

seen since the first day I got here, and it is really depressing.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. The Republican agenda today is to say the Democrats do not have an agenda. That is their agenda. That is all they have got. They have got no plan on energy, no plan on health care, no plan on education, no plan on reducing college tuition costs. They have got no plan on immigration. They have got no plans.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. It is like I could just close my eyes, and listening to the Republicans, point fingers and call names at us, I could just close my eyes and it is like I am listening to my twin 7-year-olds fight with each other: Yes, they are; no, they don't; yes, they are; no, they don't. That is all they are—

Mr. DELAHUNT. I hate to interrupt. I thank my friend from Florida. They have a plan which is to increase the debt that the American people owe to foreigners.

You know, those numbers that we were talking about in terms of China, that \$270 billion, let us just pick a number and try to help me calculate what the interest payments are to the Chinese Government every year, 4, 5 percent? Can we agree on 5 percent, because that is easy?

Well, what we are doing is we have a plan that is a consequence of their fiscal policy and their tax policy that sends in interest payments every year to China, \$25 billion a year. Now, when you stop and think about the \$25 billion that goes to China from the United States taxpayers every year, what could we do with that \$25 billion?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ indicated there was a plan by Democrats regarding energy, ethanol, the use of farm products, biomass. I bet we could fund that program. I bet we could do more with that \$25 billion rather than send it to the Chinese, not to reduce principal but simply to pay the interest.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. We could do something crazy like collect the royalties from the oil industry and invest it on alternative energy sources like those. We could fund this plan backwards and forwards with the money we did not make them pay us.

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That is what is so outrageous

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. This is a poorly run business right now. Our government right now is a poorly run business that wastes money. And in Iraq, they lost \$9 billion that nobody knows where it is. Royalties on the oil companies that we are just not getting because they get a lot of campaign contributions. Subsidies to the health care industry. And \$16 billion, as Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ said, to the energy companies and the oil companies.

I mean, we are hemorrhaging here, and we are giving the millionaires \$42,000, and we are giving the oil companies \$16 billion. We don't have it to give you. I'd love to give it to you. It would be great if we could give everybody everything.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. But then we are cutting 17,000 troops out of the National Guard.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Bingo.

Mr. DELAHUNT. And in addition to China, Mr. Speaker, the OPEC countries, they hold debt, American debt, in excess of \$75 billion. Now, 5 percent of \$75 billion, you know, is probably \$4 billion, something like that. Those are just interest payments, Mr. Speaker, that we are sending to the OPEC countries. I mean, this makes no sense at all. It erodes the strength, the economic strength and the position of the United States of America in the international community.

The President often talked several years ago about creating an ownership society. What he failed to tell us was that America was being sold piecemeal to the Chinese, to OPEC and to the Japanese. I mean, we no longer own our wealth. It is foreign governments, foreign nations that are our competitors and our potential adversaries, according to some, that are buying America's wealth.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, do you want to close real quick?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I want to close with an observation that what has been frustrating to me is that there is no outrage on that side. Everything we are laying out is factual. We are not making it up. So why does the Republican head only appear to go one way, up and down? Yes, sir, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to do whatever you say. Sure, Mr. President. No problem. It would be nice if they had some joints that made their heads go in this direction and their voices could be lifted up against what is going on here. But, sadly, that doesn't happen.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. And giving subsidies is like giving a drug addict more drugs. Giving subsidies to the oil companies. We are getting old school here, with the legal pad.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Going back to my era, aren't you?

Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

#### IMMIGRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARCHANT). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) is recognized for the remaining time until midnight as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate the honor to address you tonight, and the subject matter I wish to take up, along with my colleague from California, will be the subject of illegal immigration. We are continually discussing this issue because it is a big issue. It is complicated. It is very, very detailed, and it has many, many ramifications for the short term, mid term and long term.

As we speak, at least today and likely tomorrow, there will be more debate over in the United States Senate about

this very subject matter. And as we watch them make decisions over there, many of us in this Chamber and across the country get quite apprehensive as we review the decisions that are made there, which are recommendations to us here, because many times those decisions are made, I think, without considering and maybe even without access to the facts at hand.

As nearly as I can bring it up to date with the amendments that have been passed and the way the bill sets today, the cap that they have put on for a guest worker plan is 200,000 a year. That would be a flat number that would presumably increase, and it would go 200,000 each year.

There are a number of other categories there. As we know, we have visa categories all the way from A to V. And so with all these categories that we have, there are many different ways to legally come into the United States. So I would like to send a message out there to the people who have come into this country illegally or the people outside of America that are interested in coming to the United States to live and work and play. And that is that you can go to the Web page of the U.S. Consul, and on there, you can click your way through to find out how to come the United States legally.

That is the right way to do it. That is the way we welcome people here. That is the policy we have here in the United States of America, the country that has the most liberal immigration policy on the face of the earth. Any way you measure it, we have welcomed more people into this country legally. We have welcomed them here, and they have had the opportunity to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and contribute to this country. That is the right way to do things.

We have this debate going on in this country, and the debate, Mr. Speaker, is about illegal immigration and what to do with 10 or 12 or 20 or more million illegals in this country. There seems to be a lack of will in the United States Senate to enforce the law. In fact, it seems as though, if all the illegals in America lined up and said, I think I want to go home, a bunch of the folks in the United States Senate would say, please, don't comply with the law; we don't want that to happen.

Well, I will say that I want everyone to comply with the law in the United States. The law says, if you come into the United States illegally, the penalty you are facing is 6 months in jail and deportation. Those two penalties go along with that violation. If you make that violation and you are walking the streets of America today, that means you are here illegally. If you came into this country illegally and you are not lawfully present here and you don't have proof of how you might have come here in a lawful fashion, then you are guilty of a criminal misdemeanor punishable by 6 months in jail and deportation. So many of the people that were marching in the streets claiming they

were not criminals, yes, in fact, many of them were that day and are today criminals.

One of the issues we need to deal with are people who overstay their visas. At least 20 percent of the people that are here illegally come into the United States legally, as did the September 11th bombers. Some of them came here legally and then violated their visas and found themselves unlawfully present in the United States. That is part of it that we are not doing much enforcement of.

The balance of this, though, the vast majority, the mass quantity of humanity is pouring across our southern border at the rate of 11,000 a day, 77,000 a week, 4 million a year. That is a huge haystack of humanity. Some of that humanity is pretty good humanity, though they have still broken our laws. And then there is some of that humanity is not very good humanity, and in that group is the criminal element and the drug dealers and the terrorists, the needles within that 4-million-person haystack of humanity that must be sorted out.

It is not possible to sort them out with a haystack of 4 million strong. We have to cut down on the flow of humanity coming across our border.

I went down to the border about a week and a half ago and spent 4 days on the ground. I have sat through hearings in the Immigration Subcommittee, and I have done that for 3½ years, sometimes two and three and even four different hearings a week. And in that period of time, you pick up a lot of information about the immigration subject matter.

In reality, I had one of the more pessimistic views of how much illegal immigration was coming across our southern border, how many illegal drugs were coming across our southern border, how bad it is down there and how much crime comes along with it. So I went down there and spent those 4 days on the border, and I am prepared to go back to the border very soon. But it made me more pessimistic. It opened up my eyes more on how bad it actually is down there on the border.

The crime that was there in front of my nose almost every time I turned around with the interdiction of about 180 pounds of marijuana on one afternoon, and later in the afternoon, I went to a port of entry. And there on the Mexican side of the border there, I don't know if it was a drug deal that went sour there, but there was an interdiction. They brought one of the Mexican nationals that had been stabbed in the liver, and they brought him across the border in a Mexican ambulance, and we air-lifted him out to Tucson and saved his life. You and me, as taxpayers, we paid for that, and we pay for that on a daily basis.

Down there, at just that one port of entry, they get four of those a quarter, generally gunshot victims and, not as often, a knifing. So about 16 a year just at one small port of entry, with only

about 180 vehicles going through it a year, which gives you an idea of how bad it is at the rest of the border, Mr. Speaker.

So I am for sealing this border, and I am for shutting off the jobs magnet, and I am for eliminating the birthright to citizenship. But shutting off this border is not going to happen with the 11,000 people a day, 4 million a year pouring across that southern border.

So what I have done, Mr. Speaker, is I have designed a concrete wall to go down on the border. I would put it 60 feet on the north side of the actual borderline, so we could have a barrier fence right on the line, and then I would put the border fence, the border wall back about 60 feet, and we can top it with concertina wire, and I am going to demonstrate just exactly how I want to go about building that.

This cardboard box, Mr. Speaker, represents the desert in Arizona, New Mexico, Southern California or Texas. Some will argue that is not all desert down there, and it is not. But looking at this on the end, one can see that this is just a trench cut through the floor of the desert. Most of that is flat ground down there. Yes, there are rocks, and there is tough terrain in many of those places, but there are hundreds and hundreds of miles that lay out smooth and flat and without a lot of rocks in it and this ought to work pretty good.

We have a company that can build a machine, and that won't even be one of their biggest challenges, that can set in and drop in a trencher and slipform a concrete footing all in one operation. This is what I have designed.

This would represent that footing, and it would drop in the ground 5 feet deep. Here is a slot we would put precast panels in, and I will demonstrate that in a minute. But this concrete footing would be poured in right behind the trencher in a slipform fashion. And as you pull that in, an operation you might visualize like this, and as you establish this footing in place, it would sit here in the desert. The earth would go up to just about the top of this.

This would be about 12 inches thick, this portion of the footing here. You would have concrete in the ground at least 5 feet. It would look like this from the side, and then you would just simply go to work, picking off your truck that has delivered precast concrete panels. These panels would be 13 feet, 6 inches long. You would pick them up with a crane and drop them in something like this. You pick up the next one and drop it in something like that. And you just continue. Once the footing is poured, it doesn't take a lot of time and it doesn't take particularly a lot of skill to install the precast panels, Mr. Speaker. They look like that, and the last section like that.

Now, you can see what I have here is a concrete wall that is 12 feet high and it goes down underground a good 5 feet. It has 6-inch thick concrete panels on top. It will have a roll of concertina wire on top, at least one, maybe two.

We can put really any kind of fixtures on top here that we like and affix them to this concrete. If we want to do infrared or a camera setup, if we want to do vibration and motion sensors along this wall, we can do all of that.

But I think, for the most part, once we get the wire on top, they aren't going to want to test this wall, Mr. Speaker. They are just going to look at that and say, well, now they have built a wall I can't get over very easily, so I am going to go try to find something else.

But we need to put this in place where we have the most human traffic as fast as we can. It needs to be something that will stand up to the weather, something that doesn't rust out, something that is cheaper than the steel. If you buy that new steel, the steel prices have gotten too high. This concrete is substantially cheaper than the steel. And the construction of it is fairly easy. If you can slipform a footing, as I have demonstrated, it is very easy to set up these concrete panels.

A little company like I used to own before I came to this Congress and my son operates today could set a mile of this in a day pretty easily. You could move along pretty well. And there wouldn't be just one crew out there along that desert, and you wouldn't do 2,000 miles all in the same operation, Mr. Speaker. But this is a simple demonstration of what can be done with a rational approach.

We are spending \$8 billion on 2,000 miles. That is \$4 million a mile. Now, if you pay me \$4 million for a mile of that desert down there and say, guard that mile, Mr. KING, I would say, for \$4 million, you would not get a cockroach across that border. We can put a barrier in place so that humanity doesn't get across the border, and that will stop the lion's share, at least 90 percent of the human traffic going across.

There are \$60 billion worth of illegal drugs pouring across the border and much of it in the form of 50-pound backpacks that get tossed through the fence. They climb through and put the pack on their back and walk 20 miles through the desert to a pickup location.

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You cannot stop that with a vehicle barrier or with a fence. You can only stop it with a wall.

Sure, they can dig under the fence, but we are going to be checking this and monitoring and patrolling it, and you will not have them tunneling underneath it in the desert where they have no place to hide the dirt pile. That will only happen in the urban areas where they can come up inside of a building and hide their dirt pile.

So this works very well for the vast stretches of the desert. Many of those areas they are not crossing very intensively at this point. They will. As we close this wall in, they will.

Somebody who knows something about the southern border and has been

articulate in his response and firm in his stance, and this is a time for courage and conviction. This is a time to stand up for the Constitution, the rule of law and for the future of America and stand up for Americans who respect that rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to Mr. ROHRABACHER from California.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I want to thank you for the leadership you have been providing here. There have only been a few of us speaking up on this issue over the years. You have been a voice for reason and a patriotic voice, and there is nothing wrong with patriotism and believing in the United States of America and wanting to protect our people.

You have demonstrated today that we can control the border. There are between 15 and 20 million illegal aliens in our country. This is a dramatic threat to the well-being and security of our people. The education, the health care, the criminal justice system that is there to protect us, all are in the process of breaking down. You can see it in the Southwest in particular, but if we do not correct the situation, it will quickly spread to the rest of the country, and many of our friends in other States can see it happening in their States.

The wages of working Americans have been bid down, and less fortunate Americans have been knocked right out of their meager jobs as a result of this massive influx of illegals into our country. It is hurting the American people.

Just as alarming is the potential threat of 15 to 20 million illegals residing in our country. What potential threat? Well, one out of four of the prisoners of California's prisons are illegal, illegal immigrants. They have been convicted for murder, rape, and armed robbery. They are members of gangs. They deal in drugs and violence. And they should not even be here in this country. Our jails are bursting at the seams, and the criminal justice system is breaking down in California.

But, since 9/11, we are supposed to have been more committed to protecting America against threats like this. If not, at least against threats like terrorists. But for the last 3 years since 9/11, millions of people have crossed our border because we do not have the precautions that the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) has demonstrated we could have. Millions of people have crossed the border, and crossed the border from Canada, as well as come into our country with visas and have overstayed their visas.

How many people who have crossed the border illegally are al Qaeda terrorists? We do not even know. But we know that al Qaeda has pledged to take as long as it takes to come here and kill Americans by the thousands. Yet our government, this administration, yes, and the last administration before it, has done nothing to protect the United States of America from this ob-

vious threat of having thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of people coming into our country, and we do not know who they are. If even 1 percent mean to do us harm, we are in great jeopardy.

Well, let us note that the people crossing the border, and with this many people crossing the border it does represent a monstrous threat. But it is not just crossing the border. That is about 20 percent of the illegals in our country are here why, because they have overstayed their visa.

I held a hearing in my subcommittee, the Oversight Investigation Subcommittee which I am the chairman of, and we found about 4 million illegals in this country out of the 20 million have come here with visas and overstayed their visas. That has to be dealt with.

Again, there has been nothing done to try to change the system to prevent people from crossing the border or to fix the visa system, both of which are elements of our society that need fixing and have been neglected. In many cases, we have an administration making decisions not to do things that will solve the problem.

Well, what we have here is, of course, people streaming into the country. Well, the border alone is not the issue. Weak borders do not cause them to flow here. There are weak borders into other countries, but people are not flowing into those countries.

The reason why we need this kind of protection is because our government is offering jobs and benefits to those illegals who can manage to get to our country. If on this side of the fence we tell people on that side of the fence if they can get across, we are going to provide them with jobs and a treasure house of benefits, this fence has got to be a lot stronger than anyone can imagine.

The real solution is this fence, coupled with a cutoff of the jobs and benefits that we give to illegals which attract them over these barriers. If we do not do that, it is not going to work. When the President says he is going to send so many thousand troops down to the border, I guess National Guard troops, whatever benefit that will have will be totally overwhelmed if the President continues a policy that will permit these people to have jobs and benefits here.

Why would they not come here for jobs and benefits when they are poor? Most of these people are good people, but we cannot afford to have millions upon millions of good people coming here, much less the threat of al Qaeda and the terrorists I just talked about.

One of the reasons why so many people are here today is also because, in 1986, our government granted amnesty to those 3 million people who were illegally in the country at that time. If we grant another amnesty, and amnesty is nothing more than legalizing the status of someone who is here illegally, if we do that, we will have another mas-

sive flood. It has resulted in 15 to 20 million illegals.

If we have another legalization of status, I don't care what kind of fence we build, what we are going to have is 40 million illegals here within a decade or two.

This problem, to be solved, has to get rid of the magnet, and that is the jobs and benefits that we give to people throughout the world. And any legalizing of status will make the situation worse.

What has happened, what we have had, of course, is American government turning a blind eye to those people coming across the border, a blind eye to people giving them jobs, and even a blind eye to the regulations that would keep them from draining the scarce resources we have in our country away from our own people to provide education, health care, food, and housing to illegals rather than that money going to our own people.

Our government is supposed to be watching out for our people, and the government officials have turned a blind eye to this, and now they act surprised that so many people have come here.

The American people now know that this is a threat to their well-being. The American people are aware that something has to happen. But why isn't something happening? Why is there so much confusion in Washington?

That is because powerful forces are at work in Washington to prevent our government, the people who make decisions, the people who work with Mr. KING and myself, the people who work in the executive branch, we have powerful interest groups at work here. Who are these groups? We have a business community that wants to bid down labor. They want cheap labor, and they are willing to basically destroy the essence of America in order to get cheap labor here.

Number two, there are people on the liberal left who want political pawns. They want millions of people here who are dependent on government programs so they can go right back to their Tammany Hall roots. This is their tradition of getting people dependent on government programs so they will give them power through the vote. They want political pawns, the liberal left; and the business community wants lower wages.

These are powerful interest groups that are at play right now and are preventing us from coming up to a solution to this horrible threat to America.

The U.S. Senate has passed a bill. Mr. KING just referred to it. But that bill is not an illegal immigration bill. It does not even strengthen the borders. That bill would make illegal immigration worse. Anyone suggesting that they are for the Senate bill are telling the American people that they want to make the illegal immigration worse. They want more foreigners to come here because they are willing to, what, continue giving all of the jobs and benefits to illegals.

They, in fact, have guaranteed in the Senate bill education benefits for illegals. They have in fact given them better work guarantees, that you cannot fire them without cause, as opposed to Americans who can be fired without cause.

The Senate bill is wrapped around one center core, and that core is a guest worker program. That guest worker program is nothing more or less than amnesty because it includes legalizing the status of illegals in our country. That Senate bill, number one, will give these benefits.

By the way, the Senate voted to make illegal immigrants eligible for Social Security. Wake up, America. Your United States Senate just voted to give illegal immigrants, make them eligible for Social Security. What kind of draw will that be? Hundreds of millions of desperate people with no pensions throughout the world will do anything to get over this fence if they are going to get a pension like we give our own people.

By the way, the Social Security system is not just a pension system. It is also a survivor's benefit system. Now who is going to game that? What can you expect? Someone comes here. They are part of the Social Security system, and even if they do go home and all of a sudden someone declares they are dead, or maybe they do die, and we get the note from the coroner that says Mr. So-and-so died. He was part of the Social Security system there. His survivors are his five children. Please start sending the Social Security checks to his five children until they are 18 years old.

If the Senate bill is passed and if those Senators who voted for it, we will be spending billions of dollars in sending checks overseas for survivor benefits for people who managed to get into the Social Security system. This is an outrage. The Senate bill needs to be defeated. We have the option, and I will leave it at that.

We do not need to have a guest worker program. We do not need to provide benefits. Our solution is easy: Build this fence so they cannot get through. Cut off the benefits. Make sure no illegal is entitled to government benefits and make it hard for them to get a job and they will go home.

Anyone who claims we have to have massive deportation, that is the only solution, massive deportation or amnesty, that is a disingenuous argument. No, we can reverse the trend and after a few years illegals will start going home because they have a tough time making it here.

Again, I thank Mr. KING for his leadership. We can come at this with a barrier. We can come at this by cutting off benefits, and we can save America.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHR-ABACHER) for his remarks and his commitment to this cause.

I wanted to point out that this concertina wire or razor wire on top, we

can put two or three or four rolls up here.

Then I point out that this wall does not speak about America. We know that America is a magnet for people all over the world. It speaks about the failure in Mexico. The failure in Mexico is what drives people here. They have a corrupt society and a failed economy. They need to clean up their act.

Vicente Fox needs to do his job down in Mexico, rather than coming to the United States and interfere with the domestic policy of the United States. That would be a violation of the law in Mexico, for someone from the United States to go down there and interfere with their domestic policy.

Their domestic policy needs improvement. They need to get the corruption out. They need investment. And one day, when they clean up Mexico, this wall will not have to be here any longer.

When they do that, we can tear down this wall. We won't need it. This is a wall that can be torn down as easily or more easily than it can be put up. The footing will be there if we have to put it back again.

Mr. Speaker, these are all solvable problems, but they are issues that must be resolved for the benefit of the people of the United States of America. Everyone's immigration policy should be designed to enhance the economic, cultural and the social well-being of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, that is what Mr. ROHR-ABACHER is for, that is what I am for, and that is what the House of Representatives is for.

#### OMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006, AT PAGE H3077

A portion of the following bill, H.R. 5384 was inadvertently omitted from the RECORD:

After Sec. 748, insert:

SEC. 749. (a) Section 1307(a)(6) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7957(a)(6)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "2006" and inserting "2007"; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking "2007" and inserting "2008".

(b) The authority provided by section 1307(a)(6) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7957(a)(6)), as amended by subsection (a), shall terminate beginning with the 2008 crop of peanuts, and shall be considered to have terminated notwithstanding section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 907).

After Sec. 750, insert:

SEC. 751. The Secretary of Health and Human Services may require the holder of an approved application for a drug under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to conduct one or more studies to confirm or refute an empirical or theoretical hypothesis of a significant safety issue with the drug (whether raised with respect to the product directly or with respect to the class of the product) that has been identified by the Secretary. If the holder fails to comply

with such a requirement (including a requirement imposed before the date of the enactment of this Act as a condition of the approval of an application under such section), the Secretary may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, consider the drug to be misbranded under section 502 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

#### CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006, AT PAGE H3003

Mr. KUCINICH. I want to extend my condolences to the family of our colleague Mr. CANTOR and also thank Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN for her leadership and her commitment to attempting to create peace, as well as to speak directly to my dear friend, Mr. LANTOS.

I think it is fair to say Israel has no greater champion in the Congress, and the American people have no greater champion for human rights than Mr. LANTOS. His escape from the Holocaust is a story worthy of being taught in all of our schools.

I am here to ask: Is the past prologue? Is war and violence inevitable, or do we have the ability to create a new future where nonviolence, peace and reconciliation are possible through the work of our own hearts and hands?

I would not take issue with my friend Mr. LANTOS's informed experience, and I join him in defense of Israel's right to survive. Mr. LANTOS is my brother. The Israelis are our brothers and sisters. The Palestinians are our brothers and sisters. When our brothers and sisters are in conflict, when violence engulfs them, it is our responsibility to help our brothers and sisters end the violence, reconcile and fulfill the biblical injunction to turn hate to love, to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.

These are universal principles that speak to the triumph of hope over fear. We must call upon Hamas to renounce terror. We must call upon Hamas to disavow any intention for the destruction of Israel.

This ought to be a principle of negotiation with Hamas, not separation from the aspirations of the Palestinian people to survive.

I think we can speed the cause of peace by calling upon Israel to accept the Palestinians' right to self-determination and economic survival and humanitarian relief, for food, medical care, for jobs.

I ask, how can we arrive at a two-state solution if we attempt to destroy one people's government's ability to provide? A two-state solution, I believe, can be achieved with our mutual, thoughtful patience and support.

At a time when the U.N. is reporting a pending humanitarian disaster in the West Bank and Gaza, I believe this legislation would restrict U.S. assistance to the Palestinian people delivered through nongovernmental organizations. We know that, today, up to 80 percent of all Palestinians, particularly in parts of the Gaza Strip, live at