

raises serious and troubling questions concerning the Lula administration's commitment to honoring its clearly defined international obligations.

Mr. Speaker, why has Brazilian President Lula's government so comprehensively failed to honor and respect international law, namely the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, which it freely, and without reservation, signed and ratified, to expeditiously return a kidnapped child to the left-behind parent in the country of habitual residence?

David Goldman's 9-year-old son, Sean, was abducted by his now-deceased mother almost 5 years ago. For 5 long years, David, his dad, has sought relief in the Brazilian courts. And with the aid of an extraordinarily talented legal team and a group of dedicated loved ones at home, friends and neighbors, David Goldman has left no stone unturned in trying to get his son back. Because of the Lula Government's complicity and/or incompetence, however, David Goldman has been frustrated at every turn.

Justice was delayed again, thus denied again, earlier today when a clear, unambiguous order to return Sean to his dad and to the United States was frustrated by yet another legal filing.

At its core, Mr. Speaker, it is utterly outrageous that Lins e Silva, a well-connected lawyer, who is not Sean's father, continues to hold Sean. By abducting a boy that is not his son, Lins e Silva commits what is among the most cruel, unethical and brazen acts of continuing illegality imaginable. Even Brazilian court-appointed psychiatrists have said that with each passing day, Sean is being harmed by his continued abduction.

This week, Mr. Speaker, all of us involved in the case were cautiously optimistic about a positive ruling by a Brazilian federal court judge ordering the abductor to turn Sean over at the U.S. Consulate in Rio De Janeiro at 2 p.m. today so that David could immediately bring his son back to the United States.

Sadly, it didn't happen. A new appeal, filed by individuals associated with the abducting party, has resulted in the Brazilian Supreme Court suspending the federal court's order to return Sean. This filing apparently seeks to nullify Brazil's obligations under the Hague Convention treaty on child abduction, a delaying and obstructionist tactic that will further harm Sean and continue the extreme agony of his father. We have been told that perhaps the supreme court will decide the case by next week. Yeah, we'll see.

I would note parenthetically that if a political party in Brazil, and they are the ones who brought the case, wants to challenge Brazil's accession to the Hague Convention, or any part of it, it should do so without taking Sean Goldman hostage.

Enough is enough, Mr. Speaker. It is long past time to bring Sean Goldman

home. The Brazilian Government must more fully understand that these reckless legal maneuverings which have no finality or compassion or justice and bring dishonor on the Brazilian Government. How long will President Lula allow this disgraceful charade to continue?

Let me be clear on this, Mr. Speaker. Our argument isn't with the Brazilian people, for whom I have deep affection and admiration, as do my colleagues in this Chamber. Many Brazilians have supported David Goldman's quest for justice against two wealthy and politically powerful families that brazenly abuse their connections and exercise grossly undue influence over certain parts of the Brazilian judiciary.

The Lula Government has failed to honor its commitments under international law. And because of that, a son has been deprived of his father, and a father has been deprived of his son.

That is unconscionable.

THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION OVERLORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, June 6, 2009 marks the 65th anniversary of D-day.

Sixty-five years ago, 150,000 Allied soldiers, many of them just teenagers, braved tumbling seas, inclement weather, waves of machinegun fire and millions of land mines to take a stretch of beach at a place called Normandy. The bravery and sacrifice of these young men began the Allied effort to liberate Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II. D-day signaled the beginning of the end for the brutal fascist regime bent on global domination, and the return of hope to millions across the world.

With the enormity and significance of D-day, it is often difficult for our minds to comprehend that such a historic undertaking was carried out by individual everyday Americans. However these individuals were not ordinary people. Rather, they possessed profound determination, courage and commitment to purpose and were led by extraordinary leaders with unrivaled character and unmatched vision.

No star shined brighter at this dangerous hour than one of our greatest Kansas sons, General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a boy from Abilene, Kansas, grew up to serve America as Supreme Commander of the Allied forces during World War II and later as our 34th President. During the most difficult days of World War II, General Eisenhower made the crucial and controversial decisions necessary for victory.

With the responsibility of Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious invasion in the history of the world, General Eisenhower was fully aware that

weather would play a critical factor in the success of D-day and the safety of hundreds of thousands of troops. Under the full weight of these consequences, he elected to delay the massive undertaking by one day due to weather concerns. Faced with only marginally better weather forecast the next day, June 6, 1944, he ordered the commencement of the operation and took sole responsibility for this critical decision, a choice that ultimately determined the outcome of the war.

General Eisenhower's words to his troops on D-day are inscribed at the national World War II Memorial. He is quoted, "You are about to embark on the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven for many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. I have full faith in your confidence, in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory."

No one understood the historical enormity of D-day more than General Eisenhower. His sense of responsibility was profound. Following the successful landing at Normandy, one of Eisenhower's aides discovered a note that Eisenhower had scribbled before the invasion. It read, "Our landings in the area have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold, and I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air, and the Navy did all that bravery and devotion could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt it is mine alone."

In these current times of great national challenges, we need leaders who possess the same sense of responsibility.

I'm honored to serve as a Commissioner on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. The Commission was established by Congress in 1999, and it is charged with creating a permanent national memorial to our World War II hero and 34th President. Following a rigorous selection process, the commission has selected a world-renowned architect, Frank Gehry, as the lead designer for the memorial. The National Eisenhower Memorial will reflect Ike's great legacy and his optimism for America's future. It will illustrate his love of democracy and country, and his faith in international cooperation and understanding. In fact, his memorial will be the first to reach out to international visitors in their own languages.

President Eisenhower represents the best of Kansas and the best of America. This weekend, as we pause to remember those veterans who selflessly gave their lives for the cause of freedom on a foreign French beach 65 years ago, my hope is that we will reflect upon the principled leadership, conviction and commitment shown by General Eisenhower, a man who never forgot that his first responsibility was to lead a coalition to the best of his ability to victory. Indeed, we currently face tough

and uncertain times ourselves, but in these difficult times, it is important to remember President Eisenhower's words: "America is exactly as strong as the initiative, courage, understanding and loyalty of our individual citizen."

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO CUT THE MISSILE DEFENSE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. FLEMING) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, on April 5 of this year, North Korea launched a missile capable of hitting nations friendly to us and even parts of the United States. The rocket broke apart during its second phase, but it was able to track halfway across the Pacific Ocean.

What was our response to the growing threat? We announced the missile defense budget would be cut by \$1.4 billion.

On May 25, 2009, North Korea successfully detonated a nuclear bomb at an underground test facility and launched at least six separate short-range ballistic missiles. And I understand that the bomb was about a 3- to 5-kiloton magnitude bomb.

Now there is news that North Korea may be preparing another long-range missile test. North Korea's nuclear weapons testing and production have been a major concern for years as they continue to make technological advances that could one day allow them to deliver a nuclear warhead anywhere in the U.S. This is not the time to cut our missile defense budget.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to invest in the ground-based sensors to track, intercept and destroy missiles during the mid-course of flight and ensure America is protected against attacks from those who pose the biggest threat to our safety and freedom.

History remains clear on this. Being unprepared or passive always invites aggression.

CONTROL CARBON AND CONTROL LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that opportunity and the opportunity of being here. As somebody who is old, I remember the good old days when we still had vinyl albums. If I wanted to buy a song, I had to buy the entire stupid record. Today, my kids tell me they have these neat things called "iPods" in which, if they want a song, all they have to do is download a song. They get to pick exactly what they want to.

I'm in one of those situations where I go in a supermarket and I realize I can stand in that aisle and I have lit-

erally hundreds of cereals from which to choose. Or if I want to watch a movie, Netflix has thousands of options for me to choose from. There are millions of songs I could download. There are even 34 types of Eggo waffles. Our entire life is run with options and choices by American people.

In fact, the only segment of our life in which the concept of options seems to have dissipated is with the government, because the government is still here to pick winners and losers and decide how I will or will not live my lifestyle. The government is still here to try to go back to those halcyon days of the Carter administration where the government told you where to put your thermostat, how fast to drive and on which days you could or could not get gasoline for your car. It is a lifestyle that happens to be there.

We are dealing with a situation which may be, in essence, one of the biggest lifestyle changers we have ever had in this world with cap-and-trade, because we are talking about carbon policy. As was written in 2007, controlling carbon is a bureaucrat's dream. If you can control carbon, you can control life.

One of the fears I have right now is that we are moving into an area in which, instead of giving Americans options on how to live and how to produce and how to go forward with their lives, we are starting to tell them how to live their lives, because the government is the one that is going to be picking winners and losers.

We are going to be talking about energy. We are going to be talking about cap-and-trade tonight, the implications of cap-and-trade and the tax policies of cap-and-trade, with the idea that what we should be trying to do, as a government, is giving people choices and options to let them choose how they live rather than having the government be the one to pick out who is going to win, who is going to lose and how we will proceed.

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I've been joined by several of my friends here tonight. I appreciate their service to this Nation as a Member of Congress. I'd like to turn some time over to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) who is on the floor right now, even though his committee is still meeting in a markup. But I'd like him to have the opportunity of taking as much time as he wishes to consume so he can get back to his other work, which is trying to keep the Science Committee on the right track in their particular markup.

Mr. BROWN.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. I thank my good friend, Mr. BISHOP from Utah, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in very strong opposition to the Waxman-Markey cap-and-tax boondoggle. That's what it is. It's a boondoggle. This energy tax is the largest tax increase in American history, an estimate of al-

most \$2 trillion tax increase. It will probably cost every family, it's estimated to cost every single family, rich, poor and in between, over \$3,100 for every family in additional energy costs and will drive millions of good-paying American jobs overseas.

In fact, I have several plants in my district in northeast Georgia that have told me that, if this onerous bill passes, they'll have to lock the door. And those manufacturing jobs will go overseas because they cannot afford to pay this high energy tax. It will devastate their business, and we'll lose jobs.

This is an outrageous tax on every family that drives a car, who buys American products, or even flips on their light switch when they come home. So that means you, it means every single family in this country is going to pay over \$3,100 per family for this increased energy tax.

Senior citizens, the poor, the unemployed will be hit hardest by this tax increase, as experts agree that they spend a greater proportion of what money that they have, their income, on energy consumption and on products that have high energy consumption and, thus, will have higher costs for those goods and services. In fact, it's going to raise the cost of every single product, every single service in this country, because of this outrageous energy tax.

This is a time when we should be promoting policies that stimulate our economy and not tear it down. Various studies suggest that as many as 7 million jobs will be lost. In fact, our President has held forth as a paradigm the country of Spain that put in an energy tax similar to this one and about the green jobs that were created there.

We just talked to a man who serves in their legislature in Spain, and for every single green job produced in Spain, they lost 2.2 additional jobs. So they had a net loss of 1.2 jobs for every job that was created.

It's not right. It's not in the best interest of our Nation. Make no mistake that the Democrats' airtight tax-and-cap will suffocate America's small business, and it will strangle America's respiratory system, the free enterprise system.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle will claim that that tax-and-cap will help clean up the environment. However, this doesn't seem like it's even about the environment or about global warming anymore. This has turned into a revenue generator, a revenue generator for NANCY PELOSI and HARRY REID, for their radical agenda that includes socialized medicine. And, in fact, the President said, if we don't pass this, that he's not going to have the funds to force this socialized medicine system that he's proposing down the throats of the American people. It's a socialized medicine system that's going to take your health decisions from you and your doctor and put it in the hands of Washington bureaucrats.