

just the \$225 a month in hazardous duty pay, the payroll tax exemption and the flights home to see their families. We will all pay for this with the loss of morale.

Kosovo suffers from ethnic unrest. The country has unexploded ordnance and American soldiers work to defuse these daily. Mr. Speaker, Kosovo is still a dangerous place. It's revealing that the State Department's assessment is different than the Department of Defense. Foreign service officers receive hazardous duty pay.

Ensuring that this mission remains classified as a combat mission is more than about \$225 a month to soldiers. It's about doing right for those who risk their lives in defense of this Nation.

“WHO GETS THE WORKER?”

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, while the flow of illegals continues to storm across our southern border, much to the joy of those who want cheap plantation labor, Mexico now wants to keep some of its workers home. President Calderon wants the United States to invest in Mexico and use Mexican workers.

Well, what does that really mean? Does that mean more U.S. foreign aid? Or have U.S. companies expand to Mexico and use those Mexican workers? Either way, Calderon expects the United States to solve his problem. Mexico alone cannot or will not take care of its economic problems, thus making their problem our problem.

Currently, Mexico exports its people to the United States to work and then have them send money back to Mexico. Mr. Speaker, if the United States invests in Mexico and more Mexican workers stay home, is there going to be a cross-border conflict over who gets the worker?

It would be ironic indeed to see the pro-amnesty cheap labor crowd in the United States encouraging illegal entry while the Mexican Government tells workers to stay home and take new jobs provided by U.S. investment.

And that's just the way it is.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS PLAYING POLITICS WITH U.S. ATTORNEYS OFFICE

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

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, every day the Bush White House is losing more credibility with the American people and with the Congress. Late last year the Justice Department fired eight U.S. Attorneys for purely political reasons. Last week, Attorney General Gonzales came to Capitol Hill and swore that the terminations had nothing to do with politics. But then 2 days ago we learned that these decisions were not made exclusively by the Jus-

tice Department. The political purge reached the highest levels at the White House and was actually prompted by President Bush. So much for no political involvement from the White House.

Mr. Speaker, this information would have never come out if the new Democratic Congress did not take its oversight responsibility seriously. U.S. Attorneys should be free of political pressure and that is simply not the case with the Bush White House.

We will continue to demand answers from an administration that is not too interested in working with Congress. It would be nice if they would finally learn their lesson and realize that it is time to level with both the Congress and the American people.

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GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION TO AMERICA'S HEROES

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address Walter Reed and this government's obligation to America's heroes.

On Monday, I toured Walter Reed. My first impression is that one visit is not enough. I will make several more trips to the facility to speak with patients and staff about what they need and how we can best address this unacceptable situation.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's finest deserve the finest medical care, plain and simple. This Friday, I will continue my tour of local VA facilities when I visit the James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa. This is one of the largest VA facilities in the country, and serves many veterans in my district.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a Democrat or Republican problem, this is America's problem and it requires a bipartisan solution. I urge my colleagues to work together to quickly address and resolve this situation.

God bless our troops and veterans. They truly are America's heroes.

WHITE HOUSE PLAYING POLITICS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, after weeks of denial from both the White House and the Department of Justice that politics played no part in the firing of eight U.S. Attorneys, the Attorney General finally admitted yesterday that there is more to the story.

It was an embarrassing and disturbing set of e-mails between the White House's political operatives and Gonzales's chief of staff that clearly revealed that there were political concerns involved in the political purge, or firing. The chief of staff resigned after

e-mails were released to the New York Times and the Washington Post, but questions still remain unanswered.

What about those at the top? Is it plausible that the Attorney General was unaware of the actions of his own chief of staff? When is the President going to hold members of his Cabinet accountable for misdeeds and mistakes?

The Attorney General's office is supposed to be above politics. An independent judiciary is one of the hallmarks of this great democracy which we, as Americans, promote around the world. There is simply no place for politics at the Justice Department. But sadly, it appears that the Justice Department has become a pawn of the Republican Party.

CONGRATULATING CHANDLER AND HIGHLAND CHOIRS

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two outstanding high school choirs from my district, the Chandler High School Chorale and the Highland High School Concert Choir. These groups were selected by competitive audition out of dozens of high schools across the country to perform on March 19, 2007, at New York's famed Carnegie Hall.

The Chandler High School Chorale from Chandler, Arizona, has already distinguished itself as one of the top high school choirs in the Nation. Led by Dean Anderson, the chorale has performed across the country and around the world over the past two decades. This is the choir's second performance in the Carnegie Hall National High School Choral Festival, a singular achievement in the festival's history.

The Highland High School Concert Choir of Gilbert, Arizona, has also secured a spot in the festival. Led by Rita Scholz, the concert choir has performed in the Arizona ACDA conference, the Arizona Music Educators Association Conference, and the 1998 MENC National Convention. The Highland High School choral music program consists of 170 students in five performing ensembles, presenting four concerts on campus per year, as well as other performances around the country.

I am honored to have two of the four schools in the Nation chosen from my district.

HALLIBURTON SLAPS TAXPAYERS IN FACE

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Halliburton has decided to move its headquarters to Dubai. This is a company that has received over \$25 billion worth

of contracts in Iraq, and this is the kind of thanks the U.S. taxpayers get. In fact, this is a real slap in the face of the U.S. taxpayers.

The ABC National News reported Sunday night that Halliburton has been charged by government inspectors of overcharging our government and overcharging our taxpayers to the tune of \$2.7 billion. No company that commits those types of overcharges should ever get a Federal contract again. In fact, in my opinion, the U.S. Government should not give a contract to any company that cannot certify that over half of its employees are U.S. citizens.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARDOZA). Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 24, 110th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Democracy Assistance Commission:

Mr. PRICE, North Carolina, Chairman
Mrs. CAPPS, California
Mr. HOLT, New Jersey
Mr. SCHIFF, California
Ms. SCHWARTZ, Pennsylvania
Mr. PAYNE, New Jersey
Mr. POMEROY, North Dakota
Mr. FARR, California
Mr. SALAZAR, Colorado
Mr. ELLISON, Minnesota
Ms. HIRONO, Hawaii

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. JOHN BOEHNER, REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2007

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, H-232, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 24, 110th Congress, I am pleased to appoint the following as Members of the House Democracy Assistance Commission. All Members have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill their requests.

The Honorable David Dreier of California, The Honorable John Boozman of Arizona, The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska, The Honorable Joe Wilson of South Carolina, The Honorable Judy Biggert of Illinois, The Honorable Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland, The Honorable Jerry Weller of Illinois, The Honorable Jeff Miller of Florida, and The Honorable Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair

announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission:

Mr. OBEY, Wisconsin
Ms. KAPTUR, Ohio

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. JOHN BOEHNER, REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 9, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, I am pleased to appoint the Honorable ZACH WAMP of Tennessee to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. Mr. WAMP expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Republican Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of 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.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY DONATION REFORM ACT OF 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1254) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1254

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2007".

SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2112 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h)(1) Any Presidential library fundraising organization shall submit on a quarterly basis, in accordance with paragraph (2), information with respect to every contributor who gave the organization a contribution or contributions (whether monetary or in-kind) totaling \$200 or more for the quarterly period.

"(2) For purposes of paragraph (1)—

"(A) the entities to which information shall be submitted under that paragraph are the Administration, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

"(B) the dates by which information shall be submitted under that paragraph are April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15 of each year and of the following year (for the fourth quarterly filing);

"(C) the requirement to submit information under that paragraph shall continue until the later of the following occurs:

"(i) The Archivist has accepted, taken title to, or entered into an agreement to use any land or facility for the archival depository.

"(ii) The President whose archives are contained in the depository no longer holds the Office of President and a period of four years has expired (beginning on the date the President left the Office).

"(3) In this subsection:

"(A) The term 'Presidential library fundraising organization' means an organization that is established for the purpose of raising funds for creating, maintaining, expanding, or conducting activities at—

"(i) a Presidential archival depository; or

"(ii) any facilities relating to a Presidential archival depository.

"(B) The term 'information' means the following:

"(i) The amount or value of each contribution made by a contributor referred to in paragraph (1) in the quarter covered by the submission.

"(ii) The source of each such contribution, and the address of the entity or individual that is the source of the contribution.

"(iii) If the source of such a contribution is an individual, the occupation of the individual.

"(iv) The date of each such contribution.

"(4) The Archivist shall make available to the public through the Internet (or a successor technology readily available to the public) as soon as is practicable after each quarterly filing any information that is submitted under paragraph (1). The information shall be made available without a fee or other access charge, in a searchable, sortable, and downloadable database.

"(5)(A) It shall be unlawful for any person who makes a contribution described in paragraph (1) to knowingly and willfully submit false material information or omit material information with respect to the contribution to an organization described in such paragraph.

"(B) The penalties described in section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, shall apply with respect to a violation of subparagraph (A) in the same manner as a violation described in such section.

"(6)(A) It shall be unlawful for any Presidential library fundraising organization to knowingly and willfully submit false material information or omit material information under paragraph (1).

"(B) The penalties described in section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, shall apply with respect to a violation of subparagraph (A) in the same manner as a violation described in such section.

"(7)(A) It shall be unlawful for a person to knowingly and willfully—

"(i) make a contribution described in paragraph (1) in the name of another person;

"(ii) permit his or her name to be used to effect a contribution described in paragraph (1); or

"(iii) accept a contribution described in paragraph (1) that is made by one person in the name of another person.

"(B) The penalties set forth in section 309(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(d)) shall apply to a violation of subparagraph (A) in the same manner as if such violation were a violation of section 316(b)(3) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(3)).

"(8) The Archivist shall promulgate regulations for the purpose of carrying out this subsection."