

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.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana 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 Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

it is now estimated to be costing American taxpayers over \$1 trillion including interest. Not only should Congress produce a budget, but I am a strong supporter of several measures that promote the establishment of a balanced budget and the elimination of wasteful government programs, including a constitutional amendment that I introduced which requires the Federal Government to balance its budget. Congress must steadfastly hold the line on government spending, which is why I have consistently voted for the tightest budgets offered each year. But maybe not this year. No budget is offered.

As elected officials and stewards of the taxpayers' money, we have a responsibility to put together a sustainable budget and stick to it. The Congress must continue to work to rein in spending and put to practice a spending approach that many Americans already live by: If you don't have it, don't spend it.

Madam Speaker, where's the budget?

1,000 AMERICANS DEAD IN AFGHANISTAN IS FAR TOO MANY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, a suicide bomber deliberately crashed his minivan on a street in Kabul during one of the busiest times of the day. According to The New York Times account, and I quote them, "The blast blew bodies apart. Limbs and entrails flew hundreds of feet, littering yards and walls and streets. In a passenger bus, an Afghan woman lay dead in her seat, cut in half, with her baby still squirming in her arms. Fifty yards away, a man's head lay on the hood of a truck." It was the most devastating strike seen in the Afghan capital in some time, Madam Speaker. It served as a kind of "welcome home" from the insurgents to President Karzai, just returning home from his visit to the United States, who was getting ready to brief reporters at the Presidential palace, just a short distance away from the site of the explosion.

Aside from the gruesome civilian casualties, this attack is also significant because it claimed the lives of five of our soldiers, which brings the total number of U.S. troop fatalities in the war in Afghanistan to over 1,000. This tragic milestone should fill us with horror, Madam Speaker. It should keep every one of us awake at night.

For years, the failure to make progress in Afghanistan flew under the radar as the war in Iraq grabbed most of the attention and headlines. But more than 100 months into the Afghan conflict, the mission is clearly floundering. More than half of those 1,000 deaths have occurred just since September of 2008. The decision to send more troops has only intensified the violence and emboldened the militants,

doing nothing to bring lasting stability to Afghanistan and to its people.

This war has not accomplished any of its stated goals. Here we are, 8½ years after we supposedly drove out the Taliban, and lo and behold, the Taliban is resurgent, poised to fill the power vacuum in districts and villages where we've done nothing to build strong and legitimate governing institutions. Remember the reportedly successful military offensive over the winter in Marja? A few months later, it turns out, the residents are fleeing in droves because the Taliban has reasserted itself. One U.S. official now calls Marja "a work in progress but not trending in the right direction." And this is one of the places where we had declared victory.

We have been patient, Madam Speaker. We have given the strategy a chance to work. It failed. It has failed at nearly every turn, and 1,000 deaths is far too many. Before the number grows, let's bring our troops home.

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

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois 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 Colorado (Mr. POLIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

AMERICA'S FAILED TRADE POLICY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, how many millions more jobs have to be outsourced before Washington wakes up? The U.S. Chamber of Commerce this week released a report claiming that U.S. trade agreements have support 5.4 million jobs. More than 90 percent of the jobs, according to the Chamber, can be attributed to NAFTA and our NAFTA trading partners, Mexico and Canada. Are we talking about the same country in the same continent?

In the United States I know and the district I return to every weekend, the battering effects of NAFTA and NAFTA-like trade agreements are still being felt: lost jobs, shuttered factories, and beleaguered communities. I can't help but wonder if the Chamber of Commerce is some sort of cruel joke: 5.4 million jobs? No way. Try 1 million jobs lost due to NAFTA. Try 2 million manufacturing jobs lost because of all of the off-shoring that has gone on in this country in the last quarter cen-

tury. Or how about 12,000 to 20,000 service-sector jobs lost every month, many of which have simply been outsourced overseas.

In Ohio, employment just in the manufacturing sector has declined by a third. Companies like Silgan Holdings, Delphi, Georgia Pacific, General Motors, Dixon Ticonderoga, Champion Spark Plug, all have moved to Mexico. Things are not much better in Mexico. By the 10th anniversary of NAFTA, The Washington Post reported that 19 million more Mexicans were living in poverty than 20 years ago; 2 million peasant farmers alone were dispossessed from their land with no adjustment inside that country. So guess what they are doing. They are seeking to live anywhere, including crossing our border because they simply have no other choice. NAFTA didn't take care of them in their home country.

Now over half of the Mexican population is considered poor, while one in four is considered extremely poor and unable to even afford adequate food. The illegal drug trade has swept across that country and locked in fully at our border and across our country. Remember when NAFTA was held out as the ticket to the promised land with millions of new jobs and a rising standard of living? Right here in this very Chamber, Members voted to outsource America's job to a low-wage country with a state-managed economy.

Ross Perot was right: NAFTA has been a giant sucking sound of jobs leaving our country, leaving us behind with a NAFTA trade deficit of over \$1.3 trillion since 1994. The deficits from NAFTA and NAFTA-like trade agreements have caused the great manufacturing that our Nation knew to wither as we saw our companies compete against state-managed capitalism in places like Mexico, China, Japan and so many others. Trade deficits are at the heart of our economic challenge. They destroyed jobs, millions and millions and millions of good jobs. We will never get our economy out of the ditch without fundamental changes in our trade policy.

When trade accounts began their downward spiral, America's economy started to deteriorate. Do you remember the last time we had a balanced trade account? It was 1974 when we had a thriving middle class.

Is it any wonder that our Nation is paying the price of economic policies that led to the current deep recession that Brad DeLong estimates has put a third of our Nation in depression. This was no accident. It is the direct result of over a quarter century of outsourcing U.S. jobs to penny-wage environments and of allowing other nations to keep their markets closed through managed trade practices, substandard environmental systems, and many undemocratic political systems able to exploit their workforces for the benefit of a few owners.

In essence, our market capitalism is forced to compete with state-managed