

innovate. For decades, our Nation's leadership in research has led to discoveries that have dramatically improved living standards around the world and given rise to new industries that have in turn created millions of new jobs.

Other countries are well aware of the significant economic benefits that flow from R&D activities, and many have created strong tax incentives designed to attract R&D investment around the world. In fact, 10,000 American companies will be able to take advantage of the permanency of the R&D tax credit. In my district alone, small and medium manufacturers, technology companies and leading research institutions will greatly benefit from this tax credit.

Let's not play politics with the lifeblood of our economy. Let's join together, both sides of the aisle, to extend the R&D tax credit.

SPENDING FOR CHIP VERSUS SPENDING IN IRAQ—THIS IS A QUESTION OF PRIORITIES

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

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, the American people agree with the Democratic Congress: It is time to begin responsibly redeploying our troops from Iraq and investing much-needed funds here at home. Instead of beginning to spend less money in Iraq, the President is once again asking Congress to do more; a lot more.

Just last week, President Bush increased his request for additional Iraq funding to a total of \$189 billion next year, bringing the total cost for the war so far to over \$800 billion. Yet, the President has never proposed any way to offset this massive spending; instead, sinking our Nation deeper into debt.

This Democratic Congress and the American public have a different set of priorities. We believe in being fiscally responsible and implemented a pay-as-you-go system to stop piling debt on the backs of our Nation's children. That is why our children's health legislation, which helps 10 million children receive the health care coverage they deserve, is fully paid for.

Madam Speaker, the President's fiscal priorities are irresponsible and misplaced. He should be reducing the amount we are spending in Iraq so that we can again invest in domestic priorities, like children's health care.

NEED FOR PERMANENT R&D TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, global competition is a fundamental reality of today's economy. America is doing well because we offer the highest quality products in the world. Only by staying

on the leading edge of technology and innovation will our competitive edge stay sharp. Our competitive advantage will diminish unless our companies have the ability to perform research and develop the technology improvements that keep America out front. That is why we need a permanent R&D tax credit.

One recent study found that R&D credit teases out nearly \$3 of additional R&D investment for every \$1 of taxes companies can deduct. In addition, it has been estimated that more than three-quarters of R&D tax credit dollars are used for the compensation of employees who work in U.S.-based research and development.

In my home State of Idaho, roughly 35,000 people are employed in the high-tech industry. The companies where they work depend on the best possible research and development. It is hard for firms to plan for future growth when a key tax credit is destined to expire at the end of the year.

Madam Speaker, it is time to make the R&D tax credit permanent.

SCHIP VERSUS SPENDING IN IRAQ

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

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, once again, we have a vivid, vivid example of this President's misplaced priorities. Earlier this month, the President vetoed the Children's Health Insurance Program, which would have extended private health insurance coverage to 10 million children in this country at a reasonable investment of \$35 billion over a 5-year period. It costs too much, the President said. We can't afford it. Yet, last week the President requested additional funding for this misadventure in Iraq to the tune of \$189 billion. We can't find money for children and health care in this country, but we can find, apparently, endless supplies of dollars to fund the war in Iraq.

Madam Speaker, this President on this issue and on many other issues is gravely out of touch with the American people.

MAKE PERMANENT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, in my home State of Michigan, we have hit some hard times, and recently things have become worse as Michigan's Governor and tax-hiking State legislators inflicted a massive tax increase on the people of Michigan.

While in Congress, I am going to do all I can to aid Michigan's comeback, providing incentives for manufacturers and their employees to innovate, grow and expand. For example, American

auto manufacturers spend \$20 billion a year on research and development, and such investment and innovation among American automakers should be encouraged.

One positive step Congress can immediately take to continue similar innovation is to make permanent the research and development tax credit. This legislation would keep high-tech, high-paying jobs in America by maintaining important incentives and enable American companies to grow, become more competitive globally, and ultimately result in additional high-paying American jobs.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2138, the research and development tax credit, and encourage further investment and growth in our great Nation.

DEMOCRATS MAKE CHANGES TO ADDRESS REPUBLICAN CONCERNS AND IT IS STILL NOT ENOUGH

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, the children's health insurance legislation passed by the House last month was a bipartisan bill that provided health care coverage to 10 million American children. Although it received overwhelming support from the American people, from 43 Governors, and a veto-proof majority in the Senate, the majority of House Republicans rejected it and said they had specific concerns.

To address their concerns, House Democrats met with Republicans and introduced a revised SCHIP bill last week. We clarified three key points. One, there wasn't any possibility of higher income families being eligible; two, it further clarified that immigrants without documents would not have access to the program; and, three, it phased out over 1 year the coverage of childless adults.

But, Madam Speaker, Republicans in this body just can't take yes for an answer. Even after addressing their concerns in this revised bill, many of our colleagues still insisted on standing with President Bush, instead of with working American families.

IN SUPPORT OF A PERMANENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a permanent research and development tax credit. We are the strongest Nation on Earth, in large part because of the innovation inspired through research and development. This has been a driving force through our history, leading us to discoveries which add convenience, comfort and productivity to our lives.

In Nebraska, now more than ever, our rural businesses grow when people are willing to face the uncertainty and risks which others find daunting. In our increasingly competitive global economy, it is essential we ensure there is a permanent, meaningful incentive for all businesses to invest in research and development.

We live in a world with limitless innovation, and I look forward to seeing what the future will bring from further research and development.

URGING PRESIDENT TO SIGN SCHIP LEGISLATION

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, just 2 weeks ago today, tens of thousands of residents from the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts supported my candidacy because they wanted to make sure that all our children have health insurance. Two days later, I began my service to the Fifth District by proudly voting to override President Bush's veto of a children's health care bill that had overwhelming bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, the veto was upheld, but the fact remains that millions of children that need health care don't have it.

Last Thursday, I again voted to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program, a program that was first developed in Massachusetts and is now critical to the newly enacted Massachusetts health insurance plan. Every concern raised by the President has been clearly addressed in this bill, but he still threatens to veto it.

I will stand with the strong bipartisan majority, ready to overturn this veto and give 200,000 children in Massachusetts and millions more across the country a chance at a healthy, safe future. I urge the President to sign the bill.

MOTHER OF ALL TAX HIKES—BAD FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY AND WORSE FOR AMERICAN TAXPAYERS

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

Mr. BOUSTANY. Last week, Speaker PELOSI embraced the Democrats' \$1.3 billion tax scheme. The ink is barely dry, but she is already distancing herself from the mother of all tax hikes.

As reported in today's Hill newspaper, the Speaker's office has changed the transcript of her press comments to reflect that she supports Chairman RANGEL's "plan to begin tax reform," not his actual "tax plan."

Maybe the Speaker has caught on to what many Americans have discovered in the fine print. Maybe she figured out that the bill raises taxes on every U.S. taxpayer. Or it could be the part about resurrecting the death tax and penal-

izing small businesses and family farms that is causing her concern. Then again, it might be that she simply agrees that our Tax Code shouldn't punish a man and woman for getting married.

Madam Speaker, you can change the transcript, but you can't change the facts. The Pelosi-Rangel mother of all tax hikes is bad for the U.S. economy and worse for the American taxpayer.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE IS RED SOX NATION

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

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Red Sox Nation. In this House, we often disagree on many issues of national importance, but today we are all part of Red Sox Nation. After trailing Cleveland 3-1 in the American League Championship Series, the Red Sox won seven straight games and won their second World Series crown in 4 years.

In my home State of New Hampshire, we are made up of diehard Red Sox fans, and we are a proud part of Red Sox Nation. There is no such thing as a fair-weather Red Sox fan. Granite Staters went four generations without being able to celebrate a Red Sox championship, and that is why it has been a great week and great year to be a Red Sox fan.

I also want to congratulate Mike Lowell on being named the MVP of the series. Now we can all finally get some sleep. Go Sox.

IN MEMORY OF THE STUDENTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES

(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. Madam Speaker, this past weekend the University of South Carolina and Clemson University suffered a tragic loss when seven of their fellow students died in a house fire.

As a USC Law School graduate and parent of a current Clemson student, I know the sadness and grief so many must be feeling at this time, and our hearts and prayers go out to these two great communities. I know that the strength and companionship shared by the students, faculty, family and friends, led by President Andrew Sorenson of USC and President Jim Barker of Clemson, will help them through this difficult time.

I wish to express the deepest condolences on behalf of the House of Representatives, my family, and the people of South Carolina to the families and friends of those students who lost their lives. I especially grieve because my mother was a member of Delta Delta

Delta sorority at USC and my father was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at USC.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF LIVES LOST

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to memorialize the lives of Justin Anderson, Travis Cale, Lauren Mahon, Cassidy Pendley, William Rhea, Allison Walden, all students of the University of South Carolina which I proudly represent here in this body, and Emily Yelton, a student of Clemson University.

Madam Speaker, when young men and women go off to pursue education, their families hope for them a bright future and a long life. All seven of these young men and women lost their lives in a fire this weekend, and I join with those that I represent at the University of South Carolina in offering condolences to these families. I also say to the families of Clemson University, our hearts go out to all of them.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and this body join me in a moment of silence in memory of these young people.

FUND OUR VETERANS

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

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, this is day 30. That is 30 days so far our veterans have not had the use of the increased funding for their benefits and health care. That is \$18.5 million a day not able to be used. And why? Because the Democratic leadership has decided to not complete this bill and send it to the President who has agreed to sign it.

In June, this House passed this appropriation bill with a \$6 billion increase in a bipartisan manner. We were proud of our work and grateful to our veterans. On September 6, the Senate completed their bill. This work is done. Our veterans are not pawns in a political game. They are heroes.

America expects us to get the job done. America expects us to provide the best care to our veterans. Please join me in calling upon the Democratic leadership to put our veterans first and send this bill to the President now.

PRESIDENT DEMANDS BLANK CHECKS FOR IRAQ

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