

days left on the calendar. Now it is time for the Senate to take action on these bills and keep the good energy news coming for the American consumer.

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**HONORING THE LITTLE LEAGUE  
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS  
FROM COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

(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 congratulate the Little Leaguers from Columbus, Georgia, who on August 28 defeated their worthy opponents from Japan to win the Little League World Series.

Mr. Speaker, this is a truly remarkable accomplishment. It is the ultimate achievement in Little League sports. Performing so well under pressure in front of the massive Williamsport crowds, as well as millions watching on national television, it is a testament to the tremendous talent, character and fortitude of these boys from Columbus.

Mr. Speaker, in 1983, another team from Georgia bested the Dominican Republic to win the Little League World Series. By now, these boys are grown men, and some pursued a future in professional baseball. Adam Olmstead, the starting third baseman and son of my nurse, Lynn, when I practiced medicine, is now a prominent radiologist in Florida.

Mr. Speaker, this shows us that many of our best and brightest student athletes pass through Williamsport in this character-building experience on their way to excellence in a variety of professional fields. These boys from Columbus are no exception. They made their community and their country very proud, Mr. Speaker, and are a great example of the future leaders our Nation needs.

Again, I offer my congratulations on a job well done.

**THANK GOD FOR GEORGE BUSH  
AND DON RUMSFELD**

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard recently from our friends across the aisle that supposedly George Bush and Don Rumsfeld are responsible for the terrorist attacks that have been going on. If you believe George Bush and Don Rumsfeld are responsible for the terrorist attacks that are occurring, then you have to absolutely believe that Bill Clinton caused 9/11. There is no other choice, because we know unequivocally that the planning for 9/11 occurred during the 1990s when Bill Clinton was President. Though Bill Clinton may have been guilty of many

things, he was not guilty of bringing about this kind of horror. Yet, they plotted and planned while he was President.

If you look at the areas and causes for which Bill Clinton committed troops, it was generally to help Muslims. He was the most friendly President to Palestinians in history. He did nothing to deserve 9/11 being plotted during his presidency. Yet it was.

So, the current President understands that we are in a war for our survival and we cannot walk away from it. The terrorists want to take us back to the Dark Ages. This is a fight we cannot walk away from unless we are prepared to go to the Dark Ages.

Thank God for George Bush and Don Rumsfeld. They understand that since our first attack in 1979, we are in a war for survival.

**CREATIVE FEDERALISM—HEALTH  
COVERAGE INNOVATION**

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, is it not time that we in Congress take real steps forward to increase the number of Americans with health insurance? The latest Census Bureau report shows us that there are over 46 million Americans without health insurance coverage. To resolve this problem and relieve the burden this places on our health care system, we need an innovative and new approach.

The bipartisan Health Partnership Through Creative Federalism Act, H.R. 5864, offers that inventive path. Creative Federalism provides for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand health care coverage. It empowers States and other regions to tailor health programs to their specific needs, thereby increasing access to health care all across this Nation.

Members from both sides of the aisle realize that to solve a problem of such significance, we need fresh thinking and new ideas. States should be encouraged to consider a variety of reforms, tax credits, pooling programs, health savings accounts or a combination of other options.

Mr. Speaker, the status quo is unacceptable. The Health Partnership Through Creative Federalism Act, H.R. 5864, can lead us to a new period of greater health coverage and more insured Americans, and Mr. Speaker, that is a good thing.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 3, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The 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 August 3, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2555.

That the Senate passed S. 3613.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 399.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4646.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4811.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4962.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5104.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5107.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5169.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5540.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 4, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The 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 August 4, 2006, at 11:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3508.

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, Speaker pro tempore Tom Davis signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, August 9, 2006:

H.R. 4, to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building";

H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building";

H.R. 4962, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building";

H.R. 5104, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Morris W. Milton Post Office";

H.R. 5107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building";

H.R. 5169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW. in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr., Post Office";

H.R. 5540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the "Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office".

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2103(b) and the order of the House of December 18, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker on August 15, 2006, appointed the following individual from private life to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of 6 years:

Mr. C. Kurt Dewhurst, Michigan.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM HON. NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUGUST 17, 2006

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As the House Democratic Leader and pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15344), I hereby appoint Ms. Barbara Arnwine of Washington, D.C. to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors. The appointment is a two-year term.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please contact me or Jonathan Stivers in my office at 5-0100. Thank you.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*House Democratic Leader.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE OF HON. JERRY LEWIS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Tara Clarke, District

Representative of the Honorable JERRY LEWIS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2006.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a criminal subpoena, issued by the San Bernardino Court of the State of California, for testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

TARA CLARKE,  
*District Representative.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE OF HON. JERRY LEWIS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Janet Scott, District Representative of the Honorable JERRY LEWIS, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, July 24, 2006.*

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a criminal subpoena, issued by the San Bernardino Court of the State of California for testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

JANET SCOTT,  
*District Representative.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE STEVEN C. LATOURETTE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*August 16, 2006.*

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 I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Cuyahoga County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII of the Rules of the House.

Sincerely,

STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

#### 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.

#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2808) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, as amended. The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2808

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Coin Act".

##### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, was one of the Nation's greatest leaders, demonstrating true courage during the Civil War, one of the greatest crises in the Nation's history.

(2) Born of humble roots in present-day LaRue County, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln rose to the Presidency through a combination of honesty, integrity, intelligence, and commitment to the United States.

(3) With the belief that all men were created equal, Abraham Lincoln led the effort to free all slaves in the United States.

(4) Abraham Lincoln had a generous heart, with malice toward none and with charity for all.

(5) Abraham Lincoln gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, dying from an assassin's bullet on April 15, 1865.

(6) The year 2009 will be the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

(7) The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission has been charged by Congress with planning the celebration of Lincoln's bicentennial.

(8) The proceeds from a commemorative coin will help fund the celebration and the continued study of the life of Lincoln.

##### SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) \$1 SILVER COINS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 \$1 coins, which shall—

- (1) weigh 26.73 grams;
- (2) have a diameter of 1.50 inches; and
- (3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—All coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

##### SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

- (A) a designation of the value of the coin;