

help create 500,000 new jobs by year's end.

Mr. Speaker, this economic stimulus package is a good first start, but this Congress will take additional action to help American workers and help our economy recover. We will also develop a plan for additional assistance, which could include extension of unemployment benefits, food stamps, State and local assistance, and Medicaid.

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX PACKAGE

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, ExxonMobil recently announced that they have earned over \$40 billion in 2007, the highest profits ever for a U.S. company. Of course, we want our U.S. companies to succeed in the global marketplace, but hugely profitable oil companies certainly don't need taxpayer subsidies, especially as the price of oil continues to hover at \$100 a barrel.

I want to urge my colleagues, it was none other than President Bush who said that with oil at \$50 a barrel, he saw no need for the kind of subsidies put in the 2005 energy bill by the Republican Congress. My constituents are fed up that oil companies are reaping billions in profits while hardworking Americans are suffering from a slowing economy.

Now is the time to level the playing field by removing Big Oil tax breaks and advancing clean technologies that will create green collar jobs and help grow our economy, drive down high energy prices, reduce our dependence on dirty and dangerous fossil fuels, and curb global warming pollution.

If we are going to give American consumers more efficient and cheaper energy options, we need to expand the incentives to invest in renewable and alternative energy sources.

The House will soon take up legislation to repeal these giveaways and to put our tax dollars to work to create a new policy for the 21st century. This legislation will significantly move us toward the goal of energy independence.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### CONGRESS WORKS FAST TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, BUT MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE

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

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, the economic stimulus package that President Bush will sign into law today is a bipartisan victory for the American people. This broad-based stimulus package will provide tax relief of up to \$600 per

individual and \$1,200 per married couple, plus an additional \$300 per child. Recovery rebate checks could be sent out to 130 million Americans as early as May.

The stimulus package includes unprecedented tax relief for working families. The measure provides \$32 billion in tax relief for 35 million families who work but make too little to pay income taxes, families who otherwise would not have been included in the recovery package. This is a critically important provision in the stimulus package because economists say that the tax rebates that include low- and moderate-income families are 24 percent more effective as stimulus than rebates that leave these families out.

Mr. Speaker, it is our hope that this stimulus package will help jump-start our economy so more Americans can live the American Dream.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this Nation lost a great American this week. United States Congressman Tom Lantos passed at the age of 80. Last night on this floor, there was an hour of bipartisan agreement of what this man meant to this country and how much we've lost. There will be a memorial service tomorrow under the Capitol rotunda.

Tom Lantos was a Holocaust survivor who escaped from the Nazis twice and survived. He helped Jewish people survive the Holocaust through the good deeds of Raul Wallenberg, and he remembered that. He was a leader in this Congress and this Nation on human rights and civil rights, animal welfare rights, all living creatures.

Mr. Speaker, as a freshman Member of Congress, I was befriended by Tom Lantos, who told me to call him "Tom," which was difficult to do. He was such a giant of a man.

There are great opportunities to speak out on policy in this body and to serve in the greatest deliberative body in the world, but there are human stories, too.

In my opinion, there are two saints that are Members or have been Members during this term that I have served. One is Congressman Lantos, and one is Congressman LEWIS. They have overcome great adversity to go to great heights. I think this country owes a debt of gratitude to the Lantos family for his work. He will be sorely missed. I was fortunate to serve with him and to be able to call him a friend.

#### SHORT-TERM EXTENSION ON ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LEGISLATION

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

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, we are back on the floor today deliberating another short-term extension on electronic surveillance legislation, and I would understand a stopgap measure if we were at an impasse. But yesterday the other body passed a bipartisan permanent rewrite of this essential national security legislation. They did it with 68 votes. They did it overwhelmingly on what some here have called a contentious issue. Well, 21 Members of the majority here have written the Democratic leadership supporting the Senate's version. The President has said he will sign it.

Mr. Speaker, let's bring that bill to the floor and pass it today. If the current authority is allowed to lapse 3 days from now, most experts agree that the administration would have to go back to the original FISA statute for new warrants in cases where foreign-to-foreign communications are routed through the U.S. telecom infrastructure, causing us to miss important information on terrorists that are trying to attack Europe, trying to attack us here, trying to attack in the Middle East. That's a situation we cannot go back to.

#### ENDING SUBSIDIES FOR BIG OIL AND SUPPORTING RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, you've heard previous speakers this morning talk about the incredible profits of oil companies. The number is \$40 billion last year. That is the largest corporate profit in the history of this Nation. And meanwhile, as these profits are flowing and high energy prices continue to squeeze working-class Americans since President Bush took office, gas prices are up 109 percent, and home heating prices are up 222 percent. And over that same period of time, profits at the oil companies are up 313 percent.

Now, to add insult to injury, in addition to these profits, the oil companies are currently receiving tax subsidies from the taxpayers of America. House Democrats do not believe that's right.

In the coming weeks, we are going to consider legislation that will end those subsidies and transfer it to renewable energy sources. Renewable energy jobs and investment across America depend on Washington to act on this.

Mr. Speaker, by passing this energy bill, congressional Democrats will lower energy costs, improve national security by making us more energy independent, and end taxpayer finance subsidies to the oil companies.

#### RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND CHARACTER OF PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS

(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, 1 week ago today, a deadly series of storms rolled across the South bringing destruction and heartache to many of my constituents in Tennessee, and I rise today to recognize the people affected by these storms in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Kentucky, and to commend them for the character and determination that they displayed and to encourage my colleagues to support H. Res. 971 to recognize that courage and character.

In visiting the communities that were hurt by the storms, I drew true inspiration from the people that I met. In the midst of destruction on an unimaginable scale, shaken and grieving individuals were pulling together with the spirit of determination and cooperation. Neighbors are helping one another, churches and schools are functioning as headquarters for emergency aid, serving hot meals and giving out supplies. Emergency responders have proven their mettle, and local and State officials are focused on how they can best move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the spirit of the people in the community. Support H. Res. 971, and I wish each family well as they rebuild.

#### ON FISA, PRESIDENT AND REPUBLICANS PLAY POLITICS WITH NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, President Bush and congressional Republicans are playing politics with our national security.

After slowing down the process of withholding key documents in the Senate, President Bush and congressional Republicans are demanding the House take immediate action on a Senate FISA bill that just passed the Senate yesterday.

The Protect America Act is a law that was pushed by the President, and yet today he says that he will oppose any attempts by Congress to extend that law for 3 additional weeks.

The House has passed its own bill, the RESTORE Act, that will modernize FISA by giving the intelligence community the tools it needs to track terrorists while protecting the constitutional rights of innocent Americans.

If Congress does not extend the Protect America Act, the intelligence community will still have all the tools it needs to continue current surveillance and begin new surveillance on any terrorist threat.

Mr. Speaker, if the President was serious about our national security, he would stop playing politics over a very serious issue.

#### PEPFAR REAUTHORIZATION

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I don't need to tell you the HIV/AIDS pandemic has infected more than 60 million people worldwide, killed more than 25 million people, orphaned 14 million in its wake, and today, nearly 70 percent of the people in the world who are afflicted with HIV/AIDS reside in Africa.

In 2003, President Bush called on Congress to create a program to address the worldwide HIV/AIDS pandemic. The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR, was an extraordinary bipartisan achievement of compassion, and unfortunately, the majority in Congress has put forth a reauthorization drafted to this bill that will be considered tomorrow that puts at risk America's commitment to HIV/AIDS efforts.

The Democrat proposal will take a successful bipartisan achievement, do away with funding requirements for abstinence, and also mandate the integration of family planning services into PEPFAR, which would transform the program potentially into a mega funding pool for organizations with an abortion promotion agenda.

PEPFAR must not be hijacked in partisanship or domestic public policy issues. We owe the world a bipartisan remedy to meet the global AIDS pandemic that meets the crisis with American resources and values, and I urge my colleagues to work on this legislation in a bipartisan and compassionate manner.

#### WE MUST PASS THE SENATE VERSION OF THE FISA BILL

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

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we will be engaging today in an important debate, perhaps the most important debate certainly since I've been in the United States Congress, and that is how to protect the American people, how can we capture intelligence overseas to better protect the United States.

I bring to this debate a unique experience. I worked in the Justice Department under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act on FISA's national security wiretaps. This statute was never designed to prohibit us from capturing overseas intelligence from foreign targets. If Osama bin Laden is calling in to the United States, we, as Americans, have a right to know what he is saying.

This is, again, one of the most important debates, and the Senate passed yesterday a version of this which I urge the House to pass today, and also one that protects companies, patriotic companies, who help out the United States Government when the United States Government asks and gives the call to duty to help the United States in capturing this overseas intelligence.

The time to act is now, and extension in terms of intelligence is unacceptable. We cannot allow our intelligence to go dark in many parts of the world. We must pass the Senate version of the FISA bill.

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#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois). The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 3, nays 366, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 46]

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Alexander	Chabot	Gallegly
Allen	Chandler	Gerlach
Altmire	Clarke	Giffords
Andrews	Clay	Gillibrand
Arcuri	Cleaver	Gingrey
Baca	Clyburn	Gonzalez
Bachmann	Coble	Goodlatte
Bachus	Cohen	Gordon
Baldwin	Conaway	Granger
Barrett (SC)	Conyers	Graves
Barrow	Cooper	Green, Al
Bartlett (MD)	Costa	Green, Gene
Bean	Costello	Grijalva
Becerra	Courtney	Gutierrez
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Berman	Crenshaw	Hall (TX)
Berry	Crowley	Hare
Bilbray	Cuellar	Harman
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Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (NY)	Davis (IL)	Hayes
Bishop (UT)	Davis (KY)	Heller
Blackburn	Davis, David	Hensarling
Blumenauer	Davis, Lincoln	Hерger
Blunt	Deal (GA)	Herseth Sandlin
Boehner	DeGette	Hill
Bonner	Delahunt	Hinchey
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Boozman	Dent	Hobson
Boren	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hodes
Boswell	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hoekstra
Boucher	Dingell	Holden
Boustany	Doggett	Holt
Boyd (FL)	Donnelly	Hooley
Boyda (KS)	Drake	Hoyer
Brady (PA)	Dreier	Hulshof
Brady (TX)	Duncan	Hunter
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Brown (SC)	Ehlers	Inslee
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Brown-Waite,	Ellsworth	Issa
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Buchanan	Emerson	Jackson-Lee
Burgess	English (PA)	(TX)
Burton (IN)	Eshoo	Jefferson
Butterfield	Etheridge	Johnson (GA)
Buyer	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Calvert	Fallin	Johnson, Sam
Camp (MI)	Farr	Jones (NC)
Campbell (CA)	Fattah	Jones (OH)
Cannon	Feeney	Jordan
Cantor	Ferguson	Kagen
Capito	Filner	Kanjorski
Capps	Flake	Kaptur
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Carney	Fox	Kilpatrick