

soon in its recovery with more tax increases, we have damaged our children's future. If we keep the economy going and focus on wasteful spending where in Washington on average every Federal program duplicates five others, every Federal program duplicates five others. At a time of war and a time of deficits, we cannot afford that type of waste. And rather than raising taxes on families and small businesses, I think the right way to do it for our children's future and their parents who desire good jobs today is to not raise those taxes.

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Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for time to close.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the tenor of this debate and the sincere comments by my friend from Texas. I really do appreciate that sincerely. I think we have had a good debate here, and I do not think for a minute that the gentleman is insincere in the statements he made here tonight.

But I just think it is so important that, again, we lived, we thrived under these PAYGO rules until 2002, when they expired, and we should bring those PAYGO rules back across the board to apply to new spending as well as new tax cuts.

I believe the gentleman is correct: When the economy is slowed down, it is very appropriate to stimulate the economy through certain targeted tax cuts. I have voted for those before and I will vote for those again. But what we cannot do is have across-the-board tax cuts on everything, to tax cuts for middle-class taxpayers, as we have talked about here tonight, to total elimination of the estate tax and others.

We cannot afford all those tax cuts, because, again, Mr. Speaker, it is not we that pay for them; it is future generations in our country, and we are doing untold damage to our country and to the future of our kids and grandkids if we persist as we are here.

I invite the gentleman, I implore the gentleman and our colleagues across the aisle, to sit down with us to pass this motion, number one, and sit down with us and identify waste and fraud and abuse, where we can eliminate wasteful spending and continue to have the tax cuts that we have. That is the right recipe for our country, for the future. It is the right thing to do for our children and grandchildren and future generations in this great country that we all appreciate and love.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct

offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF OF PAKISTAN TO VISIT CONGRESS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the co-chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus, I would like to invite all Members of Congress tonight to meet with President Pervez Musharraf. I, along with my co-chair, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), will be hosting President Musharraf at a dinner reception at 6:30 tonight at the Committee on International Relations hearing room in the Rayburn building where President Musharraf will officially inaugurate the United States Congressional Pakistan Caucus.

The Congressional Pakistan Caucus was created in an effort to foster mutual respect and cooperation between the United States and Pakistan. We are also looking forward to improving and further developing long-term political and security relations between the United States and Pakistan and also within the South Asia region.

It is because of Pakistan's promise for the future that I encourage all Members to join the Pakistan caucus. President Musharraf has been one of America's staunchest allies in the war on terror. His leadership has led to the capture of nearly 500 terrorist suspects who have been handed over to the United States.

President Musharraf has coined the term "enlightened moderation" to describe his reforms in Pakistan, including his efforts to advance the educational system so that every boy and girl in Pakistan can receive a proper education that does not teach hatred of the West.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join us because we want peace. Let us have peace by exchange, involvement and, of course, interaction.

As the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus I would like to invite all Members of Congress tonight to meet with President Pervez Musharraf. I along with my esteemed Co-Chair Congressman DAN BURTON will be hosting President Musharraf at a dinner reception at 6:30 tonight at the International Relations Committee Hearing Room at room 2172 of Rayburn, in which President Musharraf will officially inaugurate the Pakistan Caucus.

The Congressional Pakistan Caucus was created in an effort to foster mutual respect

and cooperation between the United States and the nation of Pakistan. The Caucus is also focused towards improving and further developing long-term political and security relations between the United States and Pakistan and also within the South Asia region. It is because of Pakistan's promise for the future that I encourage all Members to join the Pakistan Caucus.

As you know, President Musharraf has been one of America's staunchest allies in the War on Terror. His leadership has led to the capture of nearly 500 terrorist suspects, who have been handed over to the United States. As well, he has coined the term "enlightened moderation" to describe his reforms in Pakistan including his efforts to advance the educational system so that every boy and girl in Pakistan can receive a proper education that does not teach hatred of the West. He has also made great strides towards making peace with India by engaging in a dialogue that has produced a number of positive developments. His leadership is helping to move Pakistan towards being the moderate Islamic nation it was intended to be at its creation.

Again, I encourage all Members to come tonight at 6:30 to meet with President Musharraf at the House International Relations Committee. His visit to Washington promises to be historic in nature and is not to be missed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

DUST CLOUDS; NO RAIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, much of the central and western United States has been suffering from a grinding, unending drought that continues to harm farmers and ranchers and the rural communities in which they live. Compounding these losses is every disaster imaginable: hail, frost, tornado damage, and, yes, even flooding.

For nearly half of the 8 years that I have had the opportunity to represent Kansans in Congress, much of our State has been in a severe drought. It gives me no joy to speak before my colleagues tonight and describe the difficulties that Kansas farmers and ranchers are enduring. With a resolve that finds itself in the roots of a previous generation of hardy pioneers, they are struggling to survive.

The destruction from three hurricanes on homes, farms, businesses, schools, local economies, and, most importantly, the loss of life in Florida and other Gulf Coast States cannot be overstated. The people of Kansas mourn the deaths and support the rebuilding of lives and the reconstruction of those communities.

Adverse weather conditions have no respect for State lines and, unfortunately, Kansas and other central and