abroad for military training will be sent to military schools, colleges and training centres in the territories of His Britannic Majesty, provided that this shall not prevent him from sending to any other country such personnel as cannot be received in the said institutions and training centres. He further undertakes that the armament and essential equipment of his forces shall not differ in type from those of the forces of His Britannic Majesty.

7. His Majesty the King of Iraq agrees to afford, when requested to do so by His Britannic Majesty, all possible facilities for the movement of the forces of His Britannic Majesty of all arms in transit across Iraq and for the transport and storage of all supplies and equipment that may be required by these forces during their passage across Iraq. These facilities shall cover the use of the roads, railways, waterways, ports and aerodromes of Iraq, and His Britannic Majesty's ships shall have general permission to visit the Shatt-al-Arab on the understanding that His Majesty the King of Iraq is given prior notification of visits to Iraq ports.

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

(Mr. SNYDER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TROUTMAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Last week, when I was home in North Carolina, I enjoyed celebrating our American freedom and independence in several parades and celebrations. One of the highlights of the many celebrations was the town of Troutman, North Carolina's Fourth Annual Independence Day Parade.

Thanks to the leadership of Parade Committee Chairman Dennis Cleary and members of the Marine Corps League Detachment 1091, as well as Troutman Mayor Elbert Richardson and many local citizens, this celebration was a tremendous display of American patriotism.

More than 200 Vietnam veterans served as grand marshals for this year's parade, as they led attendees through the streets of Troutman to the loud applause and cheers of their fellow citizens who welcomed them home with yellow ribbons tied along the parade route.

Many local organizations participated in this one-of-a-kind parade, led by many members of North Carolina's Rolling Thunder chapters, such as Ross Moore; North Carolina Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 from Statesville led by Chapter President George ''Mike'' Keller, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; North Carolina Rolling Thunder Chapter 6 from Winston-Salem led by Chapter President Bob Penn, a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran; as well as many veterans from the local American Legion, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the local Disabled American Veterans.

It was an honor to join one of America's true heroes in the parade, Medal of Honor recipient Rodolfo P. Hernandez. Parading through Troutman with heroes like Mr. Hernandez is a poignant reminder of why it has been such a pleasure to participate in the celebration for the past 4 years. After all, this is a celebration of what makes America great: Our love for liberty and willingness to make great personal sacrifice for the cause of liberty.

I thank also all those who worked behind the scenes to make this annual parade another great success. I give a special thanks to our veterans and current service men and women, without whom we would have little to celebrate this year. Their sacrifices are not forgotten and must not be overlooked as they put their lives on the line each day to secure our freedoms. We are the land of the free because they are the brave.

God bless our military men and women and God bless America.

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

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

PANIC AND THE ENERGY CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. BACHMANN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, we are at what I think is a very refreshing moment of clarity on the national energy debate that is occurring right now in hamlets and towns and villages all across the United States. We have captured people's attention because we really are at a crisis point because, at least in my district, the Sixth District of Minnesota, people are paying close to $4 for a gallon of gas. I know that the national average is at about $4.11 a gallon. It's at historic highs and people are frantic.

When I was home over the break, I had met with people from all aspects of dealing with the energy issue. In particular, I met with some car dealers and they told me that people come into the dealership, this was Morrie Wagner Chevrolet, and they told me that they have people literally coming into the store with panicked looks on their faces saying, Take my truck, take my SUV. It's a new car. Take my minivan. It's new. We still owe quite a bit of money on it but we can't afford to drive this thing. Sheer panic and trying to find anything else because they just don't know how much higher prices are going.

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But I say that we are at a refreshing point in this debate for this reason: We have clarity right now on the debate that we have never had before. Frankly, I have been baffled; baffled by how are we going to be able to get us back to $2 a gallon gasoline or less? And I mean that sincerely. I know that we can be at $2 a gallon again.

It wasn't that long ago when I took office, 18 months ago. I am a first-termer in Congress, Mr. Speaker. When I came in, gas was $2 and change a gallon. Think of that. Eighteen months ago, gas was $2 and change, and here we are topping out at over $4 a gallon gasoline.

What happened in that amount of time, when we have seen a 76 percent rise in the price of gasoline? What happened? We have seen worldwide demand go up and up and up, so that worldwide demand exceeds the amount of supply. That has fed into the price going up and up and up.

Well, what do we do to deal with that? We need to get more supply so we can get the price down. Why isn't that happening? It is really clear to me now. And I was baffled about this. I couldn't believe it, but it is absolutely true.

The Democrats' position so far, Mr. Speaker, has been drive less, pay more. That is where they are coming from. I find that really hard to believe. I grew up a Democrat in a Democrat home, and I thought that just can't be. It defies commonsense. Drive less, pay more? That is your plan?

Well, that isn't just some Republican saying that. That is the Democrats' own words. There was just an aide of the Democrat leadership that just came out and said, ''This is what our plan is: It is drive small cars and wait for the wind.'' That is actually true. This was not a tongue in cheek remark. It is ''drive small cars and wait for the wind.'' Well, I don't know about you, but I think Members of Congress are going to be gone with the wind if we don't do something about the price of gasoline to bring it down again.

Not only that, I was reading on the Hill from Roll Call newspaper and another Democrat leadership aide had this to say: They said that the majority is confident they would be able to defeat the offshore drilling amendment.

Now, just think of that for a moment, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats are confident they would be able to defeat the offshore drilling amendment, which means what are we supposed to do for energy? We have got to go get it. We have got to drill for it. They want to kill being able to drill offshore to bring on line the energy that we need so we