

passage of the hate crimes legislation; but frankly, we must say to those who we mourn, by putting forward a Holocaust Museum, many across the Nation and in my town of Houston, that we stand with them in solidarity.

To my good friend Peter Berkowitz and Fred Zeidman, who chairs the Holocaust Museum here in Washington, a Houstonian, you have my deepest sympathy, my respect, and I stand in solidarity with you.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE STATE CHAMPION NEEDVILLE BLUE JAYS GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Needville Blue Jays, who defeated the Celina Bobcats 3-1 at McCombs Field in Austin to win the Texas class 3A girls high school championship last week.

The Blue Jays played their hearts out and have made all Texas proud. Only 3 years ago, six members of the Needville team played in the 2006 Junior Softball World Series, where they finished third overall. This State championship victory was the result of exceptional teamwork and years of practice and dedication.

The Blue Jays' defense was superb in the finals. Celina had five hits, but Needville made no errors and kept the Bobcats' base runners in check.

I would also like to compliment the coach of the Blue Jays, C.J. Mazac. The best teams are always the result of exceptional coaching, and Coach Mazac has clearly inspired and motivated his players.

I would like to send a big congratulations to the graduating seniors, and I would also like to recognize all of the team members who made this victory possible. Great job to each of you.

The Blue Jays' final record for the season was an impressive 34-8. All residents of Needville and Fort Bend County, Texas, are extremely proud of our Blue Jays, and I extend my congratulations to these talented young athletes.

SOLVING THE CRISIS IN AMERICAN MEDICINE

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Forty-nine years ago, the 1960 October Harpers Magazine cover story was "The Crisis in American Medicine." Well, we are still in crisis, but change is in the air.

The facts are clear: High costs, more procedures, tests, and hospitalization is not better care; it is a symptom of poor care. Every major Nation spends less, and most have better outcomes than the United States.

Getting 50 million Americans health insurance and giving the rest of Ameri-

cans with insurance, stability, will cost more, but about half of this cost can be achieved by reforming the system, and having the government pay the balance will cost far less for business and people with insurance over the next 10 years than business as usual.

With a President who gets it, a Congress listening to what the people want and a public plan to keep the system honest, it means that there won't be a cover story 50 years from now about American medicine still in crisis.

A LACK OF BIPARTISANSHIP IN HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, an overhaul of our Nation's health care system is under way, and I am glad that people in my district are engaged in this critical issue. Unfortunately, the Democrats have shared very few details of the plan, except that there will be a public plan, which I have to tell you most people are frightened of.

While I realize that we are in the minority party, I still have nearly 1 million constituents to represent, including more Medicare beneficiaries than any other Member of Congress. My Republican colleagues and I have made numerous attempts to reach across the aisle to share our ideas on how to improve the health care system and make it more affordable. So we are drafting our own bill.

When President Obama invites Members of Congress to the White House to craft health care bills, he invites only Democrats. He has met with industry representatives but never with Republicans. Recently, the President sent a letter saying he expects a bureaucratic-run health system to be included in the final option, but again, he sent the letter only to Democrats. Hardly a gesture of bipartisanship.

THE NEED FOR PASSING HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, like Representative JACKSON-Lee before me, I was shocked at hearing of the shooting at the Holocaust Museum yesterday. Indeed, it is a place of special reverence and a place where you wouldn't think violence would occur, but deranged minds do deranged things, and the man who did the shooting had a history of hate towards African Americans and toward Jews and toward our government, it appears, even though he served in our Armed Forces.

It reminds me of the need for passing hate crimes legislation because hate today still exists in people's hearts, and when people hate any group, they generally hate all different minorities.

They don't understand the America of tolerance and inclusion that we celebrate and upon which we were founded.

It also reminds me of the need to have a COPS bill passed to have more protection, and the cops that were approved in the ARRA protect our society from these types of attacks.

Yesterday there was to be a play debuted at the Holocaust Museum by Janet Langhart Cohen, wife of former Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen, about an imaginary conversation between Emmett Till and Anne Frank. It will debut on Friday at George Washington University and talk about tolerance and peace and the results of hate.

SUPPORT AN ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY PLAN

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, for years my Republican colleagues and I have focused on implementing an all-of-the-above energy plan to cut the ties of foreign oil and create affordable American energy. However, the Democrat cap-and-tax plan will actually serve as a national energy tax, resulting in fewer jobs and more government control.

More than \$3,100 will be added to the annual energy costs of American families, a financial hardship that will greatly impact the poor, who spend a large part of their income on energy. These taxes will directly impact farmers in South Carolina as everyday costs of fuel and fertilizer become too expensive for them to afford.

Additionally, our State's clean-energy production will be excessively taxed, forcing companies to move to countries with less stringent standards, resulting in little progress towards protecting our environment. The relocation of these businesses could result in the loss of up to 7 million jobs, increasing unemployment and placing further economic strains on the American families, all for a policy that won't even achieve its initial goal of reducing carbon emissions.

Americans are sick of this energy roller coaster. I encourage my colleagues to support an all-of-the-above energy plan that will not tax us to death.

COMMENDING HODGDON YACHTS OF EAST BOOTHBAY, MAINE

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, I want to talk to you this morning about Hodgdon Yachts of East Boothbay, Maine. Hodgdon Brothers opened for business in 1816 and is the oldest continually operated shipyard in the United States. Tim Hodgdon is a fifth-generation boat builder, continuing a long and proud tradition.

Hodgdon has taken Maine's tradition of world-class craftsmanship and combined it with new technology and advances in composites to build their business and create good paying, sustainable jobs in our State.

For example, in the small town of Richmond, Maine, Hodgdon has created a facility to build boat interiors. Between 60 and 70 new jobs have been created there in the last 6 months alone, and Hodgdon believes they can double the size of that operation in the next year.

And just this week, Hodgdon was given a Maine Technology Institute grant for nearly \$4 million to take the first steps towards building a 30,000-square-foot facility that would create hundreds of more jobs building high-speed patrol boats of the future.

Hodgdon Yachts is just one example of the innovative companies doing business in Maine, aggressively using new technology to create good, quality jobs that can't be exported.

CAP-AND-TRADE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, in a couple of weeks the House is going to consider the cap-and-trade legislation that has enormous implications for our economy. This 926-page bill, as introduced and considered by the committee, has 50 pages on lightbulbs and two sentences on nuclear power.

Recently, I saw a Rasmussen poll of likely voters that indicates 30 percent of likely voters have no idea what cap-and-trade means. Twenty-nine percent of them also thought it was some sort of Wall Street regulation, and 17 percent thought it had to something to do with health care. Only 24 percent had any idea of what it was.

Cap-and-trade puts a cap or a limit on greenhouse gas emissions, including CO₂, carbon dioxide. When you breathe in, that is oxygen. When you breathe out, that is carbon dioxide, CO₂.

According to this legislation, CO₂ is pollution. According to the bill, if foreign countries don't cap emissions, their goods can be hit with tariffs which they call "border adjustments." The loss of jobs that will go overseas as a result of this bill is being called "leakage."

Breathing as pollution, border adjustments, leakage—this bill is a massive, bureaucratic, regulatory taxation scheme on energy, linguistic obfuscation to cover up the harmful impacts it will have on our economy.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN HENDERSON, NEVADA

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henderson Mayor Jim Gibson who, after 12 years of excel-

lent service to our community, led his final city council meeting on Tuesday night. I also want to thank Jack Clark, who has served not only as a Henderson council member for the past 16 years, but also as a member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Jim Gibson guided Henderson during a critical time in its history when it experienced unprecedented growth. Under his leadership, the city met the challenges and the opportunities that growth brings.

Mayor Gibson provided a vision and a plan for the city that promoted development while also preserving valuable open space and recreation areas. In addition, he was instrumental in bringing Nevada State College to Henderson.

As the City of Henderson turns a page after more than a decade of leadership from these two outstanding public servants, I want to congratulate our new mayor, Andy Hafen, and new City Councilwoman Kathleen Boutin. I look forward to working closely with them and wish them all the best in their new positions.

THE WAR SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

(Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my concerns about H.R. 2346, the war supplemental bill. Our troops deserve nothing less than a clean war supplemental bill, free from unrelated spending. We must give our troops the resources necessary to ensure victory in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I visited Iraq over the Memorial Day recess, my first trip back since having served there with the United States Marine Corps in al Anbar province. I cannot, with that trip still fresh in my memory, allow the needed support for our troops to be used as the hook to carry unneeded and distasteful spending.

The bill now requires the United States to borrow money that we don't have to loan it to the International Monetary Fund. The International Monetary Fund can then loan this money to nations like Iran and Venezuela.

Madam Speaker, it is inappropriate to use our troops to cram through overseas bailouts. I will vote against this and ask my colleagues to join me.

BRINGING DOWN HEALTH CARE COSTS

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, this week, both Houses of Congress put forward the initial draft of a long-overdue effort to cut health care costs in this country. And while we still have to come to agreement on all the details, there can be no doubt that the American people expect us to act to bring down health care costs.

The cost of health care affects every business and every family in this country. It is one of the leading drivers of our long-term deficit, it makes our businesses less globally competitive, and it adds uncertainty to millions of American families who are one accident, illness or job loss away from losing everything. And while we debate how best to fix what doesn't work in our health care system, we must preserve what works and build upon the best aspects of our uniquely American system.

We will spend the summer debating the details of the plan, but one thing is certain: the American people will not accept the status quo as health care costs continue to skyrocket. "No" is not an answer.

MEDIA GIVING PRESIDENT OBAMA PASS ON ECONOMY

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have given President Obama a free pass on the economy. Earlier this year, the Obama administration said Congress needed to pass the President's stimulus package to keep the unemployment rate below 8 percent. Since Congress has passed the President's nonstimulus stimulus, the economy has lost more than 1.5 million jobs, and unemployment has jumped to 9.4 percent.

Despite the massive layoffs, the President claimed this week that the stimulus has saved jobs. The national media have allowed the Obama administration to get away with spinning jobs lost as jobs saved, and the national media have continued to ignore the Congressional Budget Office's conclusion that the stimulus bill actually would reduce output—reduce output.

The media should scrutinize the President's words and actions, not give him a free pass.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, we make great strides towards solving our future energy needs by focusing on a process that has been virtually ignored for the past 8 years, research and development. Time and again, our economy has been pushed forward by a spirit of innovation. It has been pushed forward by a spirit that a century ago ignited an energy revolution started right in the heart of the 21st Congressional District with General Electric. Less than half a century ago, President Kennedy announced the space race in response to Sputnik. We now have that opportunity again. But when one considers the global context, it's easy to see that