

Every day there are thousands of heartbreaking stories of how families are torn apart due to the broken system. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that doesn't tear children from their parents and respects all families. We must remember that immigration reform is not just about statistics and numbers, it is about families.

I urge my colleagues, the House leadership and President Obama to make immigration a priority and to work with the CHC towards comprehensive immigration reform.

I wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

ETHANOL AND THE EPA

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, in 1994, the EPA enacted a regulation requiring additives derived from renewable sources for our Nation's fuel supplies. This policy caused problems as corn ethanol pushed up food prices and turned out to be far less beneficial for the environment than originally thought, with some studies even concluding ethanol may be worse for the environment than gasoline.

Now, over a decade later, the EPA has ruled that Congress tasked it with regulating greenhouse gases when it passed the Clean Air Act. Without action by Congress, regulations are soon to follow. This fact is being held over our heads by some who claim it is better to let Congress regulate emissions than unelected bureaucrats. This is a false choice. The act was never intended to regulate carbon, and we can pass legislation to make that clear.

Congress should stop unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from hurting our economy further through draconian emissions regulations without doing harm itself. There is a better way.

SUPPORT THE MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

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

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

My State of Ohio is one of the hardest hit States by foreclosures, so I know how important it is for us to pass this bill. Ohio is projected to lose 87,000 homes to foreclosure just this year. That means that more than 291,000 homes over the next 4 years will be lost. Ohio's economy will be affected by over \$10.7 billion.

H.R. 1728 will help Ohio and America begin to heal. This legislation has been a long time coming. The bill will provide much-needed relief to hard-

working families. It will stop bad subprime loans from being made in the first place by making sure that consumers get mortgages that they can repay. It will strengthen consumer protection against reckless and abusive lending practices.

I would like to thank Congressmen FRANK and KANJORSKI and also Congresswoman WATERS for their hard work and perseverance on this issue.

AMERICAN CONSERVATION AND CLEAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, our Nation needs an energy renaissance. We must develop a wide range of energy sources with a shared goal of reducing emissions and leaving our planet cleaner. We must have clean coal, efficient renewable energy, clean nuclear energy, and responsible use of fossil fuels.

It is time for an energy renaissance that uses American resources to create American jobs and stop spending hundreds of billions of dollars each year to OPEC. We know that building this bridge to America's clean energy future will require the largest commitment this Nation has ever seen. It is expensive, it is necessary, and it is time.

Over the past few months, I worked with my colleague, Representative ABERCROMBIE, and other Democrats and Republicans, with no members of leadership or special interests involved with us, but wrote a plan for American energy independence focusing on exploration, conservation and innovation to build this bridge to America's clean energy future. We introduced H.R. 2227, the American Conservation and Clean Energy Independence Act, which uses American resources to cut our dependence on foreign oil, clean up our air, land and water, dramatically improve energy efficiency and conservation, create millions of new jobs, fuel our economy, and do all this without raising taxes. I urge my colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this bill.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. I rise today to share good news from my district about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The recovery act that Congress passed just 2 months ago is creating jobs and making smart investments.

On Monday of this week, I stood with Fox Chase Cancer Center officials in my district to announce a grant that will fund critical cancer research. Last

month, the Federal Aviation Administration provided \$1 million to Philadelphia's Northeast Airport. And along with Senator CASEY and Mayor Michael Nutter, I announced \$13.5 million in funding to be used to better enable the Philadelphia Police Department to fight crime in the city.

Most recently, a newspaper in my district, The Northeast Times, acknowledged that the Recovery and Reinvestment Act made "a significant addition" by giving homeowners a \$1,500 tax credit for making energy efficient home improvements. As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, I worked to include this tax benefit.

It is good to know that enabling homeowners in my district to save energy and save money is happening today. These stories from my district show that the Democratic Recovery and Reinvestment Act is working. It is just the beginning of initiatives that we are taking with President Obama's leadership to put people back to work and invest in America's future.

FRANK BUCKLES AND THE DOUGHBOYS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we remember our military who served our Nation. And here is one of those. This is Frank Buckles, Jr. This was recently taken.

Frank Buckles just turned 108 years old. The reason I mention Frank Buckles is because he lied to get into the Army in World War I at 15. He served in Europe. In World War II, he spent 3 years in a prisoner-of-war camp in Japan. And, today, here he is, 108.

I mention him because he is the last doughboy of World War I. Of the 4.4 million that served, Frank Buckles is it.

We have monuments on our Mall for World War II, Korea and Vietnam. But, Madam Speaker, we have no monument for those that served in World War I. America never got around to it.

It is time America gets around to building a memorial for Frank Buckles and the 4.4 million that served, and the 116,000 that never came home from World War I.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE GADSDEN HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC

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

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of honoring the Gadsden High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

On April 18, 2009, the Gadsden JROTC competed against 32 other teams from across the great State of New Mexico at Pedro Vista High School in Farmington, New Mexico. The competition

consisted of the corps participating in air rifle, physical fitness and drill tests. Due to their discipline and commitment and dedication to their program, the Gadsden cadets bested their competition from across New Mexico for the second year in a row.

I am proud and honored today to stand on the floor of the United States House of Representatives and say something that those students certainly deserve to hear: you are again the pride of your State, and congratulations on a job well done.

SEEKING THE BLESSING AND PROTECTION OF ALMIGHTY GOD

(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, the Father of our Country, George Washington, said on the occasion of the 9th of July 1776: "The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary, but especially so in times of public distress and danger."

Today is the 58th celebration of our National Day of Prayer. It is the day that Americans from coast to coast will set aside time to pray for this Nation, our soldiers, public safety officials and public servants, from the President of the United States to the city council.

Since first called to prayer in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the Colonies to pray for wisdom forming the Nation, prayer has been at the center of our national life, including President Lincoln's famous proclamation for humility, fasting and prayer in 1863, through when in 1952 President Truman signed a joint resolution of Congress creating this day.

It is said in the Old Book that the effective and fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. What is true of man, I would say, is also true of nations.

During this National Day of Prayer, during these challenging times, let it be said again, we are a Nation of prayer.

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The 30TH ANNUAL BLUES MUSIC AWARDS

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, my hometown of Memphis is known for music, the home of rock and roll and the birthplace of the blues. Tonight the Blues Foundation will celebrate the 30th awarding of the Blues Foundation International Awards for the greatest blues performers. B.B. King will be there, and he'll give the first B.B. King International Entertainer of the Year Award. Other performers include Bonnie Raitt, Maria Muldaur, Taj Mahal and others. In the category for

Best Blues Performer of the Year, Bobby Rush is nominated, not our Bobby Rush but the Bobby Rush of blues fame also from Chicago.

Memphis is proud to have a great musical heritage and we will celebrate it and enjoy it tonight. I encourage everybody to enjoy the blues. In this economy, they are more relevant than ever, unfortunately, Madam Speaker.

ISRAEL THREATENED BY IRAN

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

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, as Congress commemorates the 61st anniversary of the independence of Israel, I rise to express my deep concern that the future of this nation is gravely threatened by Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

Iran's radical regime only desires the demise of Israel and longs for regional dominance. It is now on the cusp of acquiring the weapons needed to potentially achieve both.

Nations that value liberty and peace must stand strongly against Iran's dangerous behavior. The United States must confront this looming crisis with resolve and strength.

I have cosponsored the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, which would significantly undermine Iran's lucrative energy sector. Congress should pass this legislation and show our steadfast support for Israel.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1728, MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 406 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 406

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 further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1728) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes. No general debate shall be in order pursuant to this resolution. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee

amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. 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 to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. 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.

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 406.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

House Resolution 406 provides for consideration of H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, under a structured rule. The rule makes in order 14 amendments, which are listed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Five Republican amendments, eight Democratic amendments, and one bipartisan amendment have been made in order. Each amendment is debatable for 10 minutes, except the manager's amendment, which is debatable for 30 minutes. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to make a clarification regarding the description of one of the amendments that has been made in order under the rule, specifically amendment No. 2 by Chairman FRANK. The Rules Committee report inadvertently listed a description from an earlier version of this amendment. The amendment was later modified, but the change to the description was not updated. I want to emphasize that the actual amendment text which was made in order is correct.