

want them enforcing immigration and smuggling laws. Are they going to call ICE to come out there? The Federal Government's already said they can't protect you. So why call 9/11? That's a useless call.

And the last one it says: the BLM, the Bureau of Land Management, encourages visitors to use public lands north of Interstate 8 because, see, we can't protect you as the Federal Government in the land south of Interstate 8 that goes all the way to Mexico. Has the Federal Government ceded that land to Mexico, the drug dealers, and the human coyotes? Kind of sounds like it to me.

And now what is the Federal Government's response besides putting up a bunch of these signs saying, Don't travel America; don't take your kids across this country because it's not safe. We can't protect you. The Federal Government has decided to send its lawyers to the courthouse and sue the State of Arizona so they won't enforce and protect their own law.

The Federal Government ought to spend less time sending lawyers to the courthouse and spend a little more time sending the National Guard down to the border to keep people from coming into this country without permission. After all, it is the Federal Government's responsibility to protect us and let us travel all of our interstate highways, even Interstate 8 in Arizona.

And that's just the way it is.

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

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

AFGHANISTAN

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. Madam Speaker, tonight I would like to bring up the issue of Afghanistan. This weekend in the Raleigh News and Observer, they published 20 names of our men and women who have given their lives for this country. As most of you know, I have written over 9,000 letters to immediate and extended families of the fallen. Lately, the numbers have dramatically increased. More and more of our sons and daughters in uniform are paying the ultimate price.

I would like to reference this poster beside me. The picture's of a flag-draped coffin being carried off a plane. This is war. This is the reality of war.

In a recent debate on the floor of the House regarding Afghanistan, I made reference to conservative George Will and liberal Thomas Friedman. Both have stated in written editorials that there is nothing we can accomplish in Afghanistan. In an article published in Newsweek yesterday, Richard Haass

shares this opinion. His article is entitled, "We're not winning. It's not worth it."

In my remaining time I would like to share some thoughts of a former general who's my personal adviser on Afghanistan. These are his words, not mine: "The basic 'mission' of defeating al Qaeda in Afghanistan is a sham. Our own intelligence tells us that there are only about 50 al Qaeda members in the mountains of Afghanistan and Pakistan . . . certainly nothing worth sending thousands upon thousands of our best young men and women to fight. Al Qaeda is not a geographic entity . . . it cannot be pinpointed to a single area. Attacking them in Afghanistan or Pakistan just pushes them to other locations . . . Yemen is the perfect example. It is like playing the child's game 'Whack a Mole.' Stop al Qaeda in one area and they will just pop up in another. Bottom Line: the war against terror is not to be found in the mountains of Afghanistan or Pakistan . . . as we have vividly seen in Uganda and the U.S. recently."

Madam Speaker, I mention that, and I have this poster that shows, again, as I have been repetitive for just one moment, the number of young men and women coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq in a flag-draped coffin.

It's our policy, responsibility on the House floor and in the Senate to debate policy. These young men and women are doing exactly what they joined the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force and have sworn they will do for this country. They will go when their leaders call upon them to go. It is our responsibility on the floor of the House to debate the policy, and the policy on Afghanistan has been proven from Alexander the Great to the English, to the Russians, to all the countries: you are taking a country with over 1,400 tribes and trying to make it a nation. It just is not going to happen.

And it's not fair to our men and women in uniform to continue to send them back 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 deployments. We had a marine recently down at Camp Lejeune, which is in my district, a sergeant who committed suicide right there on the streets of Camp Lejeune.

We are wearing out our military. It's time to have another debate on the floor of the House, and it's time to bring these troops home and rebuild our military and rebuild the equipment and make America's military strong again.

Madam Speaker, I will close with this: God, please bless our men and women in uniform. Please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. And, God, in Your loving arms hold the families who've given a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. And, God, give the strength to the House and the Senate that we will do what is right in the eyes of God and give strength to Mr. Obama to do what is right in the eyes of God.

And, God, three times I will ask from the bottom of my heart, God, please,

God, please, God, please continue to bless America.

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.)

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF INVASION OF CYPRUS

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, for nearly 36 years, the people of Cyprus have endured an illegal occupation and massive violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms by Turkey after it invaded a sovereign nation 36 years ago tomorrow. It breaks my heart to hear the stories of how the occupied north has been devastated, how the Turkish occupiers have converted chapels in Kyrenia into bars and tourist information centers; how once beautiful churches have been converted into mosques; how the U.N. peacekeepers on the island have watched for 36 years as the Turkish Army has laid land mines and can only sit and note what's being done—a peacekeeping force operating with no mandate to stop the lawlessness.

It breaks my heart that families forcibly removed from their homes had all of their personal and real property stolen from them. More heartbreaking than anything else are the persons missing since 1974. Madam Speaker, whose families still grieve knowing they will never be at peace until their sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers are accounted for and whose bones must be laid to rest.

Yet the Turkish Government still refuses to cooperate. To us, their actions aren't acceptable. That is why we will continue to fight and persist in our efforts to reunify Cyprus and make the island whole again and heal the wounds. A solution to the Cyprus problem has come from the Cypriots themselves and must serve first and foremost the interests of the Cypriots.

The key to a successful outcome of the negotiating process and reunification of the island remains in Ankara, since a solution to the Cyprus problem cannot be reached without Turkey's full and constructive cooperation. Turkey must give the new Turkish Cypriot leader the freedom to negotiate a solution. Turkey must start with the removal of its occupation troops and illegal settlers from Cyprus.

The role of the U.N. and the international community is to provide assistance and support the process. The process should not be subjected to false time frames. The United States has publicly supported a solution of the Cyprus problem and specifically a

bicommunal, bizonal federation. As a close ally of Turkey, the U.S. should use its influence to push Turkey to actively support the process and the reunification of the island as a bicommunal and bizonal federation. And the U.S. must also push Turkey to withdraw its occupational forces.

The Government of Cyprus continues to work for the genuine reunification of Cyprus and integration of its people and economy in the context of a functional and viable settlement, a solution which will bring peace, prosperity, and a better future for all of the citizens of a united Cyprus within the EU. A solution of the Cyprus problem that reunifies the island, its people, the economy, its institutions in a bizonal, bicommunal federation is in the best interest of all Cypriots.

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Madam Speaker, I urge this body to pressure Turkey to remove its troops from Cyprus, remove its settlers, and come to the negotiating table in good faith to find a solution that is just for the Cypriot people. Let's hope we are not recognizing the 37th anniversary of the invasion this time next year.

EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to enter and extend remarks into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. The Congressional Black Caucus is incensed that some would choose to politicize the proposed extension of unemployment benefits. As the conscience of the Congress, the CBC will spend this Special Order hour reminding them of the Americans they seem to have forgotten. I will also be joined by a diverse cross section of Members from a variety of caucuses, all urging the Senate to act now.

Madam Speaker, I would yield to my friend and colleague from the State of Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

Ms. KAPTUR. I want to thank Congresswoman FUDGE for taking leadership on this very, very important Special Order this evening on the subject of unemployment and the extension of unemployment benefits during this critical moment for our country.

I just got back to Washington after spending the weekend in my district, and I'm telling you that is the issue. People come up to you, whether you are in a parking lot, just leaving a food store, whether you're in a religious institution on Sunday, people are asking

what's wrong with Congress. It isn't the House. It's the other body that hasn't passed the extension of unemployment benefits.

I want to commend the Congressional Black Caucus for bringing this forward this evening.

By the end of this week, nearly 2.5 million Americans will have lost their unemployment benefits because our colleagues over on the other side of the Capitol chose to politicize with unemployed workers, trying to make some kind of political statement over there, rather than extending benefits for people who earn them.

You would think that work, as a value, would be undergirded by those that serve us at this level in our country, and I think they really undermine the value of work itself by not allowing people who have earned those benefits as a result of going to work every day to then, when times get hard, reap some of the benefits that they, in fact, have earned.

Just in Ohio, Congresswoman FUDGE and I know that 112,000 Ohioans will lose their unemployment benefits as we wait for the Senate to act. On July 12, the Toledo Blade ran the following letter to the editor, which I will summarize. It says, "Cutting off jobless was act of cruelty," and this writer, Darlene, from Perrysburg, Ohio, states: "I do not want to add to the Federal deficit. However, not to extend unemployment benefits to workers who have lost their jobs, most through no fault of their own, is cruel." She's right.

"These former workers may lose their homes," she says, "adding to the foreclosure dilemma." She's right.

"They paid taxes into the system for years." She's right.

"Now the government says they have used up their benefits. I wonder when the government will tell third- and fourth-generation welfare recipients that they have used up their benefits." And she was rather strident in her comments there, but she's asking what about people who have been employed.

Worse, a week before that, the Toledo Blade ran an article titled, "Toledoans battle to survive as aid for unemployed vanishes: Area agencies get more requests for help." I know I met with the head of Job and Family Services in Lucas County, and they said that immediately they expect an influx of 3,000 individuals that represented 3,000 families. You know how many people—that's over 10,000 people just for the first influx of those who had fallen off their benefits.

The article talked about Anita Fitch, a 42-year-old single mother who had gotten two extensions on her unemployment benefits but now she's on her own. Anita stated, "The unemployment money was not paying the bills, and I went to get food stamps because I have two kids in the house and everything is backing up—the food bill, the electric—and now I am trying to find a job," but "there just aren't any jobs out there."

So Anita's problem is like that of many Americans. We need to stop being partisan over there in the Senate and work together to support those who have lost their jobs while joining together to create jobs and stabilize our housing market.

I wanted to say to Congresswoman FUDGE that I have other examples I could give, but I don't want to not allow other Members who have come this evening to also state their piece. We know that we need to make things in America again, and Ms. Fitch was among those in our district who had a well-paying factory job, polishing automotive parts, a solid job that provided for her family, the kind of jobs that we need here in our country. We need less outsourcing. We need fewer bank bailouts—in fact, no bank bailouts—while we work to create jobs and to sustain our unemployed citizens.

So I have voted to continue to extend unemployment benefits, and I think the important voices that we will add to the record tonight include those individuals from our district who have been contacting us, pleading with Congress to give them the benefits that they have earned, and if we had enough jobs in our country, people wouldn't be asking. This is a time when we need a little extra cushion inside this economy to help people transition as we begin producing more and more jobs per month, and we had to dig ourselves out of the huge hole that the last President left this President.

I think that we helped to turn the corner now, but we have millions of Americans who simply have not been able to find their footing in this economy.

One gentleman that wrote has sent out 400 resumes and applied for over 400 jobs in 10 States and has only gotten three interviews in 9 months and zero job offers, and he says it's aggravating that the people who caused this mess are still making several-figure incomes, and the average Joe is suffering. Who knows what is going to happen after August when this gentleman's unemployment benefits run out.

So, Congresswoman FUDGE, I want to thank you very much for holding this Special Order tonight to encourage our Senate colleagues to put partisanship and politics aside and to act to help those who need these unemployment benefits to put food on the table for their families. They're really not asking for very much.

"Sincerely,"

"Jennifer"

Jennifer is not alone. Debra also emailed me and she writes, "Dear Representative KAPTUR,"

"Our family is in dire need of an extension of unemployment benefits. My partner has been unemployed since July 15, 2008. Her unemployment expired June 25, 2010 without notice."

"She is over 60 years of age. We have 3 children, 2 elementary age and one high school age. I am self employed and my business is so slow that my adjusted gross income