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#### WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT IN FREE FALL

(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. Mr. Speaker, workplace immigration enforcement is in a free fall. We will discuss this free fall and other ways illegal immigration adversely impacts jobs at a Republican forum today at 1:00 p.m. in 2237 Rayburn House Office Building.

Workforce enforcement has dropped across the board from 2008 to 2009. Administrative arrests fell 68 percent. Criminal arrests fell 60 percent. Criminal indictments fell 58 percent. Criminal convictions fell 63 percent.

It's hard to conceive of a worse time to cut worksite enforcement efforts by more than half. There are 16 million Americans out of work, and yet the administration has chosen to ignore the fact that there are nearly 8 million illegal immigrants in the workforce.

Those stolen jobs should be returned to out-of-work citizens and legal immigrants. The Obama administration should put citizens and legal immigrants first.

#### INDIRECT LAND USE CHANGE

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

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an important issue, indirect land use change, which affects many of my domestic ethanol producers. It assumes that biofuel production displaces other crops which are then grown in other parts of the world, leading to deforestation, and that American biofuel producers should be penalized for that indirect release of carbon due to the unrelated actions of foreign countries.

The facts are that deforestation, particularly in the Amazon, has decreased, while domestic biofuel production has doubled over the same period. The House included a provision in the Energy bill that prevents EPA from implementing this rule for 6 years while it is studied to see whether the theory is scientifically sound.

Meanwhile, EPA is slated to release a rule in December which would presumably include this theory. This provision could have harmful effects on our ethanol producers, and I urge EPA to refrain from implementing ILUC until proper science can support it.

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#### WHO KNOWS, MAN

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the unfolding scandal of phony or inflated job claims from the so-called stimulus bill should shock the conscience of the Nation and permanently stain the reputation of this Congress and this President.

But it gets even worse if we take them at their word. As of this morning, the administration claims that in my Fourth Congressional District of California, the brain trust at the Treasury has spent \$182 million to save or create all of 168 jobs. That is \$1.1 million per job. They claim to have saved or created 110,000 jobs in California. But 75,000 of those 110,000 jobs occur in a single ZIP code, 95814. What's 95814? That's the ZIP code that encompasses the State capitol building and the State bureaucracies.

Stimulating the economy? Mr. Speaker, all we're stimulating is government at the expense of the economy.

#### ILLEGAL LAUNCH AID SUBSIDY

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

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I'm concerned about the Air Force's approach to acquiring the next generation of air refueling tankers because the draft RFP the Air Force has published has ignored an important element in the competition. The U.S. Government in 2004 filed a complaint with the WTO that European governments had illegally subsidized EADS/Airbus in the development of commercial aircraft, allowing Airbus to steal market share and U.S. aerospace jobs. Now the WTO panel reviewing the matter has rendered an interim decision that these subsidies were improper and caused adverse effects to the interests of the United States.

Now the Airbus/Northrop Grumman team wants to use the A-330 platform, which received \$5.7 billion in direct launch aid subsidy, as the airframe for the Air Force's refueling tanker. In soliciting bidders for the tanker, we simply must insist that the Department of Defense/Air Force take into account the illegal launch subsidy, without which the A-330 might never have been built.

#### MEANINGFUL HEALTH CARE REFORMS

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. A recent report by the Obama administration confirmed that Speaker PELOSI's health care bill will cut seniors' Medicare benefits and, in particular, Medicare Advantage. The report from the non-partisan Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said that Speaker PELOSI's bill would slash Medicare and Medicare Advantage by more than \$500 billion. According to The Washington

Post, these massive cuts "would sharply reduce benefits from some senior citizens and could jeopardize access to care for millions of others."

My district in western New York has the greatest number of Medicare Advantage enrollees in New York State. Medicare Advantage provides seniors a comprehensive health care plan that they can afford, yet Speaker PELOSI's bill will all but destroy this program.

It's important that Congress enact meaningful reforms to our health care system to improve affordability and accessibility, but we should not financing these reforms on the backs of seniors.

#### EXTENDING FIRST-TIME HOME- BUYER TAX CREDIT TO MILI- TARY FAMILIES

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to speak today about a very important issue for our Nation's military families. On November 6, President Obama signed into law the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, which included an extension of the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit. This credit offers a special rule for servicemembers who have served on extended overseas duties since the end of 2008.

Those serving on extended duty outside the United States for at least 90 days between December 31, 2008, and May 1, 2010, qualify for an additional 1-year extension through May 1, 2011, of the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer credit. We should not penalize those serving our country overseas. I was proud to cosponsor and vote for this provision in the House of Representatives.

Extending this credit gives our servicemembers abroad the latitude necessary to take advantage of this important provision while readjusting to civilian life back here in the United States.

#### LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, we need an American air refueling tanker built by an American company with American workers. And we need it now more than ever. With unemployment at over 10.2, it's unbelievable that the Pentagon would consider outsourcing this key national security asset to the French. But not only is the Department of Defense considering this; they are bending over backwards to ensure that EADS, the French company, can compete.

The Department of Defense is turning a blind eye to the World Trade Organization's ruling that found EADS guilty—guilty of receiving billions of

dollars in illegal subsidies. This distorts the marketplace and gives EADS a clearly unfair advantage in the competition. The Department of Defense is also waiving five expensive regulations for the French company, but not for the American workers. This makes the American tanker more expensive and less competitive.

The Pentagon should develop a fair level playing field for the air refueling tanker competition, and this can only happen when these illegal subsidies are considered and all regulations are equally applied to both competitors.

#### WINNERS AND LOSERS

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

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the illegal subsidies that have been given to Airbus by the European governments. It's been widely reported that the World Trade Organization found the EU guilty of providing Airbus with billions of dollars in illegal and improper subsidies. These subsidies gave Airbus an unfair advantage for years, costing good-paying American jobs. At the same time we're fighting Europeans over their illegal subsidies, our Nation is considering buying \$35 billion worth of Airbus aerial refueling tankers.

Now who wins if we ignore these subsidies? European taxpayers will get a huge return on their illegal investment in subsidies for Airbus and European workers who are designing and building the Airbus airplanes.

Who loses? U.S. workers, who will lose their jobs, and I think our men and women in uniform, who might get an illegally subsidized tanker instead of the best tanker for their mission.

Airbus' history of subsidies should not be ignored in this tanker competition.

#### GITMO

(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. Well, the administration announced it would hold civilian trials in New York for the 9/11 mastermind and other terrorists. I suspect the administration hopes this move will hasten the closure of Guantanamo.

The administration's announcement is exasperating, irresponsible, and absurd. Terrorists just do not deserve the same right to trial as Americans. Moving terrorists to New York will give those who wish to harm us constitutional rights that they do not deserve. Also, it will expose our intelligence-gathering methods to the world.

For the safety of all Americans, the trial should be held in military courts in Guantanamo. The administration

should never put the rights of terrorists above the rights of Americans.

God bless America.

#### MORE OF THE SAME FROM DRUG MANUFACTURERS

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

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, amidst one of the worst recessions in our Nation's history, as Americans are tightening their budgets, our friendly drugmakers are flying high. While promising to support the health care overhaul by cutting \$8 billion per year from our Nation's prescription drug costs, they're busy raising the prices of brand-name drugs by 9 percent. That will add more than \$10 billion per year to prescription drug costs.

While the Consumer Price Index has fallen, the drugmakers are creating the highest annual rate of inflation for drug prices since 1992. It was only 3 years ago, in 2006, as the new Medicare part D program was going into effect, our prescription drugmakers raised their prices by four times the general inflation rate for the first quarter of that year.

America, we have foxes in our hen house. Drugmakers are up to the same old tricks again, gouging America's senior citizens while pretending to work cooperatively with us on the health reform effort. Their profit margins are their only concern. How could we have expected anything else?

#### GIVE AMERICA A FAIR SHAKE

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

Mr. REICHERT. I raise my voice loudly today on behalf of more than 22,000 Boeing workers in my district and all those thousands of workers across the State of Washington. The Department of Defense has pledged a fair and transparent process when it comes to awarding a new tanker contract for the Air Force. It must take a long, hard look at every angle when dealing with these decisions about the manufacturing of critical military equipment.

Billions of dollars of European "launch aid" subsidizes Airbus and gives them a grossly unfair competitive advantage in the global marketplace. This must not be ignored in awarding a tanker contract.

This is about fairness, it's about common sense, and has serious implications for our economy and our national security. Boeing workers produce the best planes in the world. They represent a long tradition of excellence and innovation. Let's give America a fair shake. Let's let the people of Boeing build this airplane.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2781, MOLALLA RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 908 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 908

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2781) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. 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 Natural Resources 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 in 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 chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 908.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 908 provides for consideration of H.R. 2781, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, under a closed rule.

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The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides for