exemplary courage, and his profound sacrifice, stand as painful reminders of how little is truly routine about police work, and of the debt of gratitude that officers are owed by society. His death is a blow to the community, but by his bravery he set an example and left a legacy that will not be soon forgotten."

Mr. Speaker, Steven Gaughan was a hero, and he will be deeply missed. May God bless his soul and comfort his family.

#### NEED TO FIX SOCIAL SECURITY NOW

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Social Security is an issue that needs our attention now. We are dedicated to a solution. We are dedicated to securing the funds we have promised to today's seniors and securing funds for future generations.

Allowing workers to place part of their Social Security money in a personal account with their name on it ensures that Congress will have to find the money elsewhere.

It is time to stop the raid on Social Security. We are reaching out across the aisle in an attempt to address this issue in a bipartisan manner, Mr. Speaker. However, members of the minority have chosen to mislead and obstruct, rather than work together to help the American people.

Congress has been spending Social Security money on programs other than Social Security. A philosopher once said, "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world it leaves to its children." How can we call ourselves moral and effective legislators if we simply deny the problem and leave the mess for future generations to clean up? But how can we do this if Congress keeps raiding the Social Security cookie jar.

On March 6, the minority leader stated on Fox News Sunday, "We must stop raiding the Social Security trust fund of its money to pay for other things." The minority leader has since changed her tune. This week she stated that "there is nothing wrong with Social

Security lending money with the prospect of returning it."

The minority should join the effort to strengthen Social Security, and help secure the retirement security of future generations.

#### PROVIDING FULL FUNDING FOR VETERANS HEALTH CARE

(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, for a long time I have shared the neighborhood with the Houston Veterans Hospital.

Today, Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago, we rose to the floor of the House to cure the unpardonable, and that is, of course, the mistaken numbers and the failure to provide the right kind of information to be able to provide the right dollars to serve America's veterans. \$1.5 billion is what the Senate passed.

Frankly, the need is \$1 billion and more, with the number of returning Iraqi veterans and Afghanistan veterans, those who have been maimed and injured on the fields of battle.

It certainly is a shame that we came to the last hours and finally were able to provide for those veterans who were willing to give the ultimate sacrifice. Right now in the Nation's hospitals, veterans are languishing all over America. Families of enlisted personnel are suffering because of the lack of funds for TRICARE. I even know today a young man who is a veteran who is suffering in one of our Nation's military hospitals because of insufficiencies in our local hospital in Houston.

Mr. Speaker, they need more resources, they need more staff, they need our commitment. I hope the majority will not have us end up in the same predicament by allowing this to happen again. I hope we will work through and provide full funding for veterans and veterans health care in America.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the money set aside for Social Security should be spent on Social Security. Americans know this only makes sense. The money set aside for Social Security should be spent on Social Security.

Others, however, do not believe in this principle. In March of this year, the minority leader was against robbing the Social Security trust fund. On Fox News she stated it crystal-clear. She said, "We must stop robbing the Social Security trust fund of its money to pay for other things."

Today, the minority leader finds nothing wrong with sticking her hand in the Social Security cookie jar. In a recent interview she said, "There is nothing wrong with Social Security lending money with the prospect of returning it." Prospect of returning it? That is not good enough. It is that kind of thinking that has gotten us into our current trouble.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly why Americans should be able to put part of their Social Security money in a personal account with their name on it.

Raiding the Social Security trust fund is not a solution. It is irresponsible, and it pushes the consequences to our children and grandchildren, consequences that we should fix now.

#### NO PLACE LIKE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Words of Thomas Jefferson in our Declaration of Independence.

As we end this evening tonight, Mr. Speaker, at midnight, and we go into the July Fourth weekend, we must remember these words of the Declaration of Independence and know that liberty has always cost, as we should remember the words of President Kennedy when he said, "Let every Nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

We are involved in a war against terrorism. We have lost over 1,700 Americans in this war; but we must remember, Mr. Speaker, that we must be vigilant. We must remember the words of Ronald Reagan, that "those people who cry peace, peace, do not understand that there can be no peace as long as there is one American somewhere dying for the rest of us."

So this July Fourth weekend, we must fly the flag, wear the red, white and blue, and thank the good Lord that there is no place like the United States of America.

#### TREATMENT OF ENEMY COMBATANTS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, there have continued to be reckless, anti-American comments made by some who even work in this very Capitol building.

The truth has been emerging more recently of our soldiers' incredibly hospitable treatment of our enemies.

Though there is still some rhetoric denouncing our amazingly humane treatment of combatants, others have begun to change their comments, congratulating our servicemembers on their progress since they were called Nazis and cruel.

The fact is, our treatment has not had to progress. Our servicemembers were never Nazis, were not cruel. Their humane treatment of evil combatants who throw urine and fecal matter or semen and spit on them has been unparalleled in combatant history. The constant demonizing of our servicemembers has been played and replayed by our enemies abroad and has done more damage to us, our servicemembers, and our reputation than any isolated members themselves may have done.

Some liberals have worried about what might happen in the future to American POWs because of our treatment at Guantanamo. Let me give a quick reminder. They killed thousands of people on 9/11, innocent people. They took people they captured and took hostage, put them on their knees with blindfolds, and sawed and cut off their heads. These are not nice people. They have not been nice before anybody ever heard of Guantanamo. Quit beating yourselves up. We have got to learn that we are in a battle for our lives against evil men who do not admire weakness among their enemies.

#### APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 11, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 30, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if he is not available to perform this duty, the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 11, 2005.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 28, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker,*  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by a Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of California, for documents.

After consulting with counsel, I have determined that compliance with the Subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM,  
*Member of Congress.*

#### VACATING FILING OF REPORT ON H.R. 1158

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the filing of the report by the Committee on Science to accompany H.R. 1158, and the referral thereof to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, are vacated.

There was no objection.

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 7, 2005:

H.R. 241. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

March 25, 2005.

H.R. 1160. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

March 31, 2005.

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

April 15, 2005.

H.R. 1134. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

April 29, 2005.

H.R. 787. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse".

May 5, 2005.

H.J. Res. 19. An act providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 20. An act providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

May 11, 2005.

H.R. 1268. An act making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

May 31, 2005.

H.R. 2566. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

June 17, 2005.

H.R. 1760. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building".