

voices heard and share policy concepts. I believe that this online forum will have more job creation proposals and more concepts on how to cut spending in just 1 day than the Washington liberals have presented all year.

I encourage South Carolina residents and Americans across the country to go to AmericaSpeakingOut.com to amplify your proposals on fiscal accountability, national security, American jobs, and values. It is time for you to speak out and speak up.

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

NATURE'S GOD IS IN ALL OF US

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

Mr. KUCINICH. The theologian Thomas Barry wrote that the great work of our lives is to reconcile with nature, to come to establish a communion with every living species on the planet—with all humans, all animals and plants, with the land, the air, and the water. As children of a common Creator, we are part of every living thing. This requires reverence for the natural world.

When we look at the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, we learn how far we must journey to reconcile with nature. The false doctrine of subduing the natural world puts us in danger of extinction because it ultimately attacks the precondition of human existence and because it separates us from an understanding of the essential interconnectedness of all life.

So we're lulled into distancing ourselves from the oil disaster, from its effects on the natural world, from its effects on future generations. Nature's God is not just up there, but it's in all of us. And only when we truly understand the deep significance of the Deepwater Horizon disaster will we be prepared to take a new direction not only with our energy policies but with our way of life.

GOVERNMENT MAKING IT HARDER

(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, this week the House is going to consider another so-called jobs bill, but what is really in this bill? Certainly not many private sector jobs or real help to America's small businesses.

Extending unemployment compensation is necessary, but it's not creating jobs. A delayed fix to the Medicare reimbursement rate isn't creating new jobs. Billions of dollars to bail out State Medicaid programs isn't jobs. Welfare payments aren't jobs. We're about to spend \$200 billion on a so-called jobs bill without creating any private sector jobs.

Just a few months ago, I polled 16,000 of my constituents. Only 12 percent of

them believe that government policies are making it easier to create jobs. Is it any wonder that Americans have this opinion?

The so-called jobs bill this week permanently raises taxes in order to pay for 1-year tax extensions. Unemployment is near 10 percent. Millions more Americans have just given up looking for a job. It's far past time that we stopped making it harder for businesses to hire and started providing real help through regulatory relief and targeted tax breaks. That would be a real jobs bill.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, Memorial Day, folks across America will come together to pay tribute to our greatest heroes—those who fought and died to keep this Nation safe and free. We owe them and all of our men and women in uniform an eternal debt of gratitude.

Sadly, Washington has not always done enough to pay their debt. Even now, many Native American veterans are struggling to keep a roof over their heads because of their service. They are being denied housing assistance because they are receiving benefits that they have earned with their sacrifices.

I introduced the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act to right this wrong. This commonsense bill makes sure that veterans disability and survivor benefits are not counted as income under a critical Native American Housing Act. This program will bring housing to our veterans who have already paid the price.

This House approved the bill unanimously last month, and Native veterans should not have to wait any longer for justice. I call on the Senate to observe this Memorial Day by passing this important measure.

REPEAL AND REPLACE GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE

(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. Mr. Speaker, a new poll shows that 63 percent of the American public wants to repeal the expensive government-run health spending law. Sixty-three percent represents the largest opposition to the law since its enactment. It's no surprise, as the law forces people to hand over their hard-earned tax dollars to a private company to buy health insurance or else.

As a constitutional conservative, I have to agree with the 63 percent of American voters who want this expensive, irresponsible, overreaching law repealed and replaced.

Democrats were wrong on the bill's cost, wrong on the effect on jobs, and

wrong on the issue of taxpayer funding of abortions. We must stand in favor of repealing and replacing the government health spending bill with real reforms that lower health care costs without subjecting us to any nationalized health plan. America does not want, need, or deserve government-controlled health care.

IRAN'S CONCESSIONS UPDATE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the U.N. Security Council to reject Iran's attempt to continue down the path of nuclear proliferation.

Iran would have us believe that the nuclear deal it reached with Brazil and Turkey was of the same caliber as the offer Tehran rejected in October. The truth is, it's not even close. This agreement would allow Iran to pursue richer-grade uranium, keep more of its nuclear materials, and maintain access to the dangerous supplies it would send to Turkey.

The Security Council must recognize the severity of this threat posed by a nuclear Iran. It must choose a deal based on substance over convenience. But most of all, it must remember the safety and security of the State of Israel and the Israeli people.

In the face of Iran's latest diplomatic diversion, it is more important than ever that we levy real sanctions against a nation bent on destroying a friend. The future of Israel—our most important ally—depends on it.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS LAUNCH NEW WEB SITE

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

Mr. PENCE. After years of being shut out of the debates here on Capitol Hill, seeing runaway Federal spending, bailouts, and takeovers built behind closed doors, the American people finally have a way in—an unambiguous seat at the table. It's called AmericaSpeakingOut.com.

Since the outset of this Congress, Republicans have been offering positive solutions to the challenges facing this country. In building a governing agenda for this Congress, Republicans have been listening to the American people, and AmericaSpeakingOut.com is a continuation of that process.

Now let me say, this is not a listening tour. House Republicans are not a party in search of our principles. We know what we believe. We're committed to the principles of economic growth, fiscal discipline, a strong defense, and traditional American values. But we simply believe that the best ideas in America come from the American people. That's why we launched AmericaSpeakingOut.com.

So I urge all Hoosiers and, frankly, all my countrymen, whatever your politics, whatever your philosophy, join us

for the conversation at AmericaSpeakingOut.com. House Republicans are listening.

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WHAT PEOPLE GAVE FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday it was my birthday, and it didn't quite go as planned. One of the things I did is I went to Arlington Cemetery and spent 4 hours looking at the graves and thinking about American history and the people who wished they had a birthday, and what they gave for their country. Some gave their lives, some gave part of their lives.

I visited the Kennedy graves and let the word go forth. I visited Robert Kennedy's grave and the tiny ripples of hope that can wipe down the mightiest walls of oppression. But I found Earl Warren's grave, along with John Foster Dulles and Arthur Goldberg together.

I would like to read from Earl Warren's tombstone. I think it is something we should reflect on.

"Where there is injustice, we should correct it. Where there is poverty, we should eliminate it. Where there is corruption, we should stamp it out. Where there is violence, we should punish it. Where there is neglect, we should provide care. Where there is war, we should restore peace. And wherever corrections are achieved, we should add them permanently to our storehouse of treasures."

This from the vice presidential candidate of the Grand Old Party in 1948, the nominee for the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, nominated by Dwight Eisenhower when Republicans were Republicans. Thank God for Earl Warren.

God bless the United States, and may God save the Gulf of Mexico because it doesn't look like anybody else is going to.

LACK OF COMMITMENT ENFORCING NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I am troubled by this administration's commitment, this lack of commitment of enforcing our national immigration laws.

Just last week, John Morton, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said that "his agency will not necessarily process illegal immigrants referred to them by Arizona officials," in light of their new State law.

My district contains two permanent ICE offices, and I am seriously con-

cerned that one of the top officials in the Obama administration in charge of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws is refusing to do his job. Regardless of his personal feelings on the Arizona immigration law, Assistant Secretary Morton has an obligation to enforce the rule of law and protect U.S. citizens and legal residents.

Arizona is under siege with both human and drug smuggling, and it is on the front lines dealing with Mexico's drug violence that is spilling over into the United States.

On behalf of my constituents and millions of Americans, I urge President Obama and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Secretary Morton to enforce our immigration laws.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TAM NGOC TRAN

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember an extraordinary young woman, a scholar, a student activist, Ms. Tam Ngoc Tran of Garden Grove, California, who was recently killed in a head-on collision with her close friend, Cinthya Perez.

Tam was the daughter of a refugee couple who fled Vietnam over two decades ago after escaping from a communist reeducation camp.

She graduated from Santiago High School, attended Santa Ana College, transferred to UCLA, earned a bachelor's degree in American literature and culture and was a doctoral student at Brown University.

Tam was also a courageous leader who inspired many through her personal story of immigration. In 2007, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency raided the Tran home and subsequently arrested Tam and many of her family members.

Representatives LOFGREN, SMITH, and I then wrote a letter to then-Secretary Rice urging her to uphold the U.S. policy regarding the return of refugees to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. That allowed them to remain in the United States.

CONTINUE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN UNTIL AGE 26

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 7 United Technologies Corporation, the largest private employer in the State of Connecticut, announced that they were going to take advantage of the health care reform law and extend age 26 coverage to all their employees' families. A few days later, Mohegan Sun Casino, which employs 10,000 in the State of Connecticut, made the same decision.

Prior to health care reform, during graduation time, graduating students get a diploma in one hand and a notice from their parents' insurer that they are being kicked off their parents' insurance coverage. Because of health care reform, 1.2 million up to age 26 Americans will now be able to use their parents' health insurance.

For the voices who call for repeal, I challenge them to tell those families that we should repeal that provision and kick their kids off health insurance.

In a few days, we are going to pass a Defense authorization bill which will extend age 26 coverage for TRICARE so that military families will also be able to insure their kids up to age 26. That's why health care reform was needed in this country. We are going to provide 14 million young adults with health insurance coverage by 2014. It is because we took that step that we are going to provide access to that population.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, our immigration system is broken and yet there are those that refuse to do anything about it. The misguided Arizona law S.B. 1070 has made it so difficult for families that some have started to leave the State.

The general atmosphere in Arizona is one of distrust and fear, not just for Hispanic families, but for all communities of color. In the media, blatant attacks, hate speeches, negative images of Latinos only adds to the fuel and fire.

Immigration reform is about people, all of us. It's about families, our neighbors, our fellow parishioners, our classmates, our children. Make no mistake, our immigration problem will not go away by just attacking those without a voice.

I urge my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to roll up their sleeves and pass comprehensive immigration reform that will reinforce strong security at our borders, strong sanctions against employers who hire the undocumented workers, and unite our families.

We need comprehensive immigration reform now.

STRAIGHT FROM BP'S WEB SITE

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, here is an excerpt straight from BP's Web site. "Code of conduct is the cornerstone of their commitment to integrity." You can't make this stuff up.

It goes on to say "Great companies are built on trust. Trust is earned through the achievement of consistently high standards of behavior and care."