

Because of his failed leadership on this and other scandals like Operation Fast and Furious, I have called on Eric Holder to resign. The buck has to stop somewhere. It's time for the Obama administration to come clean with the American people.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT ADDS PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

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

Mr. BARBER. Madam Speaker, this week, we will vote on the National Defense Authorization Act. As we debate this important legislation, we must keep in mind the deeply troubling problem of sexual assault within our military.

The vast majority of men and women who are in our armed services serve us with honor and distinction, but their dedication is undermined by those who commit sexual assaults. Last year, nearly one out of every 16 Active Duty women reported having been the victim of an unwarranted sexual contact. This is a deplorable situation.

Last week, in a truly bipartisan manner, the Armed Services Committee produced a bill that we will debate today. It prohibits the dismissal or reduction of guilty verdicts in sexual assault convictions. It makes sure that those who are found guilty of these heinous crimes will be discharged from the military, and adds other important protections for victims of sexual assault.

As leaders, we have a duty to protect those who protect us.

UNACCEPTABLE VIOLATIONS OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

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

Mr. MESSER. Madam Speaker, "Those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Ben Franklin uttered those words several hundred years ago, but his warning is still relevant today.

Reports that the National Security Agency has been monitoring the phone records and Internet activities of ordinary citizens should concern every American.

The President has said that these surveillance programs don't involve listening to people's phone calls or reading their emails. Americans want to believe their President. Yet his tax agency lied about targeting conservative groups and his Justice Department spied on reporters who were just doing their job.

As a Nation, we would be wise to heed Ben Franklin's advice and make sure that there is a bright line between acceptable counterterrorism activities

and unacceptable violations of our fundamental rights.

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WARRANT OFFICER MULLEN

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

Mr. CARNEY. I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen soldier from my home State of Delaware.

Last week, I joined the family of Warrant Officer Sean Mullen at Dover Air Force Base to witness the dignified transfer of his remains.

Sean, whose family resides in Dover, Delaware, was killed earlier this month in Afghanistan. He was on his sixth tour of duty. He leaves behind his wife, Nancy, and a life full of service, loyalty, and courage.

As I stood with Sean's mother, Mariam, through her tears, she asked me to do one thing. She said, "Let the people know what these men and women go through. Let them know what they do for their country."

That's why I'm here on the floor today—to do what this Gold Star mother asked me to do, which is to remember the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have volunteered out of a sense of patriotism and selflessness to put themselves in harm's way in service to their country.

So to Sean Mullen and to his heroic brothers and sisters in arms who have given their lives to protect ours, I stand here today to say thank you, and may God bless you.

ADOPTION TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. COTTON. Today, I want to highlight another potential IRS abuse, namely, unfair audits of adoptive parents who filed for the Adoption Tax Credit.

We've all heard about the abuse of conservatives, Christians, and other groups, but fewer people know the alarming story of families who use the Adoption Tax Credit to offset some of the high costs of adoption.

According to the IRS' own Taxpayer Advocate Service, 90 percent of those who filed for the Adoption Tax Credit last year were flagged for additional review. Nearly 70 percent were audited, but only 1½ percent of adoption credit claims were disallowed in the end. By contrast, only 1 percent of all tax returns are audited.

Adoptive parents are loving, selfless Americans who are simply trying to provide a safe and loving home for kids in need. An adoption is a reflection of the boundless compassion of our country, and it helps save innocent unborn lives that may otherwise be ended by abortion.

We should do all in our power to encourage adoption, not to discourage it

through bureaucratic runarounds. I urge the Congress to get to the bottom of this unfair treatment of adoptive parents.

ARMY SERGEANT MARIBEL MANRIQUEZ RAMOS

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. I rise today to honor Sergeant Maribel Manriquez Ramos, a resident of my district who was laid to rest this past week.

Her dedication was displayed in her many promotions, commendations, and medals earned during deployments to imminent-danger areas like Korea and Iraq. Sergeant Ramos served her Nation with both duty and honor both at home and abroad. Back home, she was set to receive a degree in criminal justice from Cal State Fullerton this May. During her enrollment at the university, she served as an inspiration to other veterans in the pursuing of their dreams through higher education.

Unfortunately, our heroic Sergeant Ramos died at the age of 36. She is a hero because of the way she lived her life. She lived a life of honor and service both as an Army sergeant and as a community leader.

To her family, I convey the deepest sympathies from all of the community. May she never be forgotten.

JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss an issue that matters to all Americans—jobs and economic growth. The story got buried with all the breaking news of last week; but last month's job numbers are in, and they aren't good.

On the surface, the U.S. economy adding 175,000 jobs might sound like good news; but look deeper, and you'll see troubling indicators for our economy. Manufacturing actually lost 8,000 jobs in total. This recovery is so weak by historic standards that it has produced 4 million fewer jobs than any other recovery since World War II.

Madam Speaker, this isn't real recovery. If we are going to improve this economy and create jobs, we need less government and more freedom. Every day, House Republicans are seeking solutions to grow the economy. Let's make life work for families across the country, and let's expand opportunities for everyone without expanding government.

ENDING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. I was very proud after 9/11 when I enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard; proud to continue serving as a captain in that same unit; proud when I was a private that I went to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in basic training and learned about the Army values of respect, integrity, and honor; proud to be a part of an organization in which strong, unbreakable bonds of trust exist between my brothers and sisters in uniform. But I am not proud that we as a country have allowed an epidemic of sexual assault in the military to continue to such great lengths today.

I feel it is my responsibility to my brothers and sisters in uniform to take action to address this issue, and it is why I have introduced a bill to have a fair, independent, and transparent process to bring justice for these survivors and to prosecute those who are guilty.

We've seen calls to action from communities across the country—headlines from *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and from my own local newspaper, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*—each calling for us as Congress to pass these measures. We must take action. We owe it to our selfless heroes and to our servant leaders who put their lives on the line every single day for our country.

AMERICAN ENERGY AND A HEALTHY ECONOMY

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

Mrs. NOEM. Last weekend, I was speaking with a group of individuals, and I talked about the need for a healthy economy and an energy plan where we prioritize American energy.

A woman who was in that meeting stood up, and she shared her story. She started to talk about her husband, who had his hours reduced at work because of regulations that came out of the ObamaCare bill. She talked about her kids, two of them teenagers, who are unable to find summer work and how, if they want to go to church during the week, if they want to play baseball games, if they want to do daily activities that normal, everyday families do, they will put hundreds of miles on their car and spend hundreds of dollars on gasoline in trying to make it happen.

That's why our team and I are so committed to dealing with bills that directly address the problems that these Americans face. It's why we prioritize a healthy economy, a healthy economy that can give certainty to these struggling American families. It's important that we pass a 5-year farm bill; it's important that we make sure that food is affordable and safe in this country; it's also important that we focus on American energy and on using the natural resources we have at home; and it's important that we talk about the Keystone pipeline.

We are going to continue to work to ensure that our students get educations, that they can pay off their loans when they're done, and that they can continue to pursue the American Dream—just like we got to do decades ago.

AN ALGORITHMIC SOLUTION TO THE BOLTZMANN EQUATION

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce a new advancement in mathematics: an algorithmic solution to the full Boltzmann equation that has taken 140 years to solve.

The full seven-dimensional Boltzmann equation provides a crucial link between the microscopic, or quantum, behavior of atomic particles on the one hand and the behavior of matter that we humans observe on the other hand. It does this by predicting how gaseous material responds to external influences, such as changes in temperature and pressure, quickly settling to a stable equilibrium.

The solution of this equation gives us an understanding of grazing collisions, when molecules glance off one another, which is the dominant type of collision. The algorithm uses a range of geometric fractional derivatives from kinetic theory.

I congratulate the authors, Philip Gressman and Robert Strain, from the University of Pennsylvania on this advancement; and I commend the National Science Foundation for supporting these scientists in their work.

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OBAMACARE

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

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. President Obama took the stage last Friday in California and admitted that some Americans will see higher costs on their health care premiums, but blamed employers for shifting costs rather than taking responsibility for the damage caused by his damaged health care reform.

The President also said the law was "working the way it was supposed to," but many employers, myself included, cannot tell their employees exactly what their health insurance premiums will look like next year.

Worse, President Obama neglected to include all the facts in his stump speech, touting a recent report that claimed health care would be less expensive for Californians under the law. The truth is: in California, the cheapest plan under ObamaCare for a 25-year-old man is roughly 64 percent to 117 percent more expensive than the five cheapest policies sold today, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

The uncertainty around the implementation and cost of the Affordable

Care Act is causing economic chaos during a time employers need stability, and it appears this train wreck is only going to get worse.

Madam Speaker, ObamaCare was a bad idea 3½ years ago, and today we're seeing exactly how this law is bad medicine for this country.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPO

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. I rise today to draw attention to the Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency EXPO being held here today.

For my constituents in North Carolina, investing in new forms of energy and improving efficiency can create jobs and reduce costs. The estimated 850,000 jobs in renewable energy industries are continuing to grow.

Triangle Biofuels Industries in Wilson, North Carolina, continues to expand each year; the Biofuels Center of North Carolina, located in Oxford, is working to replace 10 percent of the petroleum used in our State with locally produced biofuels; and a proposed Chemtex plant stands to bring more than 300 direct and indirect jobs and increase revenue for local farmers by \$4.5 million annually.

This project would not be possible without a \$99 million loan guarantee from USDA.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. COLLINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I come to the House floor today to share real-life examples from my district concerning the growing trend happening all across this country because of ObamaCare.

My office recently received a call from Colden Repka, a 23-year-old from Attica, New York. Colden works 30 hours a week for a manufacturer while carrying a full college course load. Colden's boss recently told him his weekly hours would be cut from 30 to between 20 and 25 in order to avoid the ObamaCare employer mandate, despite Colden staying on his parents' health insurance policy.

Just last week, Richard Markel from Clarence, New York, called my office with a similar concern. Richard is a man just trying to make some extra money for his family. His regular 32 hours per week are being reduced to less than 25 to avoid the perverse mandates of ObamaCare.

Madam Speaker, Americans want to get back to work. Unfortunately, ObamaCare's onerous regulations are hitting employees in ways many did not expect, and it's just the beginning. This country is realizing that ObamaCare is a train wreck. Just ask Colden and Richard.