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Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, this last month, former Congresswoman Virginia Smith died in Sun City, Arizona, at the age of 94. She served the Third District of Nebraska for 16 years through eight terms. It is a very large district. It covers 80 percent of the State of Nebraska, with 69 counties and 64,000 square miles. She and her husband, Haven, drove county to county, city to city, weekend after weekend; and there was no one who was more faithful in covering that area and being loyal and faithful to her constituents than Virginia Smith.

She served on the Appropriations Committee for several years and was responsible for an animal research center in Clay Center, Nebraska, which really is of worldwide renown. She was tenacious, she was aggressive, and she was very strong in constituent services. Nebraska was very well served by Virginia Smith, and she will be greatly missed.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this Chamber, the President shared with the American people a reasoned and measured agenda for the future, an agenda that will lead us to meet the challenges of today and seize the opportunity of tomorrow.

The issues that the President addressed are not just his concerns; they are not just Republican concerns. They are the concerns of the American people. We must provide for the reform of our health care system that fixes the problems, not bandages them up, immigration reform that respects our sovereignty, and embrace a policy that will result in energy independence.

The American people want leadership. They want direction, and they want to know that their government is working for them, protecting them and providing a framework that preserves the ideal of the pursuit of happiness for all.

We in Congress have an obligation to our citizens and to the great history of our Nation to provide leadership that is equal to the task at hand. Our Nation, its security, its vitality, its health care and its livelihood depend on it. I urge all of my colleagues to embrace this responsibility together.

ADULT STEM CELL ADVANCES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of news coming from the field of stem cell research lately, but it is all just a new variation on an old theme: Ethical or "adult stem cell" re-

search is working. Research that kills embryos, embryonic stem cell research, is not. While embryonic stem cell research's leading scientist has been disgraced for his research fabrications, adult stem cell researchers are announcing new breakthroughs.

One research group recently announced the development of a machine capable of taking adult stem cells from fat tissue and adapting them to treat other tissue damaged by heart disease and heart attacks. In a different study released recently, researchers have been able to turn adult muscle stem cells into cartilage, and in animal studies this regenerated cartilage has been used to treat damage caused by arthritis.

These studies add to the ever-growing list of treatments and cures that come from noncontroversial adult stem cells. Meanwhile, stem cell research involving the destruction of human embryos continues to be plagued by tumors, rejection, and research scandals. As we address this issue this year, we would do well to keep this in mind, what is working and what is not.

ADOPT HEALTH IT ACT

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise President Bush for his State of the Union remarks on health information technology, which he rightly noted will help control costs and reduce dangerous medical errors.

I would also like to encourage my colleagues to support health IT legislation that I have introduced, H.R. 4641, the ADOPT HIT Act.

Consider this: I can go to Antarctica and get cash from an ATM without a glitch, but should I fall ill during my travels, a hospital there could not access my medical records or know what medications I am on.

Right now the health care sector is woefully behind in using modern technology to reduce errors and save money, and that is why I introduced H.R. 4641. It provides increased tax breaks for physicians who invest in new health information technology.

As a physician, I know many doctors want to utilize new technology, but they find the cost prohibitive. Doctors will be more likely to adopt this technology if our Tax Code helps offset the substantial initial cost. By adopting the ADOPT HIT Act, by passing that act, we can move one step closer to a health care system that saves time, money and, most importantly, lives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GINGREY) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2006.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 8, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4636.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 69
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Tuesday, February 7, 2006:

S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95).

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation of a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 8, 2006.

DEAR SPEAKER HASTERT: I respectfully resign my seat on the House Budget Committee effective immediately. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve on this important committee.

Sincerely,

ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

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CONGRATULATING THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XL

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 670) congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the