

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HILL).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. CLARKE) having assumed the chair, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) to require accountability for contractors and contract personnel under Federal contracts, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:

Mr. Joseph Cooper, Baltimore, Maryland

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CLARKE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL ROBERT LYNCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. YARMUTH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Robert Lynch who was taken from us far too soon when he and two other Marines were killed in Iraq by an IED. In Louisville, the hearts of his family and friends are full of grief as they mourn this tremendous loss, but we are also full of pride as we celebrate the life of an American hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Robbie's heroism began well before his service in the Marines. At a young age, he conquered Tourette syndrome and became a charismatic joker, an eloquent poet and a caring and empathetic young man.

At Seneca High School, he enrolled in the ROTC as a freshman, becoming an instant favorite among the faculty and his classmates alike. In fact, to many, it seemed Robbie was friends with everyone, classmates, teachers, administrators, clerks, everyone. And in Robbie, or Jax, as he nicknamed

himself, they had a friend who would send people into hysterics when times were light or cut through the tension with a joke that lightened the mood. In Iraq he used that sense of humor to keep up the spirits and morale of his fellow warriors.

But people were drawn to Robbie for more than his affability. Robbie was also the one you knew you could depend on, the one you would go to if you needed help, support or simply a friend. That sentiment was shared by the many at home who loved him and those who served with him in Okinawa in the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Robbie dreamed of going to Hollywood to sing. He wrote songs and poems that expressed, among other things, his passion for justice and freedom. Tragically, his devotion to service eclipsed his artistic aspirations, and that dream will not be realized. Still, his words remain with us, and I'd like to share just a few.

He wrote, "I don't plan on being a hero to the world. I just want to try to help make it a better one." Clearly, Robbie underestimated himself, for in just 20 short years on the planet we are better for having him here, and he is a hero to us all.

Today I'm introducing legislation to rename the Fairdale, Kentucky, Post Office the Lance Corporal Robert A. Lynch Memorial Post Office, so that it may stand as a testament to his heroics and strong character. For his selfless devotion to all of us in the United States, he deserves our recognition and thanks. For their sacrifice, his family deserves our support. We are poorer for the loss of him but we, as a community and a country, are better off for the short time we had him.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Lance Corporal Robert Lynch, a patriot, a poet, and a good man.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRALEY of Iowa). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

COMMUNIST CHINA AND CIFUS: "DROPPING THE SHARK"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, to resuscitate the 1970s sitcom "Happy Days," Arthur Fonzarelli was aquatically clad in a swimsuit, white T-shirt and leather jacket and filmed performing a harrowing water ski jump over a shark. Though The Fonz pulled it off, the network pulled the plug on "Happy Days." Subsequently, inane at-

tempts to prevent a show's cancellation by scripting an absurd season have been coined "jumping the shark."

But what should we call situations where the U.S. Government willfully suspends its disbelief Communist China is a strategic threat and, instead, appeases it? I suggest we call such instances "dropping the shark."

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States must review and block Bain Capital and Communist China's Huawei Technologies' deal with the 3Com Corporation. If approved, Communist China's Huawei Technologies stake in the 3Com Corporation will gravely compromise our free Republic's national security.

The 3Com Corporation is a world leader in intrusion prevention technologies designed to prevent secure computer networks from hacker infiltration, and our Department of Defense extensively utilizes them. These technologies were severely tested this June when Communist China hacked into our DOD's computer networks and caused a shutdown. Given this and other instances of Communist China's persistent cyberwarfare against us, approving this sale would be an abject abnegation of CIFUS's duty to protect America's vital defense technologies from enemy acquisition.

Few doubt the aims of Communist China's Huawei Technologies, which was set up in 1988 by a People's Liberation Army officer to build military communications networks. The pending deal with Huawei is deemed "really worrisome" by a former Pentagon cybersecurity expert, and as reported by Bill Gertz in today's Washington Times, a current Pentagon official confirmed, "Huawei is up to its eyeballs with the Chinese military"; while another official stated "we are proposing to sell the PLA a key to our front door. This is a very dangerous trend."

This is not the first time Communist China's Huawei Technologies has raised legitimate American concerns. In January 2006 Newsweek described Huawei Technologies as "a little too obsessed with acquiring advanced technology." Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee on September 19, 2002, Professor Gary Milhollin, Director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, testified as to the extent of the danger: "The history of Huawei shows how sensitive American exports can wind up threatening our own Armed Forces. So when we talk about export controls, we are not just talking about money. We are talking about body bags."

This is not hyperbole. At the start of this decade, Huawei violated U.N. sanctions and illegally provided a fiber-optic network to Iraq. This network linked the Iraqi military's air defense network. Moreover, the CIA-led Iraq Survey Group's final report concluded Huawei illicitly participated in providing transmission switches for Iraq's fiber-optic communications. In August

2001, this Chinese-made fiber-optic network was bombed because it was part of the Iraqi air defense missile sites firing at U.S. and allied aircraft which were enforcing a no-fly zone. And also, for the record, this company found time to help the Taliban too.

In other business practices, Huawei appears equally cavalier about the rule of law. In 2003, Cisco Systems formally charged Huawei Technologies with grievous intellectual property violations, including patent infringements. Again, this should be unsurprising, given the strong ties between Huawei Technologies, the Communist Chinese Government and its armed wing, the People's Liberation Army. Not coincidentally, in only two decades, Huawei has expanded to over 100 countries, amassed sales of over \$87 million, and significantly contributed to the PLA's arms buildup. Obviously, through this proposed acquisition the comrades at Huawei aim to contribute far more.

Mr. Speaker, this deal is not only unacceptable on its face to our free people's sensibilities, it endangers our military and our security. Therefore, if CIFUS approves this sale and its accompanying sensitive defense technologies to Huawei, it will place in Communist China's cyberhacking hands some of the most sensitive technologies employed for our high-tech defense, and it will be tantamount to CIFUS dropping the shark in our fish bowl and pulling the plug on America's happy days.

Therefore, I urge CIFUS to do its job and block this deal that threatens our liberty, our security and the bounds of sanity itself.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

FOUNDATION FOR A FIT NATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Foundation for a Fit Nation Act, legislation to establish the National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation which would fund the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Despite the undisputed benefits of physical activity, most Americans continue to lead alarmingly inactive lifestyles. Studies by the Center for Disease Control show that more than 50 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity to provide health benefits, and 24 percent are not active at all in their leisure time. According to the CDC, 61.5 percent of children between the ages of 9 and 13 do

not participate in any organized physical activity outside of school; however, the American Heart Association found that schools are cutting back on physical education, the best method to combat childhood obesity.

In the United States, obesity among both children and adults has become a problem of epidemic proportions. The number of Americans who are overweight and obese is staggering. The American Obesity Association reported 127 million overweight adults in the United States. The most disturbing statistics, however, revolve around the growing rates of obesity of American children. The Department of Health and Human Services predicts that 20 percent of American youth will be obese by the year 2010.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to ignore these statistics any longer. We owe it to ourselves and our Nation to support a healthy lifestyle for our constituents. We should be especially cognizant of the importance of instilling in our young people an appreciation of the value of maximizing physical fitness. The creation of the National Foundation on Physical Fitness serves as an important first step towards reaching these goals.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, a part of the Department of Health and Human Services, is an advisory committee created in 1982 to promote physical activity and fitness in the United States. Currently, the President's Council on Physical Fitness operates on a shoe-string budget, a mere \$2.1 million, a figure which is vastly incommensurate with the importance of the PCPF mission. The Council is among several departments within the Center for Disease Control which are eligible to receive private contributions, however it is currently not authorized to solicit contributions.

When the Foundation for a Fit Nation Act is passed, it would direct the President's Council on Physical Fitness to establish a nonprofit foundation designed to promote and encourage the solicitation of private contributions as an independent source of funding for the Council. This budget increase would allow the President's Council on Physical Fitness to expand its scope and activities with no cost to taxpayers. This bill would help further an important national goal, encouraging and fostering physical fitness and well-being through three specific measures:

First, establishing the nonprofit National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation to promote and improve physical fitness and sports programs in conjunction with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports;

second, allowing the Foundation to solicit, receive and administer private contributions for the President's Council;

and third, establishing a bipartisan nine-member board of directors to oversee the Foundation.

Physical activity is not only vitally important for our health, but serves as an enjoyable means for the development of commitment, perseverance and teamwork, all of which foster strong societies.

I urge my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation which would provide a private source of funding for an organization critical to the well-being of our constituents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, in large and small communities across our Nation, too many Americans find themselves placed in danger by the very people who are supposed to love them. It's estimated that 2 million acts of domestic violence take place each year in the United States. This is not just a problem for women; it's also a problem for children and a problem for men. We are doing no one any favors, least of all the abusers, by ignoring the problem.

I rise today to recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And while we make gains in raising the awareness about domestic violence and in providing assistance to the victims, the violence continues.

According to a recent survey in my home State of Kansas, one domestic violence act occurs every 28 minutes. One out of four women will be abused in their lifetime, and more than 3 million children will witness some form of violence at home each year.

Domestic violence brings fear, hopelessness and depression into the lives of every affected victim. One incident can create a cycle of despair that's difficult not only for the victim, but also for their families to overcome.

When a victim is abused, the abuse does not stay in the home, and, therefore, we cannot fight this battle only on one front. Domestic violence is often seen as a private issue. However, the suffering often follows victims at work and at school.

It is important that medical professionals, educators, law enforcement officers, and community leaders are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of domestic violence. Everyone, not just the victim but their children who suffer and the abusers themselves, will be better off if we can put a firm and rapid stop to every single case of domestic violence.