

Wait, but it gets better. The document also says that among the "basic rules you must follow" at BP is always to "make sure you know what to do if an emergency occurs at your place of work." Straight from BP's Web site.

Well, 40 days into one of the worst ecological disasters of our time, BP has yet to meet its own commitment in its Web site to its own integrity. If the code of conduct is consistently violated, causing massive destruction and loss of life, then that employee or contractor would be terminated. The American people should demand no less.

Today I plan to introduce an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill to begin the process of terminating BP's business with the American people. Please join me in supporting my amendment to ensure that BP is permanently banned from profiting off the American taxpayer.

HONORING MELISSA BEYRUTI OF UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of an inspiring student athlete, Melissa Beyruti of Kean University.

Melissa, an All-American senior basketball guard from Union City, New Jersey, finished her career this past March to become the NCAA Division III leader in all-time games played with 128. She also became Kean's all-time leading scorer, closing out her career with 1,974 points, and she holds the NCAA all-division record for career three pointers with 397.

In addition to being chosen for the 2010 NCAA Division III State Farm Coaches' All-American Team, Melissa has been named as both the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metro Region Player of the Year and the New Jersey Athletic Player of the Year. Highlights of her career have been featured in *The New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Melissa has served as both an exemplary student athlete and role model for young girls and women, making her family, university, and the community of Union City very proud. She is an inspiration to many, and I want to congratulate her and her family. I look forward to her many future successes on and off the court.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE EPA

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, this past Friday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released a report that outlines the economic impact of the EPA's

holding up perfectly valid mining permits. This report brings to light yet another example of the EPA's war on coal that threatens our country's economic energy and security.

The report found that 190 coal mining operations are being held up. These mines are expected to produce over 2 billion tons of coal, and 81 small businesses rely on these permits to keep their doors open. The EPA is jeopardizing 1 out of every 4 coal mining jobs and over 162,000 indirect jobs in Appalachia.

Enough is enough. With nearly double-digit unemployment throughout the Appalachian region, the Obama administration should tell its EPA to stop its political attacks on coal. Now is the time to put politics aside so thousands of citizens in Appalachia can return to work.

AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES

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

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about H.R. 4213 and the impact it will have on an economy that may be improving but has not gone far enough yet. This important bill will put the folks in Maine back to work by increasing investment in our communities and businesses and by closing tax loopholes.

Because of this bill, small businesses that are the backbone of our economic recovery will have increased access to credit. The Build America's Bonds program will continue to allow towns to invest in improving their infrastructure and provide good-paying construction jobs for many Americans. In my home State of Maine, extending the research and development tax credit helps important businesses like IDEXX in Westbrook to grow and develop innovative new products.

I am proud to say this bill also cracks down on tax loopholes that allow hedge fund managers to avoid paying income tax on much of their salaries, and the bill makes sure that multinational corporations don't avoid paying taxes by shifting their profits to offshore tax havens.

Closing tax loopholes generates billions of dollars to pay for the provisions that create jobs in our communities. I look forward to voting "yes" on this important bill.

BUSINESS ECONOMIC HISTORY THAT MIGHT MAKE PINOCCHIO BLUSH

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard some business economic history that might make even Pinocchio blush.

Our friends on the other side of the aisle sometimes want the public to forget we inherited an economy in free fall last January. GDP had plummeted 5.4 percent and 741,000 Americans lost their jobs that month. This Congress took decisive action to halt that downward spiral known as the Great Recession.

Those efforts are yielding results today, fostering 290,000 jobs last month, 600,000 jobs so far this year, on a track to create more jobs this year than in the previous 8 years under their rule. In my Virginia district alone we created 4,000 jobs last month and saw the unemployment rate drop.

The national economy has posted positive growth in each of the last three-quarters, jumping 5.6 percent alone in the first quarter. Mr. Speaker, our Republican colleagues continue to advocate for the bankrupt policies that previously drove our Nation into the economic ditch. We have chosen a new path, and it's those actions and investments that are putting Americans back to work today.

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and the remarkable contributions the Asian and Pacific Islander community have made to our Nation. I am a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and my district includes some of the most robust and active Filipino and Chinese communities in America.

For centuries our Nation has been strengthened by the enormous courage, sacrifice, and dedication of immigrants from across the globe, and the Asian American Pacific Islander community is no exception. As the daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, I know firsthand how weaving values and principles from our cultures into our national fabric is a part of what makes our country great.

The heroes of the AAPI community represent the very best aspects of American life, and their contributions have been invaluable to my district, the State of California, and to our country.

PUT LIMITS ON CORPORATIONS' ABILITY TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN ELECTIONS

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, when the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the Citizens United case, which allowed corporations, including foreign corporations, to spend money to advocate candidates in American elections, many people might have thought this

was an abstract threat. But the events of the last month probably should convince them otherwise.

Last year, BP Oil made \$14 billion in profit. If they took one-tenth of that profit, \$1.4 billion, they could spend \$3 million in every congressional district for every election. It might be less expensive for them to buy Congress than it would be to pay the damages that they have done to this country.

You know, in Kentucky, we have a candidate, Rand Paul, who is running for the Senate. He said President Obama was being un-American when he said he wanted to keep his foot on the throat of BP Oil. Do you think Rand Paul might be getting some campaign expenditures from BP this year?

The damage that BP Oil has done to our country is not nearly as great as the damage which the Citizens United case could do to our democracy. We need to pass the DISCLOSE Act and put limits on corporations' ability to influence American elections.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

HONORING WORKERS WHO PERISHED IN DEEPWATER HORIZON ACCIDENT

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1347) honoring the workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the disaster site.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1347

Whereas 11 workers tragically died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform following an explosion on April 20, 2010;

Whereas the Nation is greatly indebted to offshore workers for the strenuous work they perform to provide the energy that drives our Nation every day;

Whereas the Nation has long recognized the importance of safety protections for offshore workers who labor in difficult and uncertain conditions;

Whereas these men were loving husbands, sons and brothers;

Whereas these workers should be remembered for their valor and contribution to our communities;

Whereas Coast Guard and local rescue crews worked tirelessly night and day in courageous rescue and recovery missions;

Whereas the families of the lost workers have endured a great loss; and

Whereas residents of the Gulf Coast and the Nation came together to support these families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the untimely and tragic loss of the 11 workers from the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas who died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana;

(2) extends the deepest condolences of the Nation to the families of these men;

(3) recognizes all employees on the Deepwater Horizon for their hard work and sacrifice;

(4) commends the rescue crews for their valiant efforts to rescue these workers and others on the platform; and

(5) honors the many volunteers who provided support and comfort for the families of these people during this difficult time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CAO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I present H. Res. 1347 for consideration. This resolution honors the 11 workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform following an explosion on April 20 of this year. We mourn their loss and extend our prayers and condolences to their families.

H. Res. 1347 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana, Representative CHARLIE MELANCON, on May 11, 2010. The measure was reported to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which waived consideration of the measure to expedite its consideration on the floor today. The resolution has the support of over 50 Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the deaths of the 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform last month were a tragic reminder of the severe hazards that offshore workers face every day. As we mourn the loss of these men, let us take a moment to reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our offshore oil workers and all Americans who perform such dangerous and necessary work every day. Let us also take a moment to commend our Coast Guard and the local rescue crews for their tireless efforts responding to this catastrophe. Their jobs are also incredibly difficult and dangerous, and we thank them for their hard work.

Mr. Speaker, the Deepwater Horizon explosion and the ongoing crisis of the

oil spill it produced will have significant political and policy ramifications. We will debate those here on the House floor, but that is not what we are here to do today. As we are joined today by the family of one of the victims of the explosion, let us put aside all differences and offer our united, heartfelt, and profound sympathies to the families and friends of these 11 workers.

I would now like to place into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of these hardworking Americans who lost their lives in this tragedy: Dale Burkeen, Donald Clark, Roy Wyatt Kemp, Jason Anderson, Stephen Curtis, Gordon Jones, Karl Kleppinger, Blair Manuel, Dewey Revette, Shane Roshto, and Adam Weise.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana for introducing it, and I also thank the chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Congressman TOWNS of New York, as well as the ranking member, Representative ISSA of California, for their support.

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THE MISSING MEN OF DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL RIG

(By Joanna Sugden)

Eleven men were missing presumed dead after the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded last week.

Dale Burkeen, 37 was a crane operator on the platform and was trained to lower crew members to boats in an emergency.

He had returned to the rig from Neshoba, near Philadelphia, about a week before the explosion. He and wife, Rhonda, have two children, Aryn, 14 and Timothy, 6.

Donald Clark, 49 of Newellton, Louisiana, was expected to leave the rig the day after the explosion for a three-week break. He was an assistant driller.

Roy Wyatt Kemp, 27, has two children, Kaylee, 3, and 3-month-old Maddison, with his wife, Courtney.

He loved fishing and the outdoors and attended a Baptist church in Jonesville, Louisiana, where a memorial service for him will be held today.

Jason Anderson, was a father of two from Bay City, Texas.

Stephen Curtis was an assistant driller on the rig from Georgetown, Louisiana.

Gordon Jones, 28, of Louisiana, was expecting to become a father to a second son with his wife, Michelle.

Karl Kleppinger, 38, of Natchez, Mississippi was a Desert Storm veteran who spent more than ten years working on oil rigs. He was a floorman who made about \$75,000 a year working off the Louisiana coast.

Blair Manuel, 56, resident of Gonzales, Louisiana, was a chemical engineer on the rig.

Dewey Revette, 48, from State Line, Mississippi, was a father who had worked for the company as an oil driller for 29 years.

Shane Roshto, 22, was from Franklin County, Mississippi. His family were named on law suits filed by Louisiana's fisheries industry, accusing BP and Transocean, the rig operator, of negligence.

Adam Weise, 24, of Yorktown, Texas, came straight from high school work on the rig in 2005. He loved to hunt and fish and play football. He was the youngest of four children.