

MEDIA FAIRNESS INITIATIVE: NETWORKS ENGAGE IN LABELING BIAS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, sometimes the worst examples of unfair news coverage are what reporters choose not to say. For example, while the media often label Governor Sarah Palin “conservative,” they seldom call Senator BARACK OBAMA or Senator JOE BIDEN “liberal,” despite the fact that the National Journal ranks Senator OBAMA as the most liberal member of the Senate, and Senator BIDEN as the third most liberal member of the Senate.

A comparison of television network news programs immediately after each vice presidential selection shows that newscasters continually referred to Governor Sarah Palin as “conservative,” but did not one time, not a single time, label Senator JOE BIDEN as “liberal.”

The American people should encourage the media to apply the same rules to both Presidential tickets. Only then can we restore Americans’ faith in news reporting.

REPUBLICAN ENERGY POLICY

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

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, Republicans say they favor an all-of-the-above solution to our Nation’s energy crisis. Yet their record from the past 8 years tells us something different.

Republicans have consistently voted against critical solutions that should be a part of a comprehensive energy package. For instance, they voted against important tax provisions needed for renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. They voted against responsible drilling. They voted against efforts to protect consumers from speculators who manipulate our markets. They voted against measures to bring down oil prices. And lastly, they voted against American workers by not supporting green collar jobs.

These votes and others show the true Grand Oil Party whose primary goal is to protect the record profits of big oil companies. If my colleagues are really serious about supporting an all-of-the-above energy proposal, then they should join Democrats and support a sensible and comprehensive energy package.

RECOGNIZING MOSAIC

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

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize all the good people

at Mosaic who have come to Washington, D.C. to take part in the ANCOR 2008 Governmental Activities Seminar. Throughout this week, people from Mosaic, along with all of the attendees from ANCOR events, are meeting with their congressional offices to raise awareness about the need for an adequately paid, trained and dedicated workforce.

Low wages have been a prime obstacle in maintaining a qualified workforce. Unlike the other sectors of the private market, the formal long-term support system is almost entirely dependent upon public financing, particularly Medicaid funding.

Madam Speaker, there is no better way to recognize this workforce’s contribution to the Nation than to ensure that these folks who are dedicated direct support professionals are fairly compensated. I urge my colleagues to join with me and Lois Capps in cosponsoring the bipartisan Direct Support Professionals Fairness and Security Act, H.R. 1279.

HONORING SISTER EILEEN McNERNEY

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Eileen McNerney, executive director of Taller San Jose in Santa Ana, California on the occasion of her retirement at the end of this month.

Sister McNerney first arrived to the great city of Santa Ana in 1992, and she has made a significant contribution to bettering the lives of the Santa Ana youth through the workshop that she founded over 12 years ago, a workshop called Taller San Jose.

Students at Taller San Jose learn to leave behind the violence of gangs, the harm of drugs and alcohol and the trauma of becoming a teen parent by training for a career in construction, computers and yes, even medicine.

Taller San Jose, or Workshop San Jose, is a highly respected and recognized trade school within the city of Santa Ana, and it has received many domestic and international grants, awards and recognition.

Sister McNerney’s dedication to the youth of Santa Ana continues in her retirement, as she is encouraging Taller San Jose to find someone new, new leadership to infuse that leadership into that group.

She is an extraordinary example of community leadership. She is a friend, and I thank her for her years of service to our community.

COMMENDING FAYETTEVILLE’S FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR 160 YEARS OF SERVICE

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Fayetteville’s First Christian Church on its 160th anniversary. This great country was founded on religious principles and the ideals of our Founders and can be seen in the works and service that is carried out every day by this church.

First Christian welcomes people from all walks of life with open arms, and its commitment to not only teaching but showing the love of God is something that we can all be very proud of.

I honor First Christian Church and its members for the dedication and commitment of their faith and their strength in service to the kingdom of God. The church is truly doing the work of the Lord and is reaching out to help people in need. It is an integral part of the community, and its members have played an important role in shaping northwest Arkansas.

I’m grateful for the efforts of all church members who serve as stewards of Jesus Christ. It is through their commitment to God that the legacy of First Christian Church lives on.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, 7 years ago our Nation was struck. And as we reflect on that infamous day, as a representative of North Jersey, many of the victims came from our State. We responded with our firefighters and first responders who immediately went over to New York through the tunnel, by boat, to assist our brothers and sisters there.

I want to say a special word about one of my constituents, Wanda Green, who was a flight attendant on Flight 93 that left my district, my town of Newark, New Jersey and, as you know, was on its way to the Capitol and was brought down by heroic persons on board that plane.

Wanda Green was a flight attendant who switched with another attendant who asked her to take her flight because she had to do something, and Wanda said, all right.

I visited her two college-age children at that time, and we talked about how courageous she was and that they had to live on and move on in her spirit.

And so we are here to express and reflect on that day. To all the families who were impacted, you have our deep condolences.

ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY STRATEGY

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I’m pretty happy today. The rumors coming out of the majority bring hope that

we'll have an opening up of the Outer Continental Shelf, not just in this energy bill that should come to the floor next week, but also in stopping the prohibition on the continuing resolution. That will bring the opportunity of more supply of oil and gas to our country, a much-needed benefit.

I know we all focus on crude oil a lot, but an all-of-the-above energy strategy would also address coal. There's two provisions, Congressmen Boucher/Shimkus coal-to-liquid bill, which would help incentivize coal being turned into liquid fuel. That would help decrease our reliance on imported crude oil, make our country safer.

The Department of Defense wants long-term contracting so that we can incentivize coal-to-liquid refineries. That would also help. An all-of-the-above strategy would not forget coal.

OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, this is a day to remember those who died in the attacks on American soil 7 years ago. Since that day, this Nation's security has been the highest priority on both sides of the aisle. We may not all agree, we may not often agree, but we do love this country, and we want to do everything we can to ensure its security.

I stand today because this occasion is a necessary time to think about the ways we get our energy. Energy is a huge part of our national security. Having domestic energy sources will help secure this Nation.

It's safe to say that no one in this Chamber thinks that relying on foreign oil is a good long-term strategy for this Nation. It's not good for our economy, and it's not good for our security.

I also think both sides generally agree that using alternative sources of energy are essential to our Nation's future. What we seem to disagree on is a matter of logistics. How quickly can we develop reliable cars that use other forms of energy besides oil? How can we make solar and wind power more available to power individual homes? The truth of the matter is, such solutions are not immediately available.

In the meantime, Americans still need to drive to work. They still need to buy groceries. They still need to heat their homes. We need to respond to the reality of our situation. While we continue to develop alternative energies, we need to increase our supply of the energy this Nation relies on. We have the resources. We have the technology to get them in an environmentally friendly way. Let's help out the American people who are looking to us for solutions.

DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY BILL

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, almost 6 weeks ago this House adjourned for a 5-week paid vacation. A year and a half had passed, and the Democrat leadership remained, up to that moment, steadfast on one issue and one issue only—there would never be a vote on the House floor that gave the American people more access to American oil through domestic drilling.

House Republicans refused to go quietly. We held this floor for 5 weeks, demanding that, in the wake of this 21st-century energy crisis, Congress come together in a bipartisan way and develop a comprehensive energy bill that said yes to conservation, yes to alternative sources of energy, and yes to more domestic drilling. And now, although we don't have the language yet, there is word that there is a Democrat bill coming to the floor that includes more domestic drilling.

I rise to commend my Republican colleagues who fought for the right of the American people to debate, having access to their own resources, and I say to my colleagues, bring your bill to the floor. We'll bring our bill to the floor. Make it an open debate. Let us cast the votes, and let us lay forward a blueprint for energy independence in the 21st century as the bipartisan accomplishment of this Congress.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 29 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER) at 1 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1426

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.—Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION TO CONSIDER AS ADOPTED MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Tuesday, September 9, 2008: House Resolution 1207, H.R. 6169, and H.R. 6513.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, sundry motions to reconsider are laid on the table.

There was no objection.

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.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1420) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1420

Whereas on the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, DC;

Whereas the passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93 acted heroically to prevent the terrorist hijackers from taking additional American lives, by crashing the plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and sacrificing their own lives instead;

Whereas thousands of innocent men, women, and children were brutally murdered in the attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas 7 years later, the United States still mourns their loss and honors their memory;

Whereas by targeting symbols of American strength and prosperity, the attacks were intended to assail the principles and values of the American people, to intimidate the Nation and its allies, and to weaken the national resolve;

Whereas the United States remains steadfast in its determination to defeat, disrupt, and destroy terrorist organizations and