

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

URGING MEMBERS TO COSPONSOR THE GREEN JOBS ACT

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. I rise today to announce new legislation that will incentivize development and production of the next generation of biofuels.

As Congress seeks ways to grow jobs, reduce our alliance on foreign oil, and develop cost-effective renewable energy sources, the cellulosic biofuel industry has enormous potential to help meet this demand, create green jobs, and bring economic benefits to rural and urban communities across our Nation.

American companies can be at the forefront of producing the next generation of renewable biofuels developed from biomass as alternatives to fossil fuels. Enactment of my proposal, the Green Jobs Act, will accelerate construction of bio-refineries and encourage the domestic production of biofuels, bio-based chemicals and other bio-based products. It will reduce our reliance on foreign oil, reduce carbon emissions, and create thousands of good jobs here at home.

There is no better time than today to make smart investments in America's renewable green economy. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Green Jobs Act.

EXTEND THE R&D TAX CREDIT

(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, Congress should be considering job creation policies to get America's economy rolling once again. A proven method has been the research and development tax credit to stay competitive in the global marketplace and to keep high value research and development jobs.

This tax credit is only available for certain qualified research performed in the United States, and 70 percent or more of the benefits will go straight to the salaries of workers performing U.S.-based research. In South Carolina alone, more than 600 firms participate in research and development activity, spending more than \$1.3 billion a year.

If Congress will increase the rate from 14 percent to 20 percent, we can promote more R&D jobs in the United States and ensure that South Carolina and America remain competitive for research-intensive companies. The United States now ranks 17th in the world when compared to incentives for

private sector research, and I urge Congress to offer more support.

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

TIME FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, in my district, a 45-year-old mentally disabled legal immigrant, Guillermo Gomez-Sanchez, was unjustly detained by ICE for 4 years. This tragedy is further evidence that we need comprehensive immigration reform now.

Over the weekend, I marched with 2,000 individuals in San Bernardino, California, to oppose Arizona's law, SB 1070, and support the passage of comprehensive immigration reform. This unconstitutional law is inspired by racism and will lead to racial profiling of Hispanics and people of color.

The Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police opposes this law because they know it will hurt community relations and waste valuable resources. This hateful law also has a negative impact in schools and will lead to increased bullying of Hispanic children.

I urge Americans to boycott the State of Arizona and show their opposition to the misguided Arizona law by wearing these red, yellow, and blue bracelets.

Republicans and Democrats must work together to enact comprehensive immigration reform for human rights, respect, and having our families work together and work toward securing our borders.

NEW YORK TIMES OBLIVIOUS TO IMMIGRATION PROBLEM

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the subject of immigration, The New York Times is fast losing its credibility.

A New York Times editorial says the new Arizona immigration law turns all the State's citizens into criminal suspects. Of course, that is an unbelievable exaggeration.

The New York Times says the law requires police officers to question anyone who looks like an illegal immigrant. Actually, it doesn't require anyone to do anything except obey the law.

The New York Times says that Arizona should welcome and assimilate all newcomers, making no distinction between illegal and legal immigrants.

Maybe from a New York City skyscraper it is hard to see the border violence, the human smuggling, the drug trafficking, the lost jobs and the crowded schools, much of it caused by those who break our immigration laws.

COMMENDING MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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

Mr. SABLON. Mr. Speaker, the National High School Mock Trial Competition is the premier national law-related academic tournament for high school students. Mock trial programs are designed to give students an inside perspective on our legal system, providing them with an understanding of the mechanism through which society chooses to resolve many of its disputes.

Participation in a performance-based, hands-on program of this nature provides students with a practical knowledge about how our legal system operates and who the major players are in that system. Mock trial programs help develop young citizens who can sustain and build our Nation by making a reasoned and informed commitment to democracy.

Students of Mount Carmel High School have earned the right to represent the Northern Mariana Islands in this year's national competition in Philadelphia. They will compete with teams from around the country.

Mount Carmel students have a tradition of excellence in oratory. The school represented the Northern Mariana Islands in the National We the People program 2 years in a row. Mr. Ryan Ortizo, one of the members of this year's competition in Philadelphia, just won first place in the CNMI Attorney General's Cup competition.

One has to admire and be proud of the dedication of the students and the commitment of the teaching staff at Mount Carmel School for instilling the passion for debate and public speaking year after year.

SHOOTOUT IN ARIZONA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Deputy Louie Puroll was in his patrol vehicle last Friday afternoon in Pinal County, Arizona, patrolling the border, but he was 75 miles north of the border. There is not much Border Patrol activity there because it is so far north, but there is plenty of drug smuggling going on.

Deputy Puroll spotted backpacks full of drugs and suspicious activity. He radioed for backup and began to track the group. A drug cartel paramilitary squad opened fire on him with automatic weapons. He was shot in the side by an AK-47. This is the first time one of these squads has shot a lawman that far north, just 50 miles from Phoenix. The shootout lasted 10 minutes. The wounded deputy called for help on his cell phone, and it took an hour to find him.

The drug cartels, Mr. Speaker, are now shooting their way across our border. Until we put armed National

Guard troops at the border to stop these violent narco-terrorists, we risk the lives of our lawmen that are outmanned, outgunned and outfinanced.

And that's just the way it is.

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CLEAN ENERGY JOBS/HOME STAR

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

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Home Star program. The Home Star program will give us the tools we need to move towards energy independence while strengthening our economy and the middle class. This program encourages energy efficiency improvements during a period when people are strapped for cash. These new improvements will save money in the long run, while creating clean energy jobs and reducing our dependence on foreign oil in the short term.

The key to this program is it incentivizes purchases that otherwise wouldn't be made. This is exactly the way we want to go about stimulating growth in our economy. In my home State of New York, approximately 76 percent of the homes were built before 1970. As a result, we pay a lot more for our energy needs to heat and cool our homes.

I am proud to support the Home Star program to help homeowners make improvements that will save them money and create new green energy jobs.

CMS NOMINEE

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I'm very concerned about the President's new nominee for the CMS, Dr. Donald Berwick. In my opinion, Dr. Berwick's positions on health care represent a step toward more government control of the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Berwick opposes efforts to make patients more cost sensitive, stating that such measures have "no rationale in science, ethics, or evidence." But there is plenty of evidence that consumers behave differently when the costs of a product are made clear.

Dr. Berwick praised the British commission responsible for rationing care as "extremely effective and a conscientious, valuable, and knowledge-building system." This is the same system that routinely denies care in the name of cost savings and has led to dramatically lower cancer survival rates than the U.S.

Americans don't want a system of poor service and long waiting periods, but that's what we might expect under a CMS administrator who has been knighted for his service to the British National Health Service.

FLOODING IN TENNESSEE

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

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, last weekend the people of Nashville and middle Tennessee suffered the worst losses from flooding in many, many decades along the Cumberland, Harpeth, and other rivers and streams. Even homes far from any body of water suffered as much as 4 and 5 feet of water in their basements. Thousands and thousands of Tennessee families and businesses are facing staggering losses, both personal and financial.

Tourist landmarks like the Opryland Hotel and the Grand Ole Opry itself have suffered terrible losses, but the show is still going on in other locations. Fortunately, just last night the President declared our area an official disaster area, so Federal help is on its way. But the really good news is the good local people of middle Tennessee are banding together and volunteering in unprecedented numbers. Charities are coming forth.

I have never been so proud to live in the Volunteer State.

GULF OIL SPILL

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

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico they claim is going to be the largest ecological disaster in the history of the country. Over 3 million barrels of oil have already leaked into the Gulf, 200,000 gallons a day. They say they might not have a fix for another 30 days.

Numerous experts have talked to me because I am concerned, I am from counties that have beautiful beaches, Sarasota, Manatee Counties, that this couldn't happen, they had the technology, it's not possible, but yet here we are today.

I can tell you that we need to focus all our resources, there is plenty of blame to go around, in stopping this now, not another 30 days. This will impact all of Florida, a lot of region.

I stand here to do everything I can with everybody else to make sure we plug the hole today. Also we need to continue to fight in Florida against drilling off our beaches.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF MAPLEWOOD, MINNESOTA, POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH BERGERON

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Maplewood Police Sergeant Joseph Bergeron, who will be laid to rest tomorrow at St. John's Cemetery in Little Canada, Minnesota.

Last Saturday morning Sergeant Bergeron was killed in the line of duty while responding to a carjacking. On behalf of all Minnesotans, I extend our prayers and our deepest sympathies to Sergeant Bergeron's wife Gail, and his twin daughters, Alexandra and Samantha, all extended family, and friends. Sergeant Bergeron gave his life while working to keep us safe, and his heroic sacrifice shall always be honored and remembered.

To the officials and residents of Maplewood, especially the members of the police department, I extend my condolences at this time of great pain and loss. The City of Maplewood is an outstanding and resilient community. The loss of a devoted police officer is a tragedy felt by every resident.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to recognize St. Paul Police Officer David Longbehn, who was seriously injured while apprehending the suspect in the death of Sergeant Bergeron. I commend Sergeant Longbehn for his courageous service, and wish him a full and speedy recovery; and for all our men and women who wear a police uniform, a safe watch today.

GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. As a constitutional conservative I'm outraged by the unbridled, unchecked, unaccountable, and out-of-control government championed by the Democrats. The Wall Street rescue, the bailouts of Fannie and Freddie, the auto industry, cap-and-tax energy bill, the government takeover of health care, and court-martialing Navy SEALs while giving terrorists rights. Enough already.

The complete lack of respect for the liberties espoused by our Founding Fathers has got to stop. That's why I am proud to announce my participation in a new group, the Tenth Amendment Task Force. The sole purpose of the caucus is to rekindle the truth and foundation of freedom, like promoting personal liberties and responsibilities, championing freedom and free enterprise, restoring States' rights, and reining in government spending.

It's time to roll back big government and rejuvenate respect for the Constitution. Americans are just fed up and want to tell the government, "Get off my back."

REGULATORY REFORM

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Wall Street reform needs to happen today. Lehman Brothers and AIG collapsed over a year-and-a-half ago, but our regulators still lack the basic power to enforce consumer financial protections and prevent future