

Bill is an educator who has dedicated over three decades, specifically 34 years, to teaching in Maine, New Hampshire, and New York. Upon retirement, he has dedicated his energies and talents to other retirees.

Bill was a leader in the labor movement and served two terms as president of the Niskayuna Teachers Association in my congressional district. Serving 8 years as president of Retiree Council 12 of the New York State United Teachers Association, Bill was influential in organizing the council.

Bill's leadership, dedication, compassion, and knowledge have had a profound influence on the lives of the students he has taught, the retirees for which he has advocated, and the friends he has made along the way.

In 1921, John Cotton Dana said, "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." It is in this spirit that Bill will be honored later this month.

I commend and congratulate him on all his efforts and hope his service and dedication can stand as a model and inspiration for countless others. After all, our future and our children's future are only as good as those who teach them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD J. SCHNITZER

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I rise today in honor of the long and productive life of Harold J. Schnitzer.

Harold was a skilled businessman who, together with his wife, Arlene Director Schnitzer, established and later with his son, Jordan, grew one of the largest privately owned real estate companies in the western United States. But this quiet, thoughtful, modest man was a civic leader, a philanthropist for the arts, education, and culture in Oregon.

I personally experienced his kindness to a young man interested in public service. He continued to be generous with his opinions and advice, a story I know was repeated many times. His important contributions to our community will be enjoyed for generations to come.

We honor his life, even as we mourn his passing, and extend our condolences to his wife of 62 years, Arlene, his son, Jordan, his extended family, and countless friends.

HAROLD SCHNITZER OBITUARY

Schnitzer, Harold J. 87 June 08, 1923 April 27, 2011 Harold J. Schnitzer, businessman, philanthropist, and civic leader, passed away early Wednesday morning, April 27, 2011, in Portland, at age 87, from complications of cancer and diabetes. He was born June 8, 1923, in Portland, growing up in S.W. Portland where he attended Shattuck Elementary School and Lincoln High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in metallurgy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1944 and, immediately thereafter, served in the U.S. Army until his discharge

in 1947. Upon returning to Portland he joined his brothers in the family scrap and steel business, working alongside them until 1950, at which time he left and founded Harsch Investment Properties, a leading diversified owner and operator of industrial, office, retail and multi-family properties in five Western states. He served as President and Chairman of the Board for two decades before being joined by his son Jordan in 1970, who now serves as President. Together they grew the company into one of the largest, privately held real estate companies in the Western United States. Throughout his life he focused on three things: family, the business and his community. Harold learned early on from his parents, Sam and Rose Schnitzer, who immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s, the responsibility of making a difference with his life. They taught him and his siblings, Manuel, Morris, Mollie, Edith, Gilbert and Leonard, the importance of giving back to your community. In 1949 he met and married Arlene Director, daughter of family friends, Simon and Helen Director. Married for 62 years, they were lifelong partners in business, the arts and philanthropy. Their son, Jordan, was born in 1951. Over a career of 60 years there have been hundreds of organizations and causes that have benefited from his leadership and financial support. Harold served on the board of Lewis & Clark College for 16 years, a Life Trustee since 1995. His service to the Portland Art Museum spanned 21 years, ultimately as Chairman of the Board from 1997 to 2001, during which time a major expansion resulted in the opening of the Mark Building. He and Arlene are especially proud of establishing the Center for Northwest Art, and a curatorial and awards program. They also were major collectors of Han and pre-Han ceramics that led to establishing the Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection of Early Chinese Art. They gifted a number of works from the collection to the Portland Art Museum along with endowing the position of Curator of Asian Art. Harold and Arlene have also been strong supporters of arts and cultural institutions in both the Bay Area and Palm Springs, where they have residences. More recently Harold provided the lead gift establishing the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center at OHSU in 2007, one of only ten centers in the nation treating children and adults, and the only one on the West Coast. A diabetic since his early 40s, he valued good health care and appreciated its connection to the quality and longevity of life. The Center is his expression of helping others in their struggle with diabetes. Harold valued family and philanthropy that extended to Portland, the State of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. He served as chairman of multiple capital and building campaigns for Portland's Jewish Community that led to the establishment of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, and facilities for Congregation Shaarie Torah and Congregation Beth Israel, both of which he remained as a member until his death. Harold was always interested in ensuring that young people have the same educational opportunities that he had. He believed that with education comes greater appreciation of one another's differences and increased tolerance. He had a lifelong interest in funding scholarships and educational grants, and that ultimately led to him establishing Judaic studies programs at both the University of Oregon and Portland State University. Harold served the City of Portland on a variety of projects including the development of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Because of his leadership and philanthropy, the city named its symphony hall, the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, in honor of his wife, Arlene. He has been honored by numer-

ous civic organizations regionally and nationally in partnership with his wife Arlene including the following: Doctor of Humane Letters, Portland State University, 2004; Distinguished Service Award, University of Oregon, 2001; Aubrey Watzek Award, Lewis & Clark College, 2000; Arts Breakfast of Champions Honoree, NW Business for Culture and the Arts, 1997; Portland First Citizen Award, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, 1995; SAFECO Art Leadership Award, ArtFair/Seattle, 1994; Distinguished Service Award, United Jewish Appeal, 1966-1967; and the Outstanding Philanthropist Award, National Society of Fundraising Executives, 1996. He is this year's honoree of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to be celebrated Saturday, April 30, 2011. Also in April, the faculty of the Pacific Northwest College of Art voted to award honorary doctorate degrees to both Harold and Arlene. Harold is survived by his wife, Arlene; son, Jordan; granddaughters, Arielle and Audria; brother, Gilbert of the Bay Area, Calif.; sister Mollie of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Even during the last days of his life he was still working and planning on how to make life better for everyone else around him. Therefore, in lieu of flowers and to honor his memory, the family suggests that contributions maybe made to the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center at OHSU; the Portland Art Museum; at either of two Judaic studies programs at the University of Oregon or Portland State University, or to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 N.W. Flanders St., Portland, with a reception to follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum, Mark Building, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., Portland.

IT'S TIME TO GET FOXES OUT OF THE HENHOUSE

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we had a hearing yesterday in the Judiciary Committee. The Attorney General of the United States came before us, and one of the things we discussed was the fact that in 2008, toward the end of the year, there was the biggest, most important terrorist funding case that was ever tried, conviction of all five defendants on 108 counts, and now this administration has dismissed and is not going to pursue the evidence that the trial judge said was there to make a prima facie case against the co-conspirators.

Instead, you can go to the White House Web site and find that their deputy national security adviser is thanking the president of the Islamic Society of North America, which was one of the unindicted coconspirators, for his wonderful help in the White House and his great prayer he gave the year before.

It's time to get foxes out of the henhouse. Let's hold people responsible who want to destroy our way of life.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mr. SMITH of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to just thank my colleagues for voting so overwhelmingly for H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

America today is solemnly pro-life and the trend line tangibly improves by the year. On public funding, a supermajority of well over 60 percent oppose public funding of abortion. Clearly, Americans get it. There is nothing compassionate, benign, or nurturing about abortion. Abortion methods, the actual deed of dismemberment, chemical poisoning or suction is an act of violence against children.

Abortion also hurts women. Earlier today in the Capitol, we heard from Nancy Tanner, a woman from Silent No More Awareness Campaign, who eloquently urged passage of H.R. 3. Ms. Tanner spoke of her abortion and the emotional agony that she has endured and noted that well over 10,000 women have come forward and now have spoken out publicly against abortion. Each and every one of those women have had at least one abortion themselves, and they talk of the ongoing and enduring agony of that abortion.

I want to, again, thank my colleagues for supporting the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, when I drove to the airport to come out here this week, I recognized that gasoline was at \$3.86 a gallon in my district, and the last time we got to these levels was almost 2½, 3 years ago in the summer of 2008.

And we, at that time, came up with an all-of-the-above energy plan, a plan that recognizes that what we need to do is expand production in the United States. We need to concentrate on conservation. We need to incentivize new forms of energy. But first and foremost, in order to get us over the bridge, we need to make certain that we utilize responsibly resources that have been given to this great country by our Creator.

We need offshore exploration, onshore exploration, clean coal technology, oil shale, all of the things that the American people know will decrease not just the price of gasoline but will decrease our reliance on foreign oil and make this country safer and the world safer.

Let's get to work on an all-of-the-above energy plan on behalf of the American people.

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RISING GAS PRICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINCHER). Under the Speaker's an-

nounced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROUN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately in what has become a time-honored tradition, the President and my Democratic colleagues that are here in Congress find it more convenient and politically expedient to make targets of energy companies. These are companies who invest their own capital and resources to increase our country's energy supply and the security of our Nation. They want nothing more than to operate in a free market environment without excessive government regulations.

However, in a move to deflect the spotlight from this administration's own failings and the Democrat Party's own failings and their incompetent policies, this administration and many in Congress find it easier to attack the success of the energy companies than to actually confront the challenges that we face, often espousing policies to increase government interference in the marketplace that do more harm than good.

Recently, companies like Koch Industries, which employs more than 10,000 people in my home State of Georgia, contributing more than \$700 million to our State's economy, along with tens of millions in community and environmental philanthropic efforts, have come under attack by several Democrats in this body and this administration just because Koch's work provides for an easy red meat target to throw to their radical environmental friends. It's also a sad state of affairs when other energy companies actually post a positive profit report, even though most of these profits go back into more energy exploration as well as clean energy development. I'm also sure that you won't hear many attacks on how those profits help boost the retirement accounts of millions of Americans and put more into our struggling economy than any government stimulus program has or could.

According to the new Washington Post/ABC News survey out today, more than seven in 10 Americans are suffering financial hardship from the skyrocketing gas prices. In fact, we've got a chart here tonight, the first one in a series. This is the gas price, the average retail price in America when Barack Obama took office. The average price at that time was \$1.84 per gallon just as recently as January of 2009, a little over 2 years ago. Look what's happened. As of April 25 of this year, the average price per gallon was \$3.88. The average price 2 years ago was \$1.84; now it is \$3.88, \$2 higher, over twice. It's over double in just a 2-year period of time.

Gas prices don't just affect the price at the pump. I was talking to a Member just a few minutes ago. She was telling me that she just fueled her pickup truck, and it cost her over \$100 to fill the gas tank of her pickup truck.

She and her husband own a ranch. They are active ranchers out west. Never before has she had to pay \$100 to fill the tank of her vehicle, and I filled the tank of mine, and it was almost \$90 in my GMC Yukon that I've used to make house calls as a medical doctor. This is unsustainable.

Our gas prices impact our grocery bills, job opportunities, travel plans, and thousands of other decisions that businesses and families make. In fact, according to an analyst from Cameron Hanover, every penny increase in the price of gas costs consumers, American citizens, consumers, more than \$4 million per day. A one-penny increase costs consumers over \$4 million per day. And, folks, who are hurt the most by this? The people who are hurt the most are poor people and people who are on limited incomes, our senior citizens.

As the cost of fuel and gas and oil go up because of the misplaced policies of this administration, this winter, fuel prices are going to be out of the roof. In fact, the President said while we were talking about his cap-and-trade bill not long ago, he said that energy prices, to use the President's words, "would necessarily skyrocket" for his policies. "Necessarily skyrocket." Under President Obama, the cost of energy has skyrocketed. That's what he has said in a national speech.

The national average price of gasoline, as I just mentioned, was \$1.84 when President Obama took office. Today it is \$3.96. Rising gasoline prices are hurting families and small businesses. They are costing jobs. In fact, I just talked to a manager of a restaurant in my hometown of Athens, Georgia, just this last weekend. He was telling me that when he orders food for his restaurant, his suppliers are adding a fuel surcharge, a fuel surcharge onto the cost of groceries, food for his restaurant. That's happening in all the grocery stores, and that's happening all across this country. It's threatening our economy and our economic recovery.

While the new House majority is taking steps to address gas prices and help create jobs with the American Energy Initiative, the Obama administration's anti-energy policies are driving up prices, and they are threatening our economy by blocking American energy production. We have had a 16 percent decrease in American energy production under this administration. It is 16 percent lower than it was projected to be. Future projections show continued decreases in domestic production and more and more reliance upon foreign imports for our energy sources, particularly for gas and oil. We're getting those energy resources from countries that hate us, that hate our American free enterprise system, that hate the liberty we have here in this country.

More than a 200,000-barrel-per-day decrease in Gulf Coast energy production, this is according to the Energy Information Administration's March 2011