

he didn't follow the teacher's instructions.

This abuse of children and the death of children has got to stop.

LIBERALS CREATE POSSIBLE SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Democrats in Congress are still setting up roadblocks to prevent a budget for this fiscal year. Trying to conceal reckless spending, the liberal majority in the last Congress refused to pass a budget, threatening jobs.

Rather than mortgaging the future like the previous Congress, House Republicans sent a commonsense budget to the Senate 47 days ago. This plan limits spending in order to promote job growth. Now we have liberals in the Senate refusing to pass the budget. This is failed leadership.

Democrats in Washington are out of touch with everyday Americans and would rather play the blame game than offer real solutions. The liberal House majority last year failed to pass a budget. The new conservative House passed a budget, but the liberal Senate majority has failed to pass a budget.

Liberals are clearly risking government shutdown.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HUNGER SHOULD NOT BE A PARTISAN ISSUE

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, of every 10 people going hungry today, six are women. They are hungry not only because they are the majority poor, with the least access to schools, land, and markets, but because every mother will go to bed hungry before her child does.

H.R. 1 cuts life-saving food aid, humanitarian and development programs almost in half. These programs make up less than 1 percent of the Federal budget. Slashing them does nothing to fix the deficit but will be devastating to millions of poor women and children.

When world food prices are at all-time highs and there are more hungry people in the world than ever before, this is unconscionable. Over 30,000 people—religious and social leaders—are fasting in opposition to these budget cuts.

Hunger should not be a partisan issue. I urge all my colleagues to join these brave citizens and reject these draconian cuts. Support programs that protect the hungry and the most vulnerable here at home and around the world.

Learn more at www.hungerfast.org.

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RECONSIDERATION OF THE GOLDSTONE REPORT

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, the U.N. commissioned its infamous Goldstone Report following the 2008-2009 war between Hamas in Gaza and the State of Israel, a war which grew out of Hamas's ongoing rocket attacks, well over 4,000, intended to terrorize communities in southern Israel. This report alleged the sickening conclusion that Israel deliberately targeted civilians as a matter of policy, an accusation grossly offensive to me as an American, and to the only nation in the Middle East whose freedoms and commitment to humanitarian values we all recognize and admire as mirroring our own.

The Goldstone Report has been held high by those in the international community seeking to delegitimize the State of Israel's very own existence. Now Richard Goldstone has publicly distanced himself from the deeply flawed conclusions of his own report.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask: Where does a nation go to get its reputation back?

I hope and urge that we can begin to talk to the administration to inform the U.N. and the members of the Goldstone Commission to reconsider its own report, to block U.N. actions based on its falsehoods, and to expeditiously introduce a measure properly exonerating Israel from this damaging libel.

GULFSTREAM TRIBUTE

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sadness over the passing of four Gulfstream Aerospace employees who perished in a test flight crash in Roswell, New Mexico, this past Saturday.

Gulfstream is headquartered in my congressional district, and I know firsthand the hard work, discipline, and dedication that Gulfstream employees put into their work. Last week, four of those employees lost their lives in the line of duty.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends, and colleagues of Kent Crenshaw, Vivan Ragusa, David McCollum, and Reece Ollenburg. Today I want to honor their lives and their legacies. They will be missed by their families, colleagues, and communities, and they have our deepest respect and appreciation.

SPENDING AND THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, as we are all very well aware, we are on the verge of a potential government shutdown over the critical issue of spending. For those who are confused by the caterwauling that they hear from this Chamber as to where the parties stand in relation to spending your money and the future deficits and debt of this country, let me put it as clearly as I can.

The Democrats support shutting down the government for more spending. The Republicans support keeping open the government with less spending. I trust your wisdom to determine which you prefer and which you deem in the interests of this country.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand here this morning very troubled because the Republican budget will end Medicare and eliminate the guaranteed coverage. This is un-American.

It slashes Medicaid for seniors in nursing homes, health care for children, and Americans with disabilities. This is un-American.

It increases the cost of college education for close to 10 million middle class students and their families. It gives away billions in subsidies to tax breaks for Big Oil, and it gives tax cuts for the wealthy that will add \$1 trillion to the deficit. It gives tax breaks to corporations that send jobs overseas.

Yes, we must cut, but we must cut with common sense. We must not gut the future of America. It has to be sensible.

PROHIBIT EPA FROM REGULATING FLY ASH AS A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

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

Mr. MCKINLEY. Today, Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation that will prohibit the EPA from regulating fly ash as a hazardous material.

Fly ash is an unavoidable byproduct of burning coal to produce electricity. Fly ash has been repeatedly tested and approved by the EPA for use by America's customers. Recycling fly ash helps to keep electric generation costs down, which in turn keeps electricity affordable for all our consumers. But if the EPA persists with its plans to designate fly ash as a hazardous material, the expense of handling the material will increase logarithmically, and so will our energy costs.

Why would this administration want to increase the cost of electricity on our senior citizens, hospitals, schools, and American families?

President Obama's relentless war on coal has been an unmitigated job killer and will have a ripple effect on all industries, especially those that recycle fly ash. That's why I am proud to introduce this legislation, which has bipartisan support among my colleagues as well as over two dozen special groups.

THE PENDING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this House is at an historic moment because we look at a possible shutdown of government, a shutdown of government that you have to look and ask: Why may it occur? It's going to occur because we don't have a budget. And why don't we have a budget? Because we've got a great deficit. Why do we have that great deficit? Because the Bush tax cuts got rid of the Clinton excess we had.

During Clinton's days, we had extra money. We balanced the budget. The Bush years: a deficit for the tax cuts, which have been extended with the majority of the Republicans and some Democrats, and two wars overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan that were off budget. And they have cost us much.

In the future, we are going to see a political Armageddon here about this continuing resolution and the budget of this country. And the issue is going to be whether we deal with the superrich or we guarantee America's past and care for everybody to have opportunity and a chance; whether we care about the oil companies that make record profits and give them continued deductions or whether we care about people that need education and health care. Medicare is at risk, Social Security will be at risk, and there's no jobs plan been put forward by this Congress.

And that's just the way it is.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1363, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011; AND WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 206 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 206

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in

the House the bill (H.R. 1363) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. The requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported before April 11, 2011, providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. House Resolution 206 provides for a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1363, which is a bill providing 1 week of continuing appropriations, a full year of funding for the Department of Defense, and cuts \$12 billion in wasteful Federal spending.

Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate that we are at this juncture nearly 7 months into fiscal year 2011, considering the bill that this House will soon consider. We are seeing a stunning lack of leadership on behalf of Washington Democrats, including Senate Majority Leader REID and President Obama, who have refused to do the work that Americans sent them here to do. They have exhibited willful disregard for our troops and their families, who are uncertain about their paychecks with a government shutdown looming.

The bill we will debate and pass funds the Department of Defense for the remainder of the year, while cutting another \$12 billion in wasteful Washington spending. Lest we forget, the reason this problem exists at all is because the liberal Democrat elites were so incapable of governing in the last Congress that they couldn't even pass a budget for the first time since modern congressional budgets were first created over 30 years ago.

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They didn't do that because of their lack of leadership then and their appar-

ent realization that the American people had tired of big spending, big government policies streaming out of Washington, which is why the Republicans now control the House of Representatives.

Today with real leadership in the House we have real solutions to these real problems. House Republicans have passed H.R. 1, which is a continuing resolution that takes us to the end of the fiscal year.

The Democrat response? In another display of their lack of leadership, Senator REID sits on his hands while Senator SCHUMER tinkers in his game of manipulating the liberal political message in a phone call with reporters.

House Republicans then took the lead in crafting two short-term continuing resolutions, H.J. Res. 44 and H.J. Res. 48, providing for an additional 5 weeks of funding authority while cutting \$10 billion in wasteful Federal spending along the way.

Realizing that the stubborn liberal elites in the Senate and White House are using the threat of a government shutdown to continue their failed wasteful spending policies, House Republicans last week passed H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act, which provided for enactment of H.R. 1 in the event that the liberal malaise continues to stymie progress on fiscal 2011 appropriations.

After all of these gestures of good faith made by House Republicans, the time has now come for the hapless liberal Democrat elites in the Senate and the White House to make a decision. It's time to decide between acting responsibly, abandoning favored political alliances, or continuing their failed Big Government policies as a solution to all earthly problems.

These points aside, there is one truth upon which everyone could probably agree: that the new Republican House leadership has changed the discussion in Washington, D.C., and across the country.

Whereas the previous discussion in Washington revolved solely around how much more money we should spend, today the discussion is how much more money we should cut.

Americans can now rest easy knowing that their message was received by responsible adults here in the House, and we will work to reflect their support for a leaner Federal Government focused on finding solutions to problems, rather than political gamesmanship and perpetual misguided adventures in social engineering.

Speaker BOEHNER has told the President that the House will not be put in a box and forced to choose between two options that are bad for the country, like accepting a bad deal that fails to make real spending cuts or accepting a government shutdown due to Senate inaction, and that is why House Republicans, in lieu of an agreement in which the White House and Senate agree to real spending cuts, are offering this third option: another good-faith gesture that funds our troops through the