

need for new revenue, and the Agriculture Committee itself recognizes the need for reform. They just want to do it in the next farm bill.

THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, being from Tennessee, the Volunteer State, I volunteered to visit the men and women in uniform in Iraq this past weekend. I wasn't disappointed. Our troops are well trained, well motivated, and successful.

During my visit to Iraq, I visited Ramadi, which until just a few months ago was a killing field overrun by al Qaeda. For the past 4 years, the people of Ramadi were caught in a decision-making battle of which group, us or the extremists, offered them the best chance for a normal and free existence.

The insurgent extremists chose to win the local people over with the use of force, force against our American troops and against any local who did not support their radical agenda. Our troops, on the other hand, have reached out with friendship and support.

The local people, seeing the difference, have chosen to have their lives return to normal and live in freedom. Ramadi has gone from a city of death and destruction to one of rebuilding and hope. I was able to see it firsthand.

The cost to the American family is just too great to allow any other outcome than success in the global war on terror. We must win this war to protect our American way of life, now and into the future.

A QUOTE FROM DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, a man from Kansas said, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, and the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron." Dwight David Eisenhower, April 16, 1953.

I ask that the rest of my time be in silence for those who have died in Iraq, Americans and Iraqis.

AL QAEDA IN IRAQ

(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. Mr. Speaker, some Members of Congress are proposing legislation that would attempt to develop a new military strategy for our troops in Iraq. This meddling by politicians ties the hands of our capable military. We should trust in the leadership of GEN David Petraeus and not second-guess his efforts to protect American families.

Senator JOE LIEBERMAN, former Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, recently said, "The fanatics . . . who exhort the tens of thousands to shout 'Death to America' . . . don't distinguish between Republicans and Democrats . . . and we should have the common sense, let alone the sense of responsibility to our country, to come together to defend our Nation against those who want to destroy us."

Failing to secure Iraq will provide a fertile ground for terrorist safe havens, threatening America and our allies. Osama bin Laden and Zawahiri have both stated that Iraq is a central front in the global war on terror. We must stop the terrorists overseas and not face them again in the streets of America.

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

AL QAEDA

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

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week the National Intelligence Estimate report stated that al Qaeda is the most serious threat to the U.S. homeland.

On Tuesday President Bush flew to my home State of South Carolina to speak to troops in Charleston. In his speech he reminded the Nation of the threat that al Qaeda poses to our Nation and the stability of Iraq. The threat is real.

I would like to share with you a Fourth of July blog entry from Lieutenant Colonel Clarence Bowser, who is currently serving with the South Carolina National Guard in Kandahar, Afghanistan:

"I am so proud of my service here and to this Nation. I don't know the politics; I'll leave that to the politicians. But it is my prayer for their leadership and that we as a Nation do the right thing for this country and Iraq."

Mr. Speaker, my hope and my prayer is that we as politicians have the courage to do the same: win this fight.

THE FARM BILL: URGING SUPPORT FOR THE KIND-FLAKE AMENDMENT

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, there is a bipartisan instinct in Congress that has been evident for years.

We all want to reform our farm policies in the "next" farm bill. That is why the bill that is coming forward from the Agriculture Committee couldn't find any way to reform the crop insurance program. Luckily, it looks as though the Rules Committee will make in order a rule that will force that upon the committee, saving up to 40 cents on the dollar.

There are no meaningful limitations on extraordinarily wealthy farmers. They talk about reform, but the limitation raises only \$46 million a year from 3,175 farmers. And if the farmer can't get their adjusted gross income under \$1 million, they ought to get a new CPA.

I strongly urge my colleagues to just read some of the news accounts like this morning's Washington Post that talks about what is in this bill. And if you do, I think you will join with us in supporting the Kind-Flake amendment.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE STEARNS-BLACKBURN AMENDMENT

(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, I rise to address the concerns of many of our small businesses in the Seventh District of Tennessee. The ongoing debate over illegal immigration has brought many issues to light. While this issue is trudging its way through Congress, small businesses are stuck trying to figure out how to confront the problems of illegal immigration that are created at the local level.

For instance, these businesses should have the right to refuse to hire or fire a person who cannot speak English. An employer who signs the paycheck and pays payroll taxes, and their customers, should be able to communicate with an employee. But under current law that small businessman can be sued by the Federal Government for refusing to hire or in some cases firing a person who cannot communicate in English. As ridiculous as this sounds, it is true.

That is why today I will offer a commonsense amendment to the Commerce-Justice-State approps bill that will close the ridiculous loophole and offer some protection to the businesses that drive our economy and employ our citizens.

I urge all of my colleagues to join this effort to protect our mom-and-pop businesses, not because it is a hard line against illegal immigration, but because it is the right thing to do.

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LET'S NOT ALLOW GENOCIDE TO CONTINUE

(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. Mr. Speaker, the words "never again" ring hollow today. It was exactly 3 years ago that we declared that what was happening in Darfur was genocide, and yet we have basically stood on the sidelines for these last 3 years. Lots of words, but no meaningful action.

What we said was that we would deny the Government of Sudan access to oil revenues and extend American business sanctions on Sudan. But we haven't done either in any meaningful way. Hundreds of thousands of people, innocent people, killed; millions made homeless while we have sat on our hands.

Oil accounts for 70 percent of Sudan's total exports. And do you know that 70 percent of Sudan's oil profits fund their military? And China buys much of their oil.

In fact, China is Sudan's largest trading partner. We could have enormous leverage over China if we chose to use it, but we choose not to. So when the Chinese Premier goes over to Sudan, instead of telling him this is wrong, he offers to build more palaces for President Bashir. Let's get serious. Let's not allow genocide to continue in the 21st century.

NEW TEXAS SHERIFF IN TOWN

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, in Bastrop County, Texas, there is a new sheriff in town. Over a dozen candidates were interviewed, and at the end, the last man standing was a woman. Becoming the third female sheriff in Texas, Rosanna Abreo became the first female sheriff in county history.

Rosanna is anything but an ordinary candidate. She has 17 years of experience in Texas law enforcement. Throughout her law enforcement career, she served at the Lubbock Police Department in west Texas and the Texas Department of Public Safety, where she served as a State trooper, a special crimes investigator, and a member of the DPS SWAT team, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

This Texas lawwoman is educationally accomplished as well, achieving a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and now a law degree, having passed the bar exam last May. Criminals and outlaws should be aware of this new Texas sheriff that is the enforcer of the law in her county.

Today, I congratulate Sheriff Abreo on her sound dedication to public safety, making her a role model for all peace officers in our State. Texas is proud of its new Lone Star sheriff.

And that's just the way it is.

WE NEED TO WIN THE WAR ON DRUGS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, last night, this House had a proposal before it to prohibit the DEA from enforcing Federal laws on medical marijuana patients in the 12 States where the public has legalized medical marijuana. Unfortunately, it failed.

I voted for the proposal. Why did I vote for the proposal? Yes, I'm compassionate about people who have multiple sclerosis and AIDS and cancer who can benefit, Parkinson's disease and glaucoma who can benefit from medical marijuana. Yes, I voted for it because I believe in States' rights and I believe in Justice Brandeis and the laboratories of democracy and to see how things work in other States and be able to adjust and see how they should work in other States, but also because I believe the DEA shouldn't be busting medical marijuana houses and stores in Los Angeles. They should be working in my community to eliminate and eradicate methamphetamine, crack and other drugs that are ravaging my community and causing a crime problem in Memphis, Tennessee, and throughout this country.

The DEA has not been effective at controlling the war on drugs. We need to win it. I would like that to happen.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3026, THE MILITARY SPOUSES MEMORIAL ACT

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

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I come today to honor those who have sacrificed so much in the defense of the freedoms we Americans often take for granted.

We are all appreciative of the heroic sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. However, there was little recognition given to the military spouses who provide the backbone of our armed services.

Recently, I introduced H.R. 3026, the Military Spouses Memorial Act of 2007, which provides the authority to establish in our Nation's Capitol a memorial commemorating the selfless sacrifice of military spouses from 1776 to the present day. This memorial will honor the husbands and wives that tend to the home front and lend our servicemembers the support they need as they serve in the defense of freedom.

I encourage all my colleagues to lend their support to H.R. 3026 and ensure that the sacrifices of our military spouses are recognized.

WE MUST SAVE DARFUR

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago this week, Congress formally declared that genocide was taking place in Darfur, and Congressman DON PAYNE is owed a debt of gratitude for leading this effort.

While much has been done since then to push pressure on Khartoum, the genocide still rages. Our young people and the faith community have tirelessly reminded us of this.

I was in Darfur earlier this year for the third time, and let me tell you, it is getting worse. We passed a number of bills in Congress imposing sanctions urging our allies like China and the League of Arab States to get involved, but we must do more.

Today, with the help of our good friend and great leader, Chairman BARNEY FRANK, the Financial Services Committee Chair, we will take another step toward marking up my bill, H.R. 180, the Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act, which authorizes States to divest from Sudan and bans new Federal contracts with companies doing business with the genocidal regime in Khartoum. We must keep the pressure on President Bashir and insist on unfettered access for the United Nations and African Union, and we must save Darfur.

PRESIDENT BUSH, PARDON COMPEAN AND RAMOS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of border agents Ramos and Compean, and I believe we should know why U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton has thumbed his nose at a House panel and refuses to testify on why he protected a Mexican drug smuggler over our own border agents.

Johnny Sutton gave a confirmed drug runner free access to cross our border on condition he would not smuggle drugs again, but he has. Johnny Sutton found out the witness was running drugs, but still let him testify as an innocent victim. By allowing the drug runner to testify, Johnny Sutton let a known liar testify against our own border agents. Johnny Sutton must testify under oath why he did this.

In view of this new evidence, President Bush should pardon Compean and Ramos today. They did not get a fair trial, and the punishment did not fit the crime. This case is a travesty to our justice system. Fix it, Mr. President.

COMMEMORATING THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

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

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the third anniversary of the congressional declaration of genocide in Darfur. It's not a happy occasion; it's a sad one. And I hope we don't have to do this again next year or any time after that.