

year-long impasse over renewing the Higher Education Act.

Madam Speaker, calling for deep cuts in access to higher education while advocating a competitive workforce is a fundamentally incompatible strategy. Where Congress dropped the ball, colleges are taking the lead in providing tuition assistance to disadvantaged students through matching grants and need-based discounts. We should be encouraging more universities to follow suit, instead of discouraging colleges and aspiring students through misguided cutbacks.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to keep this in mind as we take up the budget resolution in the weeks ahead.

WINNING THE WAR AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE

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

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, last night, Congress voted to give our law enforcement officials a strong tool to fight the epidemic of methamphetamine abuse. I was proud to support this legislation because I have seen the havoc meth can wreak on our children, our families, and our communities.

The 11th District of Georgia, which I represent, has felt the full consequences of this growing epidemic. In fact, one of the largest methamphetamine busts recently took place in metropolitan Atlanta. We cannot ignore what has happened in the basements and tool sheds of suburban America, because methamphetamine abuse is threatening the health and safety of all of our citizens.

As a physician, I know the harm it causes the human body, and as a parent and a grandparent, I know the devastation it can bring to our children and to our families.

Congress has taken a bold step forward toward fighting and winning the war on methamphetamine abuse. When President Bush signs this legislation into law, we will have truly made a difference in the safety of our communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in praising this hugely important legislation.

BUSH BUDGET AND HEALTH CARE: NO SOLUTIONS, ONLY MORE PROBLEMS

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, the President's budget is bad policy and bad medicine for Americans. It fails to reduce the costs of health care and prescription drugs and it fails to reduce the number of uninsured Americans. It is simply unacceptable that the President continues to ignore these

pressing needs, but it is inexcusable that the President plans to make our health care problems even worse.

The President would inflict more pain on American seniors by slashing Medicare funding. His budget cuts \$36 billion from Medicare payments to hospitals and home health providers over the next 5 years, which would severely limit seniors' access to much-needed health care and would force some seniors to pay more in premiums for that health care.

The Bush budget also cuts vital funding for medical research, research needed to discover health care cures for the future. Although the National Institutes of Health is responsible for much of our country's medical advancements, the President proposes real cuts in that budget for the second year in a row.

This is not a blueprint for fixing America's health care system. Instead, it can destroy it. Congress should reject this blueprint.

INTRODUCING CONTRACT WITH AMERICA RENEWED

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, with record deficits and a national debt at nearly \$8 trillion, it is time to level with the American people: we are not living within our means here in Washington, D.C.

Today, House conservatives will unveil our budget proposal for 2007. We are calling it Contract With America Renewed. Contract With America Renewed is a balanced Federal budget based on the budget passed by the House of Representatives in 1995 and was part of the Contract With America.

Now, while not every Member of the Republican Study Committee endorses every proposal in this budget, House conservatives believe that this Republican Congress should return to our 1994 roots of fiscal discipline and reform.

By enacting the Contract With America Renewed, we will balance the Federal budget, cut wasteful government spending, end outdated programs, while we protect Social Security and the President's tax cuts and provide for the national defense. We will do all of this while we actually reform entitlements to meet those obligations for future generations.

The American people know that unbridled government spending threatens our future and our freedom. They long for leaders who tell it like it is and are honest about the choices we face. The men and women of the Republican Study Committee who will unveil the Contract With America Renewed today are such leaders and these are such choices.

PORT SECURITY: ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN COVERUP

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, the Bush-Dubai ports contract was a bad deal for national security when it involved six American seaports. Now it turns out the company would operate 22 U.S. ports far more than the President said were included in the deal.

My friends, America is not secure. The majority of the voters in my home district in Missouri are appalled. They don't understand why U.S. companies cannot operate all the ports.

Just yesterday, Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff said that handing over American ports to a Dubai company would give the U.S. a better handle on security at U.S. terminal operations. I don't know the Secretary personally, so I don't know whether or not he was serious. I do know this: American security should not be outsourced.

The only way to increase port security at our docks is to actually screen every single container that comes into the U.S. Democrats support fully funding port security to make sure that terrorists are not allowed to smuggle dangerous chemicals into our Nation. Only 6 percent of the cargo that is coming into the ports is screened. America can do better.

COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate International Women's Day. As cochair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, I am proud to be a part of a daylong shadow program working side by side with Iraqi women and members of the Transnational Assembly. In fact, my guest is here in the Chamber, Dr. Faiza Babakhan, who represents the National Assembly.

In just 11 days, we will mark the third anniversary of the United States' invasion of Iraq. While U.S. involvement in Iraq in the past 3 years has caused much controversy in our country, we can all agree that increasing Iraqi women's rights and political representation should be a priority.

Through the continued collaboration of American and Iraqi women in government, we can advance women's rights and women's issues around the world. But today we must also acknowledge the violence and human rights issues that affect women in places like Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and in Guatemala where murders of women have gone unpunished for many years.

On International Women's Day, we must remember that violence and injustice against women anywhere is violence and injustice against women everywhere.

TIME TO CHANGE DIRECTION OF THE BUDGET

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it has to be said, now that we are going to consider another budget, that this has been the most irresponsible fiscal management of the Federal budget that we have ever seen in our Nation's history.

When you consider the fact that of all the 42 Presidents that preceded this President, if you added all of the debt that was bought by foreign nations, none of it comes close to the amount of money that we have now borrowed from foreign nations; almost half of our debt. China, particularly in the last 5 years, has increased their debt holdings of American securities by 300 percent.

But beyond that, when you look at who have been the beneficiaries, you see that there has been smaller job creation in this administration than in any Presidential administration since the days of Herbert Hoover, who experienced, of course, the Great Depression.

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But beyond that, when you look at who have been the beneficiaries of this national indebtedness, you see that it is not the working class. There has been smaller job creation in this administration than in any Presidential administration since the days of Herbert Hoover, who presided, of course, over the Great Depression. The beneficiaries of this indebtedness has been the leisure class through tax cuts.

Madam Speaker, we need to change this budget around, and not in the direction that the President and the majority of this Congress wants.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a),

and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. KLINE, Minnesota

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

C.W. "BILL" JONES PUMPING PLANT

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2383) to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2383

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION OF FACILITY.

The facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, and known as the Tracy Pumping Plant, shall be known and designated as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2383, introduced by our colleague Mr. NUNES of California, honors the contributions made by Mr. C.W. "Bill" Jones to California water policy.

This bill renames the Bureau of Reclamation's pumping plant in Tracy, California, as the C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant. Mr. Jones was a legendary water leader in California for decades. He was appointed to the State water commission in 1968 by Governor Ronald Reagan, and served as director of the Firebaugh Canal Company for over 40 years, and as president of the Delta-Mendota Water Authority for over 20 years.

Throughout these years, Bill Jones was directly involved with the Central Valley Project, and I believe it is fitting that a major unit in this project be named in his honor.

After his passing in 2003, the California water community pursued this legislation with the blessing of the Jones family, to pay tribute to his longstanding work on California water issues.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, H.R. 2383 recognizes the service of the late C.W. "Bill" Jones to the California Water Commission and his 2 years of service as president of the Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

This legislation rightly renames the Bureau of Reclamation's Tracy Pumping Plant, which raises water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta into the Delta-Mendota Canal, after Mr. Jones.

We on this side of the aisle have no objection to the enactment of H.R. 2383.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, we yield back the balance of our time as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2383.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SAN DIEGO WATER STORAGE AND EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2005

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1190) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California