

costs by 16 percent and industrial energy costs by 32 percent in just 4 years with no measurable effect on greenhouse gases.

The Heritage Foundation projects the Waxman-Markey impact on America will be a 74 percent increase in gasoline prices, a 90 percent increase in electricity prices, and at least 850,000 jobs lost every year. The energy bill for the average American household will go up over \$3,000 per year. That is exactly what the authors want. President Obama recently stated that the only way a cap-and-tax scheme will work is for higher energy costs. They have to "skyrocket."

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill that is all economic pain and no environmental gain and, instead, join me in supporting the American Energy Act that promotes and develops domestic energy sources, encourages conservation, and advances renewable technologies while pursuing America's competitive edge.

#### COMMENDING BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES P. COMBS

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, today I come to the floor to honor an individual who has sacrificed over 42 years of his life for this great Nation.

Brigadier General James P. Combs has proudly and gallantly served his country on foreign soil in the countries of Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He was appointed Commander of our Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos, California, on November 1, 2005. General Combs retired from Federal service on October 1, 2007, at which time Governor Schwarzenegger assigned him in a State active duty position to remain as the base commander.

On July 4, 2009, in just a little over a week, General Combs will retire from the United States Armed Forces. And on behalf of those who have had the honor to serve with him and a grateful Nation, I commend him on his numerous accomplishments, his outstanding leadership, and his incredible military career.

Brigadier General James P. Combs will always remain a soldier's soldier and a true American hero.

#### CAP THE TAXACRATS AND TRADE THEM FOR OFFSHORE RIGS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, this country has lost nearly 3 million jobs just this year. That's over a million more than the 2 million men, women, and children, including illegals living within the fourth largest city in the United States, namely, Houston, Texas.

We are still buying oil from dictators who don't like us because the enviro-elites are dead set on their none-of-the-above energy plan. No oil, no gasoline, no oil shale, no clean coal, no nuclear, no drilling, and that means no natural gas. Just what do they expect to use to power the Nation's cities and industry?

The taxacrats' plan is simple: tax energy consumption. And because of these new taxes and higher energy costs, even more jobs are at risk.

According to the National Black Chamber of Commerce, the national energy tax will cost another 2.5 million jobs in America. America cannot afford any more of this change. The cap-and-trade bill will cost jobs, raise taxes, raise the cost of energy, and, according to the Congressional Budget Office, won't even significantly help the climate.

The bill is bad for everybody except the enviro-elites who get more government control over the rest of us. What we need to do is cap the taxacrats and trade them for some offshore rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

And that's just the way it is.

#### COMMENDING TULAROSA HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate Tularosa High School in Tularosa, New Mexico, for receiving a bronze medal in U.S. News and World Report's annual report of the best high schools in America.

This award shows that Tularosa High School is serving all of its students well regardless of their backgrounds. Also, this means that the school is performing well on a broad range of indicators, not just one or two, and that the students learning there are getting the training that they need to do well in college. Tularosa High School not only performed well against its peers in New Mexico, but competed admirably with schools across the United States.

Schools like Tularosa High School achieve such great distinctions because of the hard work and dedication of the teachers, staff, and administration. Their students also deserve to be commended for fully taking advantage of all of the opportunities provided to them at Tularosa High School. It takes a team of hardworking folks to make this type of progress.

I am honored to have schools like Tularosa High School in my district. I commend their achievement and wish them luck in replicating it again.

□ 1030

#### IRANIAN ELECTIONS: WHERE'S THE PROOF?

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

Mr. STEARNS. Good morning, Madam Speaker.

My colleagues, it is vital that the elected officials in the United States express their solidarity with those who peacefully advocate for freedom in Iran.

It is clear that the votes in the Iranian elections were manipulated. An analysis by the London-based Chatham House, a British think tank, found that the turnout in two provinces exceeded 100 percent, along with other fraudulent activities. How could they count 40 million votes in 4 hours, many of them paper votes?

Let's see a list of registered voters and voter turnout by province and how these elections compare with earlier Iranian elections. These are crucial questions and considerations in determining the validity of these elections.

I agree with the President that the disputed elections are a matter for the Iranians to resolve themselves. However, as a leader of the Free World, the President should have stepped up earlier in support of the pro-democracy demonstrators and in condemning the attacks on them. And he should ask, Where is the proof? Where is the proof in the Iranian elections?

#### RECOGNIZING OUTGOING OFFICIALS OF THE EIGHTH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions of the outgoing village presidents and mayors from the Eighth District of Illinois.

In April, following municipal elections and retirements, many of our local leaders left office, including Bill Gentes from Round Lake, Scott Gifford from Deer Park, Keith Hunt from Hawthorn Woods, Dick Hyde from Waukegan, Tom Hyde from Island Lake, Cindy Irwin from Fox Lake, Dorothy Larson from Antioch, Catherine Mechert from Bartlett, Ted Mueller from Hainesville, Rita Mullins from Palatine, Tim Perry from Grayslake, Virginia Povidas from Lakemoor, Salvatore Saccomanno from Wauconda, and John Tolomei from Lake Zurich. Their long-standing service embodies what leadership is all about.

Our mayors often serve as the voice of our local communities and are the closest contact for many residents on government issues. I thank them all for actively representing their cities and in their dealings with my office on Federal issues. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of them and wish them the best of success. They have assisted our office in better serving our communities and all Illinois families.

## GUANTANAMO BAY

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, for weeks this body has been subjected to uninformed, false demagoguery with regard to President Obama's effort to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay.

I want to share some actual facts with regard to the people at Guantanamo Bay. There were 772 sent between the years 2001 and 2003. They are clearly not the worst of the worst. According to the Department of Defense's own Combatant Status Review Tribunal, only 8 percent of detainees were characterized as fighters, 92 percent were not fighters.

Of all the foreign nationals at Guantanamo Bay, only 5 percent were captured by United States forces, 2 percent by coalition forces, but 93 percent were turned in primarily by Pakistani forces in return for ransom, oftentimes for as much as \$5,000. And from DoD records, a significant majority of the detainees are not even accused of committing a single hostile act.

Madam Speaker, it is time to put aside the rhetoric and start informing our constituents. We are a better Nation than the demagoguery we've been subjected to over Guantanamo Bay.

## FINANCIAL EMERGENCY FACING U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

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

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to talk about the financial emergency facing the postal service. We must act now to correct this problem.

The postal service lost nearly \$2 billion in the second quarter and expects to lose more than \$6.5 billion in 2009, despite cutting billions in costs. It faces an unprecedented decline in mail volume due to the recession and the diversion of mail to electronic communication.

Uniquely, the postal service is required to pay over \$5 billion annually into the Retiree Health Benefits Trust Fund, which is overfunded compared to similar companies. An inflexible law requires the postal service to shell out billions of dollars to prefund retiree benefits, regardless of economic or financial conditions.

The postal service expects a cash shortfall of \$1.5 billion at the end of the fiscal year and might not be able to meet its financial obligations. This situation is a threat to postal employees and customers. We must act now to address the financial emergency at the postal service and continue to work on its long-term challenges as well.

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, we urgently need to fix health care for American families, for American businesses, and for our fiscal future.

President Barack Obama and his Congress want to reduce your cost, offer you the choice of doctors and plans, and guarantee affordable quality health care for all. Cost less and cover more. Your choice: you have it, you like it, then you keep it. Security and peace of mind. Quality patient-centered care.

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 choices. We must ensure that every child in America is covered. We must invest in prevention and wellness. We must ensure that doctors and nurses get the information they need.

Never again will your coverage be denied, and never again will we have to make a life or a job decision based on coverage.

Never let your family suffer financial catastrophe or bankruptcy because of high medical costs.

## DEMOCRATS' BROKEN PROMISES

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker and my colleagues, 3 years ago the Democrat leadership, in their document "A New Direction," made these promises: "Every person in America has a right to have his or her voice heard. No Member of Congress should be silenced on the House floor."

Secondly: "Respectful of both the wishes of the Founders and the expectations of the American people, we offer the following principles to restore democracy in the people's House, guaranteeing that the voices of all people are heard."

And, thirdly, one of those principles was this: "Bills should generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows for an open, full, and fair debate, consisting of a full amendment process that grants the minority its right to offer alternatives, including a substitute."

Madam Speaker, today, and over the last few months, the majority is breaking its promise. Why? Because Democrats here in Congress just can't spend taxpayer money fast enough. It is bad for taxpayers who are already paying too much, and it's even worse for future generations who will inherit the Democrats' mountain of unsustainable debt.

Americans want Democrats to stop the spending and start keeping their promises, like helping to create more jobs in America. Where are the jobs

that the administration and Democrats in Congress promised? After we passed the stimulus bill, where are the jobs? We haven't seen them yet. The American people deserve better, and Republicans will continue to demand it.

Madam Speaker, in my hand is the most dangerous credit card in the history of the world, it is also the most expensive: it is a voting card for Members of Congress. This voting card this year has been used to rack up trillions of dollars worth of additional debt, additional debt that our kids and our grandkids will be burdened under and will be imprisoned by.

Listen, we've got important work to do here on the floor, such as the Defense Authorization bill that we are about to take up. Republicans have been working with Democrats on this bill to get it done in a bipartisan way. And I think we also have a responsibility to protect taxpayers from Washington's out-of-control spending. We take that seriously as well, and we will never yield in our effort to protect taxpayers and future generations.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 96, nays 308, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 424]

## YEAS—96

Aderholt	Frank (MA)	Nunes
Akin	Frelinghuysen	Olson
Alexander	Galleghy	Paul
Austria	Garrett (NJ)	Pence
Bachus	Gingrey (GA)	Petri
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pitts
Bartlett	Goodlatte	Radanovich
Barton (TX)	Granger	Roe (TN)
Blackburn	Harper	Rogers (AL)
Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Rogers (MI)
Bonner	Hensarling	Rohrabacher
Brown (GA)	Hunter	Ryan (WI)
Burton (IN)	Inglis	Scalise
Calvert	Jenkins	Schmidt
Camp	Johnson (IL)	Schock
Cantor	Johnson, Sam	Sensenbrenner
Cao	Jones	Sessions
Capito	King (IA)	Shimkus
Carter	Kingston	Smith (NE)
Chaffetz	Kline (MN)	Smith (TX)
Chandler	Lamborn	Souder
Clay	Latham	Stearns
Coble	Lewis (CA)	Thompson (PA)
Coffman (CO)	Lummis	Thornberry
Cole	Lungren, Daniel	Tiahrt
Crenshaw	E.	Turner
Culberson	McCauley	Wamp
Duncan	McKeon	Whitfield
Fallin	McMorris	Wilson (SC)
Flake	Rodgers	Wittman
Fleming	Miller, Gary	Young (AK)
Forbes	Myrick	Young (FL)
Fox	Neugebauer	

## NAYS—308

Ackerman	Arcuri	Baldwin
Adler (NJ)	Baca	Barrow
Altmire	Bachmann	Bean
Andrews	Baird	Becerra