

report suspicious terrorist activities. Conservatives successfully fought the liberal leadership of this House to pass the John Doe protection legislation.

On August 1, after the House and Senate acted, the lawyer for the six Muslim clerics who were removed from a U.S. Airways flight last November amended their lawsuit to remove John Doe passengers from the lawsuit. What does that mean, Mr. Speaker? That means that the responsible Americans who report suspicious behavior and who will report suspicious behavior in the future no longer have the threat of a lawsuit hanging over their head.

This legislation is already making Americans safer. It means that we can tell Americans that if they see something, they should report it. Our Founding Fathers envisioned it thus. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Americans should know that Republicans in Congress are standing behind the vigilant citizens and saying, "I am John Doe."

DEMOCRATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Good Saturday morning. Here we are in the House, and I'm proud to be part of that great Democrat majority in the House of Representatives, and already this year we have passed major bipartisan legislation and won real victories on behalf of the American people.

For example, just last week, many American families received their first pay raise in a decade when the minimum wage increase passed earlier this year. Our Democratic majority also passed strong legislation last week to implement the 9/11 Commission's recommendations and make sure that America is protected from the threat of terrorism.

And this week, the House sent a sweeping lobby and ethics reform measure to the President. This landmark legislation provides the toughest ethics reform in a generation. It will go a long way towards returning this House to its rightful owners, the American people, not special interests.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats have worked very hard to make real progress on issues that are important to American families, and we're proud to be the Democratic majority.

RESTORE ORDER AND PROTECT TAXPAYERS

(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, two nights ago, I joined over 160 Republicans in protesting an unfair power play by the majority. Democrats chose to overturn a vote that would have stopped American taxpayer dollars from being given to illegal aliens.

Republicans tried to amend a funding bill so illegal aliens did not receive Federal money under the legislation. Democrats had already extended taxpayer health insurance to illegal aliens. Republicans want to put a stop to this practice which will limit services to American citizens and benefit illegals who break our laws.

I have had the honor of legislative service for 23 years in the State Senate and Congress, and I have never seen such an abuse of parliamentary rules. Republicans support strong border security and not new benefits for people who break the law.

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

LET THE PEOPLE'S VOICE BE HEARD IN THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, let the people's voice be heard in the people's House. That voice comes to us every day in letters and e-mails and phone calls from Americans all over this country.

In their stories, millions of Americans are telling us, millions of families with children are telling us that they're struggling to make ends meet every day. And that is why it is incomprehensible that in the richest Nation on Earth, in the year 2007, this President would even threaten to veto the Children's Health Insurance Program, which guarantees health care coverage for America's children.

Mr. Speaker, it only takes 1 minute to convey the hopes and dreams of the American people. They don't want the moon. They don't want the stars. They want a decent life, a healthy life, a life with dignity, and a future for their children. We're trying to make that happen here. We ask the President to do the same.

HONORING SERGEANT JACOB SCHMUECKER

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

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on July 21, Sergeant Jacob Schmuecker was killed in Balad, Iraq, when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle. Jacob leaves behind his wife and their children, 4-year-old Dillon, 3-year-old Kierstan, and 19-month-old Bryce, along with his parents, Rodney and Patricia, four brothers and three sisters.

Sergeant Jacob Schmuecker grew up in the Nebraska towns of Atkinson and Norfolk. He attended West Holt High School and Northeast Community College. He felt a calling to serve, and at the age of 21 enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard.

In September of 2006, Jacob's unit deployed to Iraq. Jacob, the recipient of

numerous decorations for outstanding service, was second in command.

In speaking with Jacob's mother, Patty, last week, she told me that in Jacob's last e-mail he prayed, if something had to happen, that it would happen to him and not one of his fellow soldiers. Perhaps God answered Jacob's prayer. In the infinite mystery of life and death, what is clear is a life worthily lived is marked by selflessness and sacrifice.

Sergeant Jacob Schmuecker gave the ultimate sacrifice out of duty and love of country, and America is forever indebted to him.

DEMOCRATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, the record of the Democratic Congress demonstrates that we are delivering positive change for the American people.

We began this week by enacting the toughest ethics reform in a generation. Lobbyists can no longer lavish Congress with gifts, pay for private jets or treat Members to fancy meals. Through honest leadership, we continue to move forward to address the real challenges facing America.

On Wednesday, we voted on the CHAMP Act, which strengthens the Child Health Insurance Program so that we can reach an additional 5 million children who are already eligible for that program. The CHAMP Act delivers real progress on health care, and its passage is vitally important.

Democrats also understand that a forward-looking progressive energy policy is essential to this country's future. To that end, we will vote today on an energy bill that moves us towards energy independence and fights global warming.

Mr. Speaker, during this week alone, the Democratic House will deliver on ethics reform, health care, and energy. We're moving forward on real solutions that will help the American people in their everyday lives.

DEMOCRATS' PATTERN OF ACTION

(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, you know, to the Americans who are watching what is taking place on this floor over the past couple of days, it probably seems like a story nightmare, what is up is down, what is down is up; 215 is assumed to be less than 213. There you go. And I do think that Thursday night's vote is still going to continue to be one of those actions of disgrace when we talk about the history of this House.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is a pattern of action that we see. They are for tax increases. They voted for the single largest tax increase in history, they did

that on March 29th, for personal earmarks, and then admitting that they're putting earmarks in legislation to buy votes. That is taking place. Oh, and hiding those earmarks in slush funds. We forgot about that one.

Record spending. Never in the history of the world has a legislative body spent as much money as this body is spending under Democrat control. \$193 billion in cuts to Medicare, inflicting that on our senior citizens, and yes, fixing that vote to give illegal immigrants benefits, shelter, food, paychecks, putting them before the American people.

We will continue to fight for freedom and stand for security.

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INTRANSIGENT CAUSES TRAGEDY

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, listeners should know that, unfortunately, truthfulness is not required on the floor of the House of Representatives under the rules.

It is not truthful that somehow we are extending benefits to illegal aliens. That is against the law of the United States. It is statute.

It is not truthful that we have enacted the largest tax increase in history. That is the attitude that brought about the bridge collapse in Minnesota. President Bush told us we couldn't have a penny more to invest in the infrastructure of this country, even though we knew the bridges were crumbling. The Democrats had a list of all the insufficient bridges in the country. But the President said, no, we can't afford it. Not a penny more.

Do you know what it would cost to catch up with our bridge problem over the next 20 years? We would have to invest a lot of money, an incredible amount of money. Two weeks in Iraq every year is what it would take to fix the bridge problem in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans are stonewalling us on a reasonable plan to get out of Iraq, and they are stonewalling us on more money to fix our infrastructure problems. People are dying in Iraq, and they are dying in America because of their intransigence.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

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

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, my mama always told me that your actions speak louder than your words. I am sure many of your mothers have told you that your actions will speak louder than your words.

Let me just read you some words. This comes from Speaker PELOSI. "Bills should generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows open, full and fair debate consisting of a full amendment process that grants the minority the right to offer as alternatives including a substitute." What? Whoa.

"We intend to have a Rules Committee that gives opposition voices and alternative proposals the ability to be heard and considered on the floor of the House." The majority leader STENY HOYER. What? Whoa.

"I want us to work together." Mrs. SLAUGHTER, Rules Committee chairwoman. What? Whoa.

"Members should have at least 24 hours to examine bill and conference report text prior to floor consideration." Speaker PELOSI. What? Whoa.

"Rules governing floor debate must be reported before 10 p.m. for a bill to be considered the following day." What? Whoa.

Mr. Speaker, we need to let our actions match our words.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3221, NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2776, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF 2007

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 615 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 615

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed two hours, with 15 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of each of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Small Business, and Oversight and Government Reform. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against

provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2776) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. (a) In the engrossment of H.R. 3221, the Clerk shall—

(1) add the text of H.R. 2776, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 3221;

(2) conform the title of H.R. 3221 to reflect the addition of the text of H.R. 2776 to the engrossment;

(3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and

(4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

(b) Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 2776 to the engrossment of H.R. 3221, H.R. 2776 shall be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Vermont is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. For the purpose of debate only, Mr. Speaker, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous materials into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont?