

refrain from trafficking the well while another Member is speaking.

#### STARTUP VISA AND EB-5 REFORM ACT

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

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the immigration opportunity for our country. Yes, not the immigration problem, but the immigration opportunity. Truly, the human potential and the human capital that wants to come to our shores and work hard and contribute to the productivity of our country is an important asset to our Nation. The countries with an immigration problem are, frankly, where the best and brightest are trying to leave to come to our country to work hard and create jobs for Americans.

One of the components of the House comprehensive immigration reform bill is my Startup Visa and EB-5 Reform Act that would make it easier for foreign investors and entrepreneurs to come start their business here in our country, guaranteeing that they create jobs for Americans. If we pass the EB-5 reforms as part of comprehensive immigration reform, it will create over 50,000 jobs for American citizens here. These are companies that otherwise will set up overseas in other countries. We're not letting them come here. Let's make our immigration system work for us. Let's create jobs for Americans here at home.

#### ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT ADMITS ISRAEL

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development unanimously voted to admit Israel last week as its newest member. The decision to welcome Israel into this group of 30-plus nations is significant recognition that Israel has much to offer the world and a setback to international efforts to delegitimize the Jewish State.

Israel is a democratic nation with an economy based on free market principles. It shares American goals of creating prosperity and new economic opportunities. Israel's high tech- and innovation-driven economy has been one of the world's strongest. It grew last year during the worldwide economic downturn and is expected to grow by 3.7 percent this year. As a member of OECD, Israel will offer an important perspective on global challenges and will help nations solve difficult problems. I congratulate Israel for overcoming unfounded objections to its membership and look forward to the contributions Israel will make to this international body.

#### DEFENSIVE MEDICINE

(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, a reputable health firm did a survey that they announced this month. Jackson Healthcare in Atlanta, Georgia, surveyed 1,400 physicians on the practice of defensive medicine. Their survey found that the vast majority—83 percent—of physicians between ages 25 and 34 reported being taught to practice defensive medicine. The survey defined defensive medication as medically unnecessary tests and treatments physicians ordered to avoid lawsuits. Only 19 percent of physicians over 65 were taught defensive medicine in medical school or during their residencies.

The conclusion of the Jackson Healthcare survey was that defensive medicine is negatively impacting physicians and patients beyond just costs. It is limiting patient access and quality, slowing the adoption of medical innovations, and discouraging future generations from pursuing the practice of medicine.

Jackson CEO Richard Jackson said, "The U.S. is the only major country in the world where physicians are personally financially liable for mistakes." He said, "This is a systemic problem that needs to be addressed at State and national levels." Republicans proposed to do that with medical liability reform, but the new health care law did not address it. That is too bad for all of us.

#### 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.

#### MEXICO ABUSES IMMIGRANTS

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, Mexican President Felipe Calderon is at the White House today complaining about America. He said Arizona's new law "opens the door to intolerance, hate, discrimination, and abuse in law enforcement." He said he will do everything in his power to protect the rights and dignity of Mexican citizens. He's just not too concerned about human rights abuses of illegals in his own country, however. While he's here falsely accusing officials in Arizona of perhaps maybe one day in the future violating the civil rights of illegals in Arizona, his own Mexican government officials are committing human rights abuses against illegals in Mexico. Just last month, the Associated Press said Amnesty International called the

abuse of migrants in Mexico a major human rights crisis. Amnesty accused Mexican officials of turning a blind eye or even participating in the kidnapping, rape, and murder of migrants.

Now, the Mexican Interior Department said that mainly Central American migrants who pass through Mexico on their way to the United States suffer abuses, saying the criminal cartels branch out into kidnapping and extortion of migrants. Amnesty International said failure by authorities to tackle abuses has made their trip through Mexico one of the most dangerous in the world. They have "virtually no access to justice, fearing reprisals and deportation if they complain of abuses." The Amnesty report also says Central American migrants are frequently pulled off of trains in Mexico and are kidnapped en masse and held at gang hideouts. They're forced to call relatives in the United States to pay the ransom to the kidnappers. There are thousands of these migrant kidnappings each year in Mexico, according to Amnesty's report.

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The report goes on to say, "Kidnappings of migrants—mainly for ransom—reached new heights in 2009. The National Human Rights Commission reported nearly 10,000 migrants in Mexico were abducted during a 6-month period." Half of the victims said in later interviews that public officials in Mexico were involved in the kidnappings. An estimated six out of 10 migrant women and girls experience sexual violence. Some of the people-smuggling coyotes now demand that women receive contraceptive injections ahead of the journey so they don't become pregnant as a result of rapes they endure in Mexico. Many women are raped, beaten or killed in the process of illegally transporting themselves through the nation of Mexico. Illegals in Mexico can't complain about the abuse to authorities.

According to the report, Article 67 of Mexico's Population Law says, "Authorities, whether Federal, State or municipal, are required to demand that foreigners prove their legal presence in the country" of Mexico. Now President Calderon self-righteously criticizes Arizona for enforcing immigration laws, but his own nation requires the states in Mexico to enforce Mexico's immigration laws.

The Amnesty report goes on to say and talk about an example of one of the horror stories of abuses of illegals that are in Mexico. On January 23 of this year, armed police stopped a freight train carrying 100 migrants in Chiapas State in southern Mexico. A girl who we'll call "Veronica" said that the federal police—the federal government—the federal police forced her and other illegals in Mexico to leave the train they were riding on. They were forced to lay down on the ground where she says Mexican federal police stole their belongings and threatened to kill

them unless they continued their journey by foot along the railway. After walking for hours, the group was assaulted by armed men who sexually assaulted Veronica and killed at least one of the other illegals in Mexico.

Now, Madam Speaker, it seems to me that President Calderon is here at the White House complaining about America, complaining about imagined and fictitious abuses in Arizona's new illegal immigration enforcement law, while he ignores actual human rights abuses of illegals and migrants in his home nation of Mexico. Perhaps he should clean his own glass house before throwing rocks at America, especially Arizona. President Calderon's nation is in economic turmoil. His economic plan is simple. He tells his citizens, Go to America by any means necessary, and send money back home to Mexico. He cannot take care of his citizens. His country abuses immigrants, and he is out of line criticizing the United States for any reason. His comments are hypocritical and irrelevant.

And that's just the way it is.

#### EARLY DETECTION MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of Early Detection Month for cancer. The House and Senate have concurred in a resolution that I introduced honoring Early Detection Month which is the current month, the month of May. Across the country, individuals and groups are organizing events to raise public awareness of cancer screening and early detection so that any person who gets cancer has a chance at survival. It is fitting that Mother's Day should be celebrated during Early Detection Month because our mothers, our sisters and our daughters are the victims of the second most common form of cancer, breast cancer. Just as it is for other forms of cancer, early detection is the key to reducing deaths from breast cancer.

The 1 in 8 Foundation is one of the leading groups working to fight against cancer, and it is solely focused on early detection. From its headquarters in Cary, North Carolina, Ken Vrana is working to make sure women and men across this country are aware of the difference that early detection can make in the course of cancer. The foundation is engaged in educating and motivating people to become more proactive about their health and live longer. In fact, the concurrent resolution that honors the efforts of Early Detection Month for breast cancer and all forms of cancer only came about because of Ken and the foundation's efforts.

I know personally the difference that early detection can make. Several years ago, I was diagnosed with mela-

noma. My cancer was found early because I saw my doctor regularly. I am living proof of the importance of early detection. As a cancer survivor myself, I want to enable all Americans to have the knowledge and access to care that early detection of cancer provides so that it can be treated, and cancer survivors can lead long and healthy lives.

Every year, almost 2 million Americans are diagnosed with cancer. Tragically, more than one-quarter of these cases result in death. Early detection can help patients get early treatment. It can stop the spread of the disease before it becomes untreatable or before it requires expensive medical treatment and can be the difference between life and death. Early detection saves tens of thousands of lives annually but also greatly reduces the financial strain on the government and private health care services.

For many common cancers, when the disease is caught early, nine out of 10 patients can be saved. Unfortunately, tens of thousands of people every year are diagnosed with advanced cancer, and all too often, they face painful treatments and poor chances of survival. Through forward-looking investment of taxpayer dollars, we have made great strides in cancer research, but treatment often needs to be provided early if we want cancer victims to become cancer survivors. Organizations like the 1 in 8 Foundation work tirelessly to promote early detection so that folks can do more than survive cancer; they can regain the full and active life they always enjoyed. Organizations like the 1 in 8 Foundation fights to make sure that Mother's Day is a happy day because moms get the caring treatment they need before it is too late.

Madam Speaker, early detection reduces the tragedy of cancer deaths in America. I urge my colleagues to join me in fighting cancer, a disease that has claimed so many lives, but with support for early detection, it can be beaten, and more people will survive.

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

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

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#### WHERE'S THE BUDGET?

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, where is the budget? Congress is expected to agree on a budget for the upcoming fiscal year by April 15. The budget process at the beginning of each year sets the goals regarding total Federal spending for the year. It is the budget that sets the stage for how fiscally responsible government spending will be.

Since the passage of the Budget Act of 1974, the House of Representatives has never failed to pass an initial budget to set the spending priorities for the following fiscal year. Not this year. We are now a month past the deadline, and Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leadership are showing no signs of complying with the law and coming forward with a budget for fiscal year 2011. In 2006, Congressman STENY HOYER, who is now the House majority leader, was quoted as saying, Enacting a budget was "the most basic responsibility of governing," and Congressman JOHN SPRATT, who is now the chairman of the House Budget Committee said, "If you can't budget, you can't govern."

While I understand that the Congress has the power to name public buildings and post offices, I believe that setting a budget, allowing the government to live within its means, is more important than passing ceremonial resolutions. With total public debt rising to nearly \$13 trillion, according to the Bureau of Public Debt, Congress' priority should remain focused on getting our fiscal house in order. Families and small businesses all across our Nation understand what it means to make tough decisions each day about what they can and cannot afford. They understand the importance of creating and living by a budget. Unfortunately, instead of making the tough choices necessary to reduce spending, the majority in Congress has decided to forgo a budget altogether. Just 4 years ago, the same leaders who are now shirking their responsibility and choosing to move forward without a budget were very clear on how important the budget process is to the operation of the Federal Government.

Madam Speaker, where's the budget? Without the passage of a Federal budget, the reckless spending that has run rampant in Congress will only continue. We have already seen the passage—without my support—of the so-called economic stimulus legislation which was supposed to put Americans back to work. Not only did the stimulus legislation fail to create jobs, but