Three months ago, with an overwhelming bipartisan vote, the House Committee on International Relations expressed itself against China holding the Olympics by approving H. Con. Res. 73. I am asking the Speaker and the majority leader no longer to bottle up our legislation and to allow the representatives of the American people to speak their minds on this issue.

Religion is persecuted, political freedom does not exist, media freedom does not exist, our airplane is forced down, our servicemen and women are held in captivity for 11 days; yet this body is not allowed to vote on whether the Olympics should be held in Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, allow us a vote.

TIME FOR GOVERNOR DAVIS TO TAKE A STAND

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the real cause of the rolling blackouts and out-of-control energy prices in California. Governor Davis and his big government cronies caused California's energy crisis through their backward and politically motivated approach to energy. Bowing to pressure from radical environmentalists and advice from his pollsters, Governor Davis increased regulation of the energy industry, thus prohibiting increased energy production and limiting modernization of infrastructure. The Davis approach is the wrong approach.

Now, in order to save his political future, Governor Davis has put political advisors on the government payroll. Not only do Californians have to pay outrageous prices to cool their homes, but they now have to pay for consultants to tell Governor Davis how to minimize the political damage caused by his mishandling of California's energy needs. Even California's Democrat State comptroller has said that she will not pay for Davis's political expenses with the taxpayers' dime.

Throughout this crisis, Gray Davis has been seeking political remedies instead of looking for positive solutions to solve the real-life problems of his citizens. All the while, California families are suffering. It is time for the Governor to take a stand and do what is right for California, instead of what is right for his career.

CORRUPTION AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, FBI Agent Hanssen pleaded guilty to spying for Russia. Now, think about it: First he said, the devil made me do it; now he says he just wants to make amends. Spare me.

The truth is Janet Reno sold the farm to China, FBI agents are spying for Russia, nuclear military secrets are disappearing faster than Viagra at Niagara, and nobody is doing anything about it. Nothing.

Beam me up.

Wake up, Congress, and smell the espionage.

I yield back the massive corruption at the Justice Department that goes without meaningful oversight.

AMERICANS DESERVE ENERGY SOLUTIONS, NOT BLACKOUTS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the United States of America has the strongest economy in this world, and to maintain America's prosperity, America must have energy.

Over the past few months, California, an undisputed driving force in our Nation's economy, has had to endure rolling blackouts during the past several months. And now, the fastest growing city in the United States, Las Vegas, Nevada, has also witnessed rolling blackouts due to energy shortages.

Blackouts cannot and should not be tolerated.

It is time to implement real solutions to reverse the energy shortage. Through conservation methods and through expansion and development of our natural energy resource base, we can provide abundant and less costly energy. But to do this we need to implement a national energy policy that includes greater production of diverse energy supplies and an equal reliance on bold conservation measures.

This balanced energy policy will ensure that when Americans flick on that light switch, that their lights always go on, and blackouts will be a thing of the past.

SIGN DISCHARGE PETITION NO. 2

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

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, here we are, a year after the electricity crisis hit California and the West. The crisis and suffering continues. And where is the President? Not one item in his energy plan addresses the crisis in the West. And where is FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission? They seem more intent on protecting the industry than the consumers who pay their bills. And where is this Congress? A year after the crisis, we have not yet had a debate on this House floor on resolving the issues in California and the West.

The bill that is coming up through the Committee on Commerce does nothing to address this crisis in California. The only way to get a fair discussion on the House floor is to sign Discharge Petition No. 2. That allows and puts in order any bill that really addresses the issues in the West and electricity.

It is time to put cost-based rates on the price of electricity and refund the criminal overcharges since last year.

Mr. Speaker, let us have a debate on this House floor. Sign Discharge Petition No. 2.

PRESIDENT SHOWS STRONG COMMITMENT TO NASA

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as a former member of the House Committee on Science, I am a strong supporter of NASA and our international space station. So is President Bush, but you would not know so if you listened to some of the rumors going around Houston and our Johnson Space Center.

But here are the facts. Only last year NASA told us on the Committee on Science that they would need $14.4 billion for the coming year. Even after they raised the request recently, the President's budget meets that request at $14.5 billion; meets NASA's request. The President also increases funding for the space station, for the launch initiative, and keeps a sustained level of six space shuttle flights.

Understandably, at budget time you are going to have some partisan spin, but, seriously, how can you criticize the President when he gives NASA what it asked for, at a level nearly $1 billion higher than where it has languished for 4 of the last 5 years?

The fact is, for space supporters in Congress, we have never started a budget year so strongly, and our congressional appropriators are trying to do more. Unfortunately, only in Washington are budget increases spun as budget cuts.

SUPPORT BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, now that we are back from the Independence Day recess and the celebrations, the passage of the Patients' Bill of Rights, the one introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD), must be at the top of our agenda.

This bill, the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, is the only one which comprehensively reforms the current managed care system to better meet the needs of those who elected us.

During the break misinformation and scare tactics continued. It is important that the American public know the

truth. Many of the ads say that the bill would raise the cost of insurance. Not true. What they fail to say is that in the past 3 years or so, the cost of managed care has already increased at an average of 7.1 percent, and the increase is projected to be in double digits for this year. The ads also fail to tell us that while the costs have gone up, less services are covered.

Where the same provisions have been enacted in States, there have not been any extraordinary increases in premiums or significant increases in lawsuits. What has happened is that the people in those States have been able to access medically necessary health care, and we need to extend that to the rest of the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let us pass the bill and let us move on to reduce disparities and provide universal coverage.

DENY OLYMPICS TO CHINA

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

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, what fellowship does light have with darkness? What fellowship does the symbol of the human spirit, the Olympic Games, have with Chinese tyranny?

Sixty-four years ago the Nazi propaganda machine proudly flaunted the 1936 Olympic Games as an example of the leadership of Adolph Hitler. That horrible miscalculation by the International Olympic Committee gave credibility to a man and a regime that killed 6 million Jews.

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Amazingly, 44 years later, the IOC granted the games, the 1980 games to the Soviet Union on the very eve of their launch of the war against Afghanistan. Today, the IOC is ignoring history and considering awarding the international games of peace to the People's Republic of China in 2008.

I say again, Mr. Speaker, what fellowship does light have with darkness? What fellowship does the symbol of the human spirit have with Chinese tyranny? Let it be the voice from this citadel of liberty that the International Olympic Committee should say ''no'' to Beijing for the 2008 Olympic games.

PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Once again, we are taking up the Patients' Bill of Rights in this House. We have already passed a good, a true, an honest Patients' Bill of Rights in the House of Representatives. We passed it in the 105th Congress; we passed it in the 106th. It was a bipartisan effort. Now we are going to be presented with a new Patients' Bill of Rights that they say is 80 percent like the real Patients' Bill of Rights, the Ganske-Dingell-Norwood-Berry bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is amazing that we are going to try once again to fool the American people and trick them into believing that the insurance companies are not going to control their destiny when it comes to health care. The fact is, if we do not pass the Ganske-Dingell-Norwood-Berry bill in this House, the American people will still be at the mercy of the insurance companies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of the Ganske-Dingell-Norwood-Berry Patients' Bill of Rights.

A STRONG NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, today the Blue Dog Democrats will unveil our version of what our national energy policy should look like and should be. We believe that most, if not all, of our colleagues will find tremendous interest in a program that creates a balanced approach, one that expands energy supplies, one that recognizes that energy production in the United States is equally important as that produced outside of the United States. In fact, more so. It enhances environmental standards. It promotes energy efficiency. It promotes research and development, and it provides reliable and affordable supplies.

Mr. Speaker, it matches a very important truism: we cannot produce food and fiber in the United States without oil and gas, and we cannot produce oil and gas without food and fiber. We need to be a partnership in all aspects of producing the energy needs of this country.

We encourage our colleagues to take a good look at our suggestion. We look forward to working with both sides of the aisle in developing this national energy policy, as well as with the administration.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MARK E. SOUDER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MARK E. SOUDER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 3, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that my office has been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Superior Court for Allen County, Indiana in a civil case pending there.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to advise the party who issued the subpoena that I have no documents that are responsive to the subpoena.

Sincerely,

MARK E. SOUDER,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which a vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

ENCOURAGING CORPORATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 170) encouraging corporations to contribute to faith-based organizations.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 170

Whereas America's community of faith has long played a leading role in dealing with difficult societal problems that might otherwise have gone unaddressed;

Whereas President Bush has called upon Americans ''to revive the spirit of citizenship . . . to marshal the compassion of our people to meet the continuing needs of our Nation'';

Whereas although the work of faith-based organizations should not be used by government as an excuse for backing away from its historic and rightful commitment to help those who are disadvantaged and in need, such organizations can and should be seen as a valuable partner with government in meeting societal challenges;

Whereas every day faith-based organizations in the United States help people recover from drug and alcohol addiction, provide food and shelter for the homeless, rehabilitate prison inmates so that they can break free from the cycle of recidivism, and teach people job skills that will allow them to move from poverty to productivity;

Whereas faith-based organizations are often more successful in dealing with difficult societal problems than government and non-sectarian organizations;

Whereas, as President Bush recently stated, ''It is not sufficient to praise charities and community groups; we must support them. And this is both a public obligation and a personal responsibility.'';

Whereas corporate foundations contribute billions of dollars each year to a variety of philanthropic causes;

Whereas according to a recent study produced by the Capital Research Center, the 10 largest corporate foundations in the United States contributed $1,900,000,000 to such causes;

Whereas according to the same study, faith-based organizations only receive a small fraction of the contributions made by corporations in the United States, and 6 of the 10 corporations that give the most to philanthropic causes explicitly ban or restrict contributions to faith-based organizations: Now, therefore, be it