

for our government to act. Let's support our teachers. Let's not spend another dime to escalate America's longest war.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this supplemental that we will be considering later in the day.

THE SOUTH KOREAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

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

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, yesterday the United States Navy began conducting war game operations off the coast of Korea. Many of the sailors and ships come from Pearl Harbor, located in my district.

Yesterday, I also had the opportunity to finally meet with the Korean ambassador to the United States, who is also the former Prime Minister of South Korea. These are important developments. It is important for our Nation to strengthen and deepen our ties with Korea in the troubling times we have in the Korean Peninsula.

I want to state and strongly urge this House to most expeditiously move the free trade agreement between the United States and South Korea to make sure that what happened 60 years ago in the Korean Peninsula doesn't happen again.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GOVERNOR KENNY GUINN

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

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, today Nevada mourns the loss of a good man, former Governor Kenny Guinn, a true public servant who always put the interests of Nevadans first, ahead of party and above politics.

I was honored to serve in the State legislature during Governor Guinn's tenure there. As a former Clark County School Superintendent, Governor Guinn led efforts to improve Nevada's system of education. And through our shared commitment to both teachers and students, we became friends as well as colleagues.

It was thanks to his leadership that we created the Millennium Scholarship which bears his name and has helped some 60,000 young Nevadans fulfill the dream of a college education. That is his legacy.

Kenny Guinn reached the State's highest office, but he never lost his special common touch for which he is so beloved by so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family today.

BORDER SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

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

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Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, Arizonans are tired of being let down by Washington on the border. For years, we have been calling on the Federal Government to start fulfilling its duties, and again and again, the Federal Government has debated, delayed, and stumbled.

By withholding funding for critical border resources in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, Congress is adding another black mark to its record of failure on this issue.

The fact is that border security is national security. The Federal Government has a responsibility to address threats to our communities, both abroad and at home. They are neglecting that responsibility with this bill. The House has previously accepted that expanding the border patrol is a necessary step to keep Arizonans safe. Why can't we find a way to get this done today?

Once again, lack of political will is being allowed to put our communities at risk. Folks have had enough of the culture in Washington that prizes scoring political points over solving problems. The people of my district and my State deserve better than this from Congress.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, for almost 75 years, Social Security has helped Americans save for retirement and has provided the supplemental income they could count on in their golden years. For almost as long, congressional Republicans have attacked Social Security and are doing so yet again.

The Republicans' efforts are unconscionable and inexcusable. They fail to realize Social Security is earned, not gifted, to American workers. It comes from a lifetime of hard work and investment.

Democrats will not let Republicans play politics with this benefit. They will not and must not succeed in robbing seniors of the benefits they have earned and deserve.

TAX RATES

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, we heard just a few minutes ago a repetition of the myth that our friends from the Republican Party tried to foist on the American people, the idea that somehow, by restoring the pre-Bush tax rates on the wealthiest Americans, we are going to impede small business.

Well, I come from a family of small business people, and I can assure you that nothing is further from the truth.

I have a brother in the barbecue business. He does very well, makes a lot of money. He used to vote Republican because he didn't want to pay as much tax. But he called me in 2008 and said, you know, I am starting to support Democrats now and I am going to support President Obama. The reason is because I realized, finally, that if people can't afford to buy barbecue, it doesn't matter what their tax rate is.

Ladies and gentlemen, the reason we need to restore the tax rates to the pre-Bush rates is because we have a way to get this country out of deficit. More importantly, the answer to our economic woes is rebuilding America, making it in America and restoring our manufacturing base and the jobs that come with it so people can afford barbecue.

FAILED RECOVERY POLICIES MAKE NEARLY 15 MILLION UNEMPLOYED

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, 18 months into this administration, one thing is clear: the economic policies of this administration and this liberal Democratic Congress have failed. Nearly 15 million Americans are unemployed. Unemployment hovers near a heart-breaking 10 percent; and after months of runaway spending, bailouts and takeovers, Washington Democrats are now poised to add tax increases to their agenda.

The American people are starting to realize that unless this Congress acts, every single income tax bracket will increase on January 1, 2011, every single one. This weekend Treasury Secretary Geithner actually said "The country can withstand that. I think it's good policy."

Really? Fifteen million Americans unemployed and this administration defines good policy as what the country can withstand? The country cannot withstand more spending, more borrowing, more bailouts, or more taxes; and House Republicans will fight this tax increase with everything we have got.

HMONG VETERANS

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, today I will introduce legislation that will provide for burial benefits in national cemeteries to Hmong veterans who served in support of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

Given the service to our Nation, I believe this is an appropriate honor. During the Vietnam War, officers from the

CIA Special Activities Division trained and led Hmong men in Laos and in Vietnam for special combat activities. These forces numbered in the tens of thousands and conducted missions against communist forces and the North Vietnamese, fighting shoulder to shoulder with U.S. soldiers.

Since the end of the conflict in Vietnam, thousands of Hmong families have resettled around the United States today and as a result of a law signed by President Ford are now United States citizens. Only a few thousand of these original veterans remain alive today.

As was done with the Philippine Armed Forces who served in support of U.S. in World War II, we should recognize that precedent by offering internment privileges to national cemeteries after verification and documentation is completed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

I urge you to support this legislation.

U.S. MANUFACTURING WILL LEAD US INTO RECOVERY

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, Democrats are committed to growing our economy and getting Americans back to work. We want to continue to support America's manufacturing workers by closing tax loopholes that outsource U.S. jobs overseas. These savings will pay for hometown tax credits for small businesses to expand American manufacturing jobs.

The Democrats are boosting incentives to create American clean energy jobs and build state-of-the-art wind turbines, solar panels and other new technologies. We can pay for this by ending subsidies to big oil companies, government giveaways to companies that rake in millions of dollars.

We are strengthening the rules that the U.S. Government and its contractors buy American, especially to build our transportation, energy and communications infrastructure. And we are telling foreign countries like China to honor fair trade principles or lose American business.

In just over 1 year we have turned our economy around, going from losing nearly 800,000 jobs in the last month of the Bush administration to 6 straight months of private sector job growth totaling nearly 600,000 new private sector jobs created just this year.

We are heading in the right direction and Democrats are going to ensure that U.S. manufacturing will continue to lead us into economic recovery. America will make things once again.

HISTORY AND POLICIES

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, we have been going back and forth between the Republican and Democratic sides with two views of history and two policies.

The Republican Party has argued all morning, and it will continue right through the election, that we should go back to the Reagan-Bush policies of the past and the Democrats want to try a new approach. But let's just review the history.

Ronald Reagan ran for President saying that any President who doesn't balance the budget should be impeached, and yet for 8 years he never once submitted a balanced budget, and, in fact, quadrupled the deficit. Bill Clinton came into office, adopted the suggestion of President George Herbert Walker Bush, the 41st President, that you should have a concept called PAYGO. The first President Bush may have lost an election as a result, but it was the right thing to do.

Bill Clinton adopted the PAYGO concept as his own and made sure that any new spending was offset with additional revenue and for any tax cuts we were prepared to cut spending proportionately. It worked.

We created surpluses, so many surpluses, in fact, that Alan Greenspan was worried we had too much Treasury debt floating out there. The reality is that this past President's policy that the Republicans would want us to go back to, took a \$5.6 trillion projected Clinton surplus and turned it into \$3.5 trillion of Bush's legacy of debt. Is that what the American people really want to see repeated? I don't think so.

RACE TO GROW CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

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

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, we are involved in a race today. It's a race to grow clean energy jobs, and we are in a race with the rest of the world and particularly China.

China recently announced they will be investing over \$750 billion over the next 10 years to grow clean energy jobs in China. They have announced they are going to put a cap on carbon so that they can create demand for the creation of new, clean energy jobs.

What are we doing in this country? Unfortunately, the other Chamber, the U.S. Senate, has dropped the ball and isn't moving a ball to create a demand for these new clean energy jobs with a cap on carbon.

We can lose this race if we don't get off the dime and get into this race. But I want to assure folks we are going to get into this race one way or another and one way is with the Environmental Protection Agency creating a limitation on carbon so we can create the demands for these clean energy jobs so we can make clean energy electric cars in this country and sell them into China.

For those people who are going to object to the EPA regulation of carbon, you had your chance and you can't be heard to squawk. We are going to move forward on clean energy jobs.

HONORING COAST GUARD ON 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a parent's pride to honor the 100th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

The long and proud heritage of the Coast Guard Academy began in 1910 in New London, Connecticut, and continues today in the academy's ongoing mission to promote the values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

The rigorous academic program of the Coast Guard Academy provides a holistic education that includes academics, physical fitness, character and leadership and that trains cadets in the many roles the Coast Guard takes in our national security.

On behalf of my district in western Pennsylvania, I offer my congratulations to the commandant of the Coast Guard and the superintendent of the United States Coast Guard Academy and its staff for 100 years of operation of the Coast Guard Academy.

I especially congratulate all the cadets and graduates of the academy, including my daughter Linden now serving in the Gulf of Mexico, for their incredible work and dedication to our country.

God bless the United States Coast Guard, Semper Paratus.

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TWO HEROES

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

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I wonder if we aren't loose in the way we use the word "hero." We sometimes call those who die unexpectedly, innocents who are killed, heroes. I wonder if in doing so we don't cheapen the extent to which the word "hero" must be applied to men like Michael Baik and Steven Velazquez, two firefighters in Bridgeport who gave their lives in the line of duty this weekend, two men who woke up every day and said, "I will risk my life and my well-being for you, my fellow citizens," and now leave behind wives, and in the case of Michael, three children, and in the case of Steven, two children.

These were men who exemplify, I think, the best of what we mean when we say that we care about each other. And speaking as their Representative, and I hope on behalf of all my colleagues, we thank them, we thank their families, and wish them Godspeed.