

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4753

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4753, the Stationary Source Regulations Delay Act.

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

There was no objection.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize April as Occupational Therapy Month, an important occasion to acknowledge the contributions that occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants make every day to help people live healthier lives.

Occupational therapy professionals work tirelessly with people of all ages to them prevent injuries, recover after an accident, and adjust their lives to new physical challenges they may experience. In my home State, occupational therapy professionals provide essential health and rehabilitation services to thousands of Californians each year. In facilities throughout my district like Lodi Memorial Hospital and the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Manteca, skilled occupational therapy practitioners help my constituents achieve functional independence every day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting April as Occupational Therapy Month and in applauding the work of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants throughout the country.

ASSESSING NEW HEALTH CARE LAW

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

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, last week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Office of the Actuary released a memo estimating the financial effects of the new health care law. Not surprisingly, they found that costs will increase and access to care will be threatened as this legislation is implemented over the next 10 years.

According to the independent report, "Providers for whom Medicare constitutes a substantive portion of their business could find it difficult to remain profitable and, absent legislative intervention, might end their participation in the program—possibly jeopardizing access to care for beneficiaries." Put simply, the new law will force many doctors to stop seeing Medicare patients, leaving seniors in my district out in the cold.

Additionally, the report claims that "total national health expenditures in

the United States during 2010 to 2019 would increase by about 0.9 percent. The additional demand for health services could lead to price increases, cost-shifting, and/or changes in providers' willingness to treat patients with low-reimbursement health coverage."

The new health care law will drive up costs and make it more difficult for many Americans, especially seniors, to get the care they need.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT JASON A. SANTORA

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart following the loss of Army Sergeant Jason A. Santora, who was killed this past Friday fighting Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Santora was from Farmingville, New York, in my district of eastern Long Island. He graduated from Sachem High School in 2003 and joined the Army in 2006, becoming a member of the elite Army Rangers.

He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning. Although only 25 years old, he was serving his fourth tour of duty. He served two in Iraq and was 2 months into his second tour as a team leader in Afghanistan's Logar Province.

Sergeant Santora's unit was on a mission to target a compound believed to be a Taliban terror nest when it was ambushed from multiple directions by heavy machine-gun fire. He died of wounds sustained in that gunfire and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal. The commanding officer of the 75th Ranger Regiment honored his courage by describing Sergeant Santora as a warrior, a true patriot, and an absolute hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation.

Madam Speaker, during the difficult days ahead, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Santora's family—his father, Gary; his mother, Theresa; and his sister, Gina. On behalf of New York's First Congressional District, I thank Sergeant Santora for his service, his gallantry, and his selfless commitment. A grateful nation will always remember his sacrifice and honor his memory.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because April is National Autism Awareness Month. Autism affects nearly one in every 110 children born in the United States and is the fastest growing developmental disability.

With approximately 1.5 million Americans currently living with au-

tism, we have a responsibility to support research and provide resources to support those living with autism. Studies have shown that early diagnosis and treatment can lead to better outcomes for children with autism. In fact, early identification and treatment can help reduce the symptoms of autism, increase progress for children as they enter school and reduce the need for more intensive support in the future.

But to do that, we must work hard to increase the awareness of autism across the country. That's why I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of House Resolution 1033, which officially designates April as Autism Awareness Month. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the days and months ahead on both sides of the aisle to bringing awareness to this important effort going forward.

RECOGNIZING 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHBC RADIO

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

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 85th anniversary of WHBC-AM Radio, the oldest radio station in Stark County and Canton, Ohio.

Founded in 1925, WHBC was the first Catholic station in the country. It later changed formats and quickly became one of the shining, trusted voices of northeast Ohio. In the golden age of broadcasting, parents and children would gather around the radio and listen to WHBC.

Bing Crosby's music was soothing and simple. Dragnet was exciting and fun. A father and son could listen to a ball game and the Indians win their last World Series in 1948.

Today, WHBC is as diverse a station as the citizens of northeast Ohio. WHBC gives people the facts, and its programming gets to the heart of who we are as northeast Ohioans. Fans can listen to their favorite teams in the car, or as I like to do, turn down the television and listen to WHBC's play-by-play. I listen to WHBC because it's a quality radio station and has maintained that standard for 85 years.

Congratulations.

REPORT ON HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, throughout the health care reform debate, I focused on four tenets. We needed to improve affordability, access, quality and choice. I said when the bill passed that it did not fulfill those requirements.

It gives me no pleasure to show you where the actuary report for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services agrees with me.

Affordability. "By 2011 and 2012, the initial \$5 billion in Federal funding for high risk pools will be exhausted, resulting in substantial premium increases to sustain the program."

Access. The report projected that Medicare cuts would drive about 15 percent of hospitals and other institutional providers into the red, "possibly jeopardizing access" to care for seniors.

Quality. Some 18 million uninsured are estimated to go on Medicaid for their primary coverage, which will fail to provide meaningful access.

And finally, Choice. "We estimate that in 2017, when the provisions will be fully phased in, enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans will be lower by about 50 percent."

If you chose Medicare Advantage, half of you will be out of luck.

TWO SEALS NOT GUILTY—THIRD SHOULD BE ACQUITTED TOO

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, two of our three Navy SEALs responsible for catching one of the worst terrorists in the world—Ahmed Hasim Abed—have been acquitted of all alleged assault charges related to the terrorist's capture.

Abed planned the 2004 ambush and murder of four Blackwater security guards in Fallujah, Iraq. These Americans were set on fire, mutilated, dragged through the streets and hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River.

Our SEALs captured this crybaby terrorist. He later accused them of punching him. Two SEALs have been acquitted—the other should be acquitted as well.

Last week I visited the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and met with 10 amazing, intense midshipmen from my congressional district in Texas. The remarkable class of 2010 is expected to graduate over a thousand midshipmen, but only 27 will be selected for the SEALs program.

Our SEALs are the best that we have. We are forever indebted to these great warriors for their service to American freedom. We should give the Navy SEALs that captured Abed medals and send them out there to capture another one.

And that's just the way it is.

ARIZONA'S IMMIGRATION LAW

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, what are the people in Arizona supposed to do? What are the people in Texas supposed to do? Or New Mexico?

I hear this rhetoric on the floor here about how the law in Arizona is unconstitutional. I've looked at that. I don't

think its unconstitutional. And I think they have an obligation to protect the people of Arizona from the drug terrorists that are coming across the border in droves. They're bringing drugs illegally into the United States. We've got illegal aliens coming across in droves in the Arizona area into the United States and the government of the United States is doing absolutely nothing.

The border between us and Mexico is 1,980 miles long. We've talked about securing that border for a long time, and we have not done it. Those border States have to deal with this on a daily basis and the law enforcement agencies down there have a Herculean job to deal with.

And so I would just like to say to my colleagues, I don't think it's racial profiling for them to stop people that they suspect of being here illegally who may be dealing in drug trafficking and who may be threatening the lives of people down there because the crime rate is going out of sight. Let's support the people of Arizona and the law enforcement people down there. They have a right to make sure that they're safe.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

GEERT WILDERS AND NOW "SOUTH PARK" ARE DENIED FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, freedom of speech is under attack in the West today, brought to you by the same radical Islamic terrorists who use religion to kill in the name of hate. I've talked about Dutch lawmaker Geert Wilders, who is on trial in Amsterdam for insulting Islam. You see, he made a documentary movie about real terrorist acts and real radical Islamic clerics encouraging violence in the name of hate. Instead of being grateful for shining a light on this problem, the Dutch Government is putting Geert Wilders on trial. He is charged with discrimination and incitement to hatred, all for showing the world how radical Islamic clerics discriminate and incite people to hatred. Wilders spoke the truth, and he got charged with a crime in his own country.

The Dutch Ministry of Justice says it doesn't matter if Wilders was telling the truth. The Dutch court says it's irrelevant whether Wilders' assertions actually are correct. What is relevant to the court is Wilders cannot speak

freely about radical Islam because it might offend somebody. In the Netherlands the truth is no longer welcome in a court of law.

Geert Wilders now lives under a threat of a 5-year prison sentence from his own government for freedom of speech for the right to tell the truth. His trial is set to resume in July, the trial where the Dutch court says truth doesn't matter. It only matters if Wilders' words hurt somebody's feelings. You see, Dutch law is intolerant of people who are intolerant of violence in the name of Islam. And that's a recipe for disaster. By denying free, truthful speech, the Dutch Government by its actions is encouraging radicals to incite violence worldwide.

Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, grandnephew of the legendary artist Vincent van Gogh, also made a film the radical clerics didn't like. His was about Islam's harsh treatment of women and how they brutalized women and used them as property. The result, van Gogh was murdered in the streets of Amsterdam as he rode his bicycle to work. His partner in the film, now a former member of Parliament, fled the country in fear.

Kurt Westergaard is one of the 12 artists who drew a satirical cartoon about the prophet Mohammed. So radical clerics incited their followers to murder people in the streets around the globe. Most of the clerics admitted later they had never seen the Mohammed cartoons. And Westergaard now lives in hiding under an armed guard. So much for freedom of the press and freedom of speech.

Now the threats of violence are spreading to the United States. The popular animated TV program "South Park" insults everybody. It's a comedy program that uses satire to make social statements. "South Park's" creators, Matt Stone and Trey Parker, did a series of episodes that insulted various world religions, including Islam. The 200th episode broadcast depicted all the founders of the major religions. Mohammed was dressed in a bear suit because Islam forbids its followers to depict the religion's founders.

One radical Islamic Web site called "Revolutionary Muslim" is upset about the program, so they issued threats saying "South Park" creators Stone and Parker would end up like Theo van Gogh, in other words, dead. And they put up the crime scene photos of van Gogh with his throat slit and a knife protruding from his chest. They also gave out the TV network address of Comedy Central in New York, addresses for Parker and Stone's Los Angeles production company, and their residences. The radical Web site said they published the addresses so people could go out there and protest. Yeah, right.

The trouble is we have seen worldwide how these radicals protest. They kill people. Because of the threats of violence and fear for the safety of everyone from the receptionist to the series creators, Comedy Central censored