

because our cost of sugar is two to three times the world price.

Those interns will find that 40 percent of the benefits go to 1 percent of the growers, and just two huge companies in south Florida get \$120 million a year.

It is time to make modest adjustments and have a serious discussion about how to treat sugar in this assembly. I strongly urge approval of the amendment that Mr. FLAKE and I will be offering later today.

#### AMERICANS NEED NOT APPLY

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, imagine a place where one can get a job with no identification, no references, no experience. You show up, and after a few hours, you walk away with hard cash in your pocket. No questions asked. You pay no taxes. You pay no Social Security. You pay no health coverage, and at the end of the day, somebody else pays for all of that.

Welcome to your local day labor center funded by American tax dollars. Government money to get hoards of illegals day labor jobs with the help of your wallet. Provide that cheap plantation labor for businesses that exploit the law at the expense of real Americans.

But these day laborers don't always work, Mr. Speaker. One in New York partied on cocaine and beer then beat, raped and murdered a woman after a subcontractor hired him to power wash her home. That Guatemalan had been illegally in the United States for 5 years. Another example of our government's failure to keep illegals out of America but provide them jobs while they are here.

Mr. Speaker, whose side is our government on? Our government should be buying into America, not selling out to illegals.

And that's just the way it is.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF H.R. 810, STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

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

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, nearly 1 year ago today, we witnessed a truly historic event on the floor of this House: Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle joining together to put patients first by passing H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act.

Two months later we were further encouraged when the majority leader of the other body announced his support for our bill. At that point, it appeared that the hopes of so many patients and caregivers would finally be realized as this critically important research would obtain the funding necessary to reach its true potential. Un-

fortunately, Mr. Speaker, that is the last we heard of this bill; 364 days after passage of the bill in the House, the other body remains silent. They have proceeded to work on numerous other bills, including the designation of 46 post offices, but they have refused to put patients first.

In the meantime, in the last year, 1.5 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes; 55,000 were diagnosed with Parkinson's; and 8,700 with multiple sclerosis.

It is time for the other body to put patients first and pass H.R. 810.

#### NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Diana Beasley, a biology teacher at Hickory High School in my district, for being named North Carolina's Teacher of the Year.

A teacher for over two decades, Mrs. Beasley is known for bringing passion to her job while instilling confidence in her students. Mrs. Beasley will spend the next year as a teaching ambassador, traveling throughout North Carolina and acting as a role model for teachers and students alike.

It has been said, "Teachers who inspire realize there will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. There will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how we use them."

Mrs. Beasley is like all great educators, teaching us more by who she is than by what she says.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the great work of Mrs. Beasley and the tireless, selfless investment she has made to the future of my district and to the future of North Carolina.

#### STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of life and on behalf of my constituents whose voices are weakening because they are losing their battles with diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS.

Just last week, I met with Mary Lou Smith of Lexington, Kentucky, who struggles daily with her battle against Lou Gehrig's disease.

Diagnosed in February of 2005, this degenerative neurological disease has quickly devastated her and her family.

It is individuals such as Mary Lou Smith that exemplify the urgency for the Federal Government to act on stem cell research. I urge the other body to pass H.R. 810, which the House passed 1 year ago tomorrow.

Stem cell research has the potential to not only improve the quality of life of people living with ALS but save the lives of individuals all across this world.

#### DELIVER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TO AMERICANS

(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, 3 years ago, I visited the White House and witnessed President Bush sign several historic tax cuts into law. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi predicted that none of these cuts would create jobs, but we have actually seen 5.2 million American jobs created in only 2½ years. Additionally, our country has the lowest average unemployment rate in over four decades.

By decreasing income taxes, doubling the child tax credit, reducing the marriage penalty, and creating new incentives for small businesses, Republicans have delivered tremendous economic opportunities throughout our country.

Last week I was proud to visit the White House again to watch President Bush sign another law to help prevent tax increases upon American families. While Democrats have proposed to increase taxes by \$772 billion, House Republicans will always fight to ensure that American families keep more of their own hard-earned income.

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

#### EXPANSION OF STEM CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it has been 1 year since the historic bipartisan achievement in the House of Representatives when we voted overwhelmingly to support stem cell research. Yet Americans and others around the world have continued to suffer from devastating illnesses and disabilities while scientific progress has been limited at home due to restrictive policies. Other nations with more progressive policies have not let the opportunities slip by.

Let us look at lung disease as one example. In the past year, an estimated 342,000 Americans have died of lung disease; yet researchers in London have coaxed embryonic stem cells to change into specialized lung cells, highlighting the potential for embryonic stem cells to be used in regenerative medicine.

All this while the United States Senate has failed to hold a vote on H.R. 810 and the President has failed to offer support for the advancement of this science, which holds tremendous potential not only for lung disease but Parkinson's disease, ALS, and even spinal cord injuries and so many others.

Mr. Speaker, the suffering faced by so many Americans dealing with disease and chronic conditions is shameful in the face of such potential treatments and cures. I urge all my colleagues in the House to encourage our

friends in the Senate to act swiftly to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act.

#### NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of border security.

Every day we fail to put a meaningful immigration reform bill on President Bush's desk is 1 more day illegal immigrants will steadily flow across our border, seeking the unearned rewards of American society.

I strongly support President Bush's call for temporarily utilizing members of our National Guard along the border. Guardsmen have the training and skills needed to support our overburdened Border Patrol, as we continue to expand its numbers.

As they have in the past, National Guard units will assist with constructing barriers, providing surveillance operations, and analyzing intelligence. All of these functions will help secure our border while rightfully leaving law enforcement duties to the U.S. Border Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, the National Guard units are a temporary solution to help stop the flow of illegal immigrants into this Nation. I remain committed to legislation that gives our Border Patrol better tools, more personnel and the resources they need to secure our borders.

#### ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 810, THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize it has been 1 year since this House passed H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research and Enhancement Act, and still there is no action by the Senate.

Stem cell research holds the promise of cures for many diseases. Removing the Bush administration's limits will expand research and support the hopes of millions of Americans who work every day to survive under the burden of a life-altering diagnosis. Science, not politics, should determine the future of this vital research.

The House passed H.R. 810 with extraordinary bipartisan effort, and most believe there is a bipartisan group in the Senate of well over 60 votes to pass this bill. And still there is no action in the Senate.

We stand here with the tools in our hands to ease the pain of so many across this country and around the world. If we don't tap into this potential, we will never know what it can yield. To forego potentially lifesaving

cures is simply immoral. It is time for the Senate to act on lifesaving cures.

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#### MEXICAN PRESIDENT SHOULD WORK TO GUARD BORDER

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I read in the paper this morning that Mexican President Vicente Fox is visiting the United States today. I would like to encourage him to visit the border and to understand why we are so troubled by what is happening there. The reported actions on that border, they are not good for his country. They are certainly not good for our's.

And I hope he does spend some time observing the power of freedom and capitalism, to make a better life for countries which choose to honor these values. That power of freedom is a reason people want to come. We ask that they come legally and respecting those laws and respecting those freedoms.

I also hope that he will speak to those breaking U.S. law, violating the security on our border and tell them he does not condone what they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, the Mexican President should be working with us to guard our borders, not encouraging his nation's citizens to cross our borders illegally. We hope he will join us in the fight against terrorism.

#### SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF BIG OIL

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

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, while the Federal Trade Commission says price gouging isn't a problem at the Nation's gas pumps, American families know there is something rotten in the state of big oil.

In the face of soaring gas prices that have pinched consumers for over a year, record breaking profits and nine-figure golden parachutes for oil CEOs, it is impossible to fathom why the FTC didn't include any meaningful recommendations about how to deal with price spikes or why our leadership in Congress hasn't done a better job delivering relief to American families approaching the peak summer months of gas consumption.

One thing is for sure: This rubber stamp Republican Congress bears responsibility for an energy policy that makes a priority of handing out billions worth of tax breaks for an industry that simply doesn't need it, as one CEO testified before the Senate, above delivering real relief to consumers.

When all five FTC Commissioners back up their report before the Senate Commerce Committee today, it is going to be a tough sell to the Amer-

ican people that price gouging really isn't a problem and that what is good for the oil companies' bottom line is good for the American families.

#### REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY WORKED TO GAIN BORDER SECURITY

(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, Democrats unveiled their national security agenda recently with much fanfare. High on their agenda was improving border security. So how can Democrats improve border security?

Here are some suggestions. First, you get a border security bill that addresses the hiring of illegal immigrants and gaining control of our borders. Second, you can have a bill that completes the mission of the 9/11 Commission recommendations by implementing common-sense reforms in order to better protect our homeland.

Now, I am sure many on this side of the aisle are asking, didn't we pass legislation like this? Why, yes we did. Back in December 2005, we passed the Border Protection Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, which combats the hiring of illegal workers and increases penalties for alien smuggling. We also passed the Real ID, which requires driver's license applicants to provide proof they are in the country legally and closed asylum loopholes that the 9/11 Commission found had been abused by a number of terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, I guess the Democrats left improving border security on their list because they didn't vote for either bill. But I say they should check it off. House Republicans have already accomplished it.

#### REPUBLICANS UNDERFUND OUR VETERANS

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

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, as we near Memorial Day, it is especially important to recognize the dedication of the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces over the years. Across the country on Monday, flags will be flown, parades will be held, and many Americans will enjoy a day off work. However, truly honoring our veterans means making sure their needs are met every day of the year, not just on one day in May.

Democrats believe strongly in providing for America's veterans. That is why we introduced the New GI Bill for the 21st Century, comprehensive legislation that will strengthen benefits for veterans and military retirees, as well as the men and women serving our country today.

Unfortunately, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle do not seem to