

dependent on ADAP for their life-saving HIV/AIDS medication, plus the 10,000 more who are likely to be added next year.

The 6-year historical ADAP underfunding is evident in the growing waiting lists, unacceptable eligibility rules and insufficient medication.

Current initiatives emphasis testing, which, I agree, is critical to addressing this epidemic. However, as a doctor, I am troubled by the ethics of testing Americans for HIV when we are not guaranteeing them access to treatment.

I am also disturbed that this underfunding will primarily impact low-income, uninsured Americans who are disproportionately from communities of color. And as a Member of Congress, I am ashamed that we are not doing all that we could and should to take care of the needs of all Americans with HIV disease.

I call on my colleagues to support full funding for Ryan White, including the \$986.5 million level as identified by the National ADAP Working Group. Only by fully funding ADAP will we step up to our public health responsibility to treat all HIV positive Americans.

HONORING VETERANS ON THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there are no greater patriots than our veterans and those who proudly wear the uniform today.

On this day, 62 years ago, 3,393 brave, young American men lost their life storming the beaches of Normandy in defense of freedom. We must never forget their sacrifice.

I rise today, June 6, to say thank you to the greatest generation.

Today, our generation is faced with a similar choice, sit on the sidelines or defend freedom. And like World War II, our Nation has once again chosen to answer the call. America will always be freedom's defender.

D-Day was a turning point for Allied Forces in the European Theater, and 3 years after America joined the global war, victory seemed attainable.

I am honored to represent over 100 D-Day survivors, and I plan to call some of them today and let them know how grateful I am for their service. I encourage all Americans to reach out to a veteran today and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CUTS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON NEED RETHINKING

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, everyone knows that on September 11, 2001, near-

ly 3,000 New Yorkers were killed in the attack on the World Trade Center and, of course, several hundred as well here in Washington at the Pentagon. Yet the Department of Homeland Security has chosen to cut both New York and Washington by 40 percent of Homeland security funds for this year. It is absolutely mind-boggling and unbelievable and outrageous that New York and Washington would face these cuts. New York's money is scheduled to go down from \$207.6 million in 2005 to \$124.5 million in 2006.

Now, to add insult to injury, we hear that the Department of Homeland Security is cutting New York's bioterrorism money 15 percent as well, so that in New York, per capita New York would receive \$2.99 per resident to fight bioterrorism, while the good people of Wyoming would receive \$9.72 cents per person to fight bioterrorism, and the good people of North Dakota would receive \$8.09 per person to fight terrorism.

We all know the threat in North Dakota and Wyoming is not nearly as great as New York. What is Secretary Chertoff thinking? What are they thinking over there? Their policies and their thoughts need to change.

CONGRATULATING UPSON-LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THOMASTON, GEORGIA

(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 to congratulate Upson-Lee Middle School in Thomaston, Georgia, on being recognized as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform.

This award recognizes Upson-Lee's academic excellence, especially the school's commitment to challenging every student's mind. Upson-Lee was one of only 82 schools nationwide to receive this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Upson-Thomaston Superintendent Howard Hendley, Upson-Lee Principal Patsy Dean and all the Upson-Lee teachers, administrators and parents for the dedicated work on behalf of Georgia's children.

As a former school board chairman, I know the importance of a good middle school education. Our children learn more when they are inspired by the leadership of teachers and principals, and Upson-Lee is doing a great job inspiring the youth of Thomaston.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Upson-Lee Middle School on this exciting recognition.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 26, 2006.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 26, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1953.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5401.

That the Senate passed S. 633.

That the Senate passed S. 2784.

That the Senate passed S. 2856.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 435 note), and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years:

Admiral William O. Studeman, Great Falls, Virginia.

HOUSE LEADERSHIP DOING RIGHT THING ON IMMIGRATION

(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, we have all just returned from being in our districts talking with our constituents about the issues that are important to them.

One thing that I have heard over and over in my district, Mr. Speaker, is border security. This is an issue that my constituents and Americans care about. This is an issue where they want to see some action. It is the problem that most of them want to see us address, and they will not accept any sort of amnesty for those who have chosen to enter this country by breaking the law.

We need to secure the border. We need to get a hold on illegal entry into this country. That is the number one priority. And I thank the House leadership for doing the right thing on this issue. Chairman SENSENBRENNER has passed a good, solid bill that addresses the problem. The Senate has not. The American people know it.

We look forward to continuing this debate and encouraging all to join in securing the border as our first step toward controlling illegal entry into this great Nation.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the further consideration of H.R. 5441, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 836 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5441.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with Mr. MCHUGH (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, May 25, 2006, the amendment by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 62, line 17.

Pursuant to the order of the House of that day, no further amendments to the bill may be offered except those specified in the previous order of the House of that day, which is at the desk.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. CULBERSON:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to process applications or petitions for immigration benefits submitted to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services until October 1, 2007. This section shall not apply with respect to—

(1) processing applications or petitions submitted before October 1, 2006, for such benefits; and

(2) processing applications or petitions relating to visas under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)) (commonly referred to as H-1B non-immigrant visas).

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of May 25, 2006,

the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentleman reserves a point of order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Chairman, I bring this amendment to the House today to focus the attention of the House, of the White House, of the country on an urgent and very serious problem with the Citizen Immigration Service.

CIS is responsible for reviewing and approving any application for citizenship, for green cards, for visas, for I-90s for people entering the United States temporarily or permanently.

Yet this agency is so incompetent and so poorly run, all of us know, those of us representing border States, that the level of illegal immigration in the country is overwhelming. We have got people entering the country literally at will over our borders.

Based on my own investigation, what I have learned from visiting the border firsthand, it is possible for terrorists to enter the United States just walking over the border, or frankly they can come right through the front door at the Citizenship and Immigration Service offices, the CIS offices, because the agency is not running criminal background checks on people applying for visas or green cards or I-90s or citizenship.

The agency, when they do run background checks, the Inspector General reports, that among people who are applying to enter the United States temporarily, there is a 90 percent error rate in security checks being run on these folks. If you are entering as a refugee, there is a 64 percent error rate.

Now, this is on running criminal background checks on foreign nationals seeking to enter the United States, at a time when we are at war with terrorists who we know are seeking to enter the United States to hurt us. The terrorists who attacked us on September 11 were using dozens and dozens and dozens of fraudulent driver's licenses, phony IDs; they were, many of them, visa overstays.

This agency is so incompetent, so poorly run that in fact they even hired an Iraqi spy and swore him in as an officer of the United States to interview foreign nationals applying to enter the United States. This was reported first in the Washington Times on April 6.

After this was confirmed that this guy was an Iraqi spy, he flew to Baghdad and walked out of the Green Zone and disappeared. This is a huge national security problem, Mr. Chairman. And the problem is really systemic throughout CIS, because their focus is not on national security, but customer service.

This agency's sole primary motivation is on the convenience of the foreign national, to make sure that

Osama bin Laden's cousin out in the lobby is not hindered or slowed down in any way, that his application is stamped and approved as rapidly as possible.

Chairman ROGERS has done a superb job in doing everything that he can to bring the CIS, and ICE and Homeland Security, to heel. I know he is aware of the severity of this problem.

My amendment would stop the use of any funds for CIS to process immigration applications other than H1Bs for 1 year, so they can catch up and catch their breath. We know the backlog is so bad right now that they are simply overwhelmed, they are years behind. We know they are not running criminal background checks, and the criminal background checks they do run on these foreign nationals are just riddled with errors.

My amendment is intended to shut that process down for a year to allow them to catch up. The Homeland Security reauthorization is coming up this summer. I intend to pursue this very aggressively with Chairman KING. I bring this amendment to the attention of the House today and do intend to withdraw it.

I understand we need to work through the Homeland Security authorization bill on this, Mr. Chairman. But it is an extraordinarily serious and dangerous problem that the country needs to be aware of. There has even been information brought to my attention and to the chairman's attention that the foreign intelligence agencies have probably penetrated CIS at very high levels and are able to remotely print out visas, I-90s, passports, citizenships to fraudulent individuals remotely on command using laptop computers from anywhere in the world.

This agency I think poses a very serious threat to the national security of the United States. I intend to pursue it very aggressively with the reauthorization of the homeland security bill.

Mr. Chairman, I offer this amendment to the House today to focus the House's attention on it, bring it to the attention of the Nation. And I thank the chairman, Chairman ROGERS, on trying to clear up this agency and homeland security.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. MATSUI

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. MATSUI:

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to carry out the policy of the Department of Homeland Security