

to several successive governors in the great State of Alabama.

Until his retirement in 1984, he owned and operated Fayco, which was located in Fayette, Alabama, which is in the district I am privileged to represent.

Mr. Fuller Kimbrell has served on various civic and committee organizations such as the Lions Club, the Fayette Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Farm Equipment Association, as well as the Alabama Road Builders Association, just to name a few.

Mr. Kimbrell has made so many great contributions to Alabama and our Nation. It is an honor to pay tribute to this great Alabamian and this great American. I am thankful to know Mr. Fuller Kimbrell, who is an inspiring example to all of us. I look forward to having the benefit of his wise counsel for many years to come, and I wish him a very happy birthday this Saturday.

A SORRY DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a sorry day in the history of the House. Repetitious, unnecessary, unwise votes set about to obfuscate the business of this body was the order of the day. We set a record for the number of votes cast in a single day, but we also set a record for irresponsible, mischievous and obfuscatory behavior. It was a sorry use of the time of this institution.

The time of this institution is a public resource during which we are supposed to do the Nation's business. We are supposed to conduct that business on the floor, in the committees and in our offices. No opportunity was made available for the Members of this body to do that. The institution has not been helped by that behavior, nor has its reputation been helped.

I say that if this kind of behavior persists, we will fall lower in the respect of the American people, as very well we should.

Yesterday was a sorry event. The business of the Nation was obfuscated. The necessary actions that need to be taken on important concerns of the Nation, like health care, like the economy, like the budget, like some 12 or 13 appropriations bills that need to be addressed, were not done.

There are hundreds of items upon which the committee and the Congress could well be using its time. Yesterday we could not because of willful, obfuscatory and mischievous behavior by Members of this institution. It is time to bring that to a stop.

MIRANDA RIGHTS FOR ENEMY COMBATANTS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Justice Department has ordered Miranda rights to be read to terrorists captured on the battlefield. The administration is confusing constitutional rights of arrested criminal defendants in the United States with acts of war by terrorists against the United States in foreign lands.

Miranda rights ordered to be given by the Supreme Court do not apply to a group of people who have a worldwide mission to murder in the name of religion who are captured by our military in Afghanistan.

Never mind, sayeth the administration. Enemy war combatants must be told: "You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, we will provide one for you. And anything you say may be used against you."

This new policy is misguided. Never in history have captured war combatants overseas been treated with such an overflow of privileges. They have been dealt with by our military, especially regarding interrogations.

But now I guess we are changing all that. But that ought not to be. I guess next we will have a whole battalion of lawyers going into the battlefield to tell our troops if and when they can shoot back. Have we gone a bit too far?

And that's just the way it is.

URGENT NEED TO FIX HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. We urgently need to fix health care. Every day Americans worry not simply about getting well, but whether they can afford to get well. Millions more wonder if they can afford routine care to stay well.

Premiums have doubled over the last 9 years, three times faster than wages, and the average American family already pays an extra \$1,000 in premiums every year for a broken system that supports 46 million or more uninsured Americans.

We have the most expensive health care system in the world. We spend almost 50 percent more per person on health care than the next most costly nation, but we are no healthier for it.

We need a uniquely American solution that builds on the best of what works—to foster competition among private plans and provide patients with quality care, ensure that every American child is covered, invest in prevention and wellness to help every American live longer and healthier lives, and ensure that doctors and nurses get the information they need to provide you with the best individualized care.

Never again will coverage be denied if you allow that we go forward with this plan. Never again will one have to make a life or job decision based on coverage. Never will anyone have to let

your family suffer financial catastrophe or bankruptcy.

"No" is not the answer.

LET'S USE OIL SHALE

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, energy prices are a vital concern to all Americans. As gasoline prices are edging up and as the economy is in a recession, we all need a policy of making energy affordable and available.

Oil shale is a promising source of energy for America's future. I am holding in my hand a piece of oil shale from western Colorado. My State, along with Wyoming and Utah, have an estimated quantity of 1 trillion, with a "T," barrels of oil products within our oil shale.

Unfortunately, this administration put oil shale development on hold almost as soon as it took office. This is unfortunate, because we should not be importing oil products from the Middle East if we have it here at home. On top of that, the cap-and-tax policy that this administration is pushing will also drive up the cost of energy.

Mr. Speaker, let's have an energy plan that uses American energy without needless taxes and costs piled on.

CREATING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM FOR ALL AMERICANS

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. 47 million. 47 million is an absolutely unacceptable number of Americans who go every single day without health insurance, who when they are sick can't afford to go to the doctor, which means that when they do have an ability to access the health care system, they have to wait until they are so sick that they use the emergency room as their primary access point, which makes health care astronomically more expensive.

When a child in America is 5 years old, American families don't have to wring their hands every day wondering how they are going to pay for a child's education, because it is universal. You go to kindergarten starting on the first day that you are 5 years old.

That doesn't happen in America when you turn 5 years old and it comes to health care. Parents all over America have to worry when their child gets sick whether they are going to be able to take their child to the doctor, is their problem going to get worse.

Parents and families in America have to worry about whether they are going to continue to have their coverage if they don't have a job. They have to worry about being able to get coverage when they are sick. Those are worries that are unacceptable in the most prosperous, most democratic nation in the

world. We must find a solution and create comprehensive health care reform for all Americans.

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TAX-AS-THEY-SPEND

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Democrats have announced they plan to actually use pay-as-you-go budgetary rules. You may remember how House Democrats have often cited PAYGO, while simultaneously finding any and every opportunity to disregard it. The zeal to spend taxpayer dollars is just too much. This would account for the fact that since Democrats have assumed control of Congress, the annual budgets deficits have ballooned over 11 times, from \$160 billion to \$1.8 trillion.

It is clear that PAYGO, as proposed by our Democrat colleagues, is not so much about limiting the size of government as it is paying for a larger and more intrusive big government. This is entirely against the fiscal spirit of responsibility because it means Congress can continue to spend recklessly, as long as they find new and burdensome ways to tax more American families. Under this administration and their allies in Congress, pay-as-you-go should be more correctly called tax-as-they-spend.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th and the Global War on Terrorism.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, today, the House leadership will unveil a uniquely American solution for health care reform. It will build upon existing programs like Medicare and Medicaid that will be improved significantly. It will say to employers that if you like the health insurance you're providing your employees, we want you to keep it, and we will certainly encourage more employers to provide health insurance for their employees.

But for those Americans who have no health insurance, or those Americans who have difficulty affording health insurance because they have to go out on the individual market, or have a small group plan that becomes very expensive, those individuals will be able to buy cheaper health insurance, much more low-cost health insurance through what the Federal Government would provide. There will be competition between public and private plans, and that will be our way of reducing costs. Because what this plan will do primarily is to reduce costs for most Americans and, at the same time, make sure that every American has health insurance.

I can't tell you how important that is. It is so important that every American know that they can have quality and affordable health insurance. It basically allows them to have peace of mind to not have to worry about whether they have one job or another, and this is what we're doing because we believe it's important for the average American.

INCREASED SPENDING FOR CONGRESS

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

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last night the Democrat-controlled Congress decided to prohibit any amendment that would have reduced spending for today's legislation that funds Congress.

That's right. At a time when the American taxpayer, the American families, American small business owners are tightening their belts, the Democrat-controlled Congress would not allow any reduction in what it spends on itself.

This is an outrage. Families are tightening their belts; small business owners are tightening their belts; American taxpayers are tightening their belts. And this Congress wouldn't even allow an amendment to be made in order which would say, let's live on what we lived on last year. Let's not increase spending for the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, this is an outrage, and should not be tolerated.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2918, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution H. Res. 559 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 559

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2918) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, 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 bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and any amendment thereto 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 Appropriations; (2) the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative McCarthy of New York or her designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 9 or

10 of rule XXI, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, to consider concurrent resolutions providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate during the month of July.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentlelady from North Carolina, Dr. Foxx. All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for 2010, under a structured rule.

Mr. Speaker, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act provides \$3.7 billion for key investments in the legislative branch, not including Senate-related items for fiscal year 2010, including funding for the Architect of the Capitol, the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Printing Office, the Capitol Police, and the Open World Program.

This bill provides a pragmatic and fiscally responsible approach to funding our legislative branch. Actually, spending is increased only by 7 percent, less than half of the 15 percent increase requested.

The funding provided in this legislation will help us do our jobs better and faster. It increases funding for the Congressional Budget Office by \$1 million, making it easier for Members to obtain PAYGO analysis of their proposals, a vital service, given our need for responsible government spending.

This bill also allocates funds for a complete overhaul of the House of Representatives' antiquated voting system, which, after 33 years of good use, has become increasingly unreliable.

Further, this measure increases the Members Representational Allowance to ensure that we're able to adequately serve our districts, and increases our funding of standing and select committees by 3 percent to accommodate the increased legislative and oversight workload typically seen in the second session.

These funds will provide us with the resources necessary to carry out the