

According to the Department can they match with Federal funds to get more police on the street? It does not make sense.

That is why the crime package that was passed by this Congress is more sensitive to what the real true needs are in America.

We are restoring common sense to Washington. It was very evident in our National Security Revitalization Act. Right now we have made it harder for the President to put U.S. troops under U.N. control. We have had terrible instances of abuse, where miscommunication has cost the lives of American troops overseas and we are going to stop that. We are going to do only our fair share of funding with the U.N. Those are important issues that people in the Fourth District of Kansas have called out for time and time again.

Those were the first 50 days, we have accomplished that and more. Now we are looking forward to the next 50 days. Welfare reform, regulatory and legal reform, our first ever vote on term limits, family tax relief, economic growth tax measures. We have a lot to do.

How are we going to get it done? Well, it is going to require, just like out in America, individual support, individual effort, teamwork, team support, and also the support of the public.

As a Member of the freshman class, I have joined with us and we have formed a group called the New Federalists. The New Federalists believe in limited government. Our goal is to make a smaller, more economical, more friendly government for the people of this Nation. We have developed four teams and those four teams are in the process of trying to eliminate four government agencies. It is not because we dislike bureaucrats or we think that there are some things that should just be totally eliminated. We are trying to find those parts of government which are effective. And we are going to keep those on board. We may put them in different compartments, but to remove the duplication and bureaucracy is a very important issue and a very important message and a very important task.

The four teams are to eliminate the Department of Education, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Energy. I am heading up the task force to do away with the Department of Energy. We have found out in looking through what has been going on through the DOE that it is really a gas guzzler.

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In the early 1980's we eliminated the controls, we eliminated the allocation controls, and we in fact removed the crisis. So now it is time to turn the lights out on the Department of Energy. In looking at the Department of Energy, it has reinvented itself so that it can continue as a bureaucracy. Sixty percent of what it does now is a bomb factory and should be in the DOD. Only 20 percent is related to energy issues. There have been widespread contracting abuses that have been uncovered by the GAO. We have one instance in which the security guards at a laboratory in New Mexico are being paid overtime while they exercise in the gymnasium.

Now, most people in America think it is important to be fit and a lot of them work out in gymnasiums but none of them that I know except for these guards get paid overtime to do this. I think this is a travesty and those types of abuses need to be uncovered and they need to be stopped.

But once you start a bureaucracy, it is very difficult to get rid of. So this task force has seven other Congressmen on it. We are going through the different parts of the DOE. We have made assignments, we are making assignments to go and uncover the parts of the bureaucracy that do not work effectively and eliminate them. We are incorporating help from past secretaries. We have former Secretary Don Hodel who has been helping us. We are joining together with upper classmen in Congress to do away with this agency.

There is a new Congress in town. We have a new voice. The first 50 days have proved it. We have made this Government more responsive to the American people. We have made our workings here on the Hill more efficient. We have downsized our staffs and we are doing what I think the American people told us.

In this one respect, we are trading in the gas guzzler of the Department of Energy for a more efficient government.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise before the House floor today to recognize National Engineers Week which is celebrated from February 19 through the 25th. Engineers are hardworking people

What many people do not know is that engineering is our Nation's second largest profession. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 1.8 million engineers in the United States.

National Engineers Week is also celebrated at the time of George Washington's birthday. Many people do not know, but George Washington was also an engineer himself. He was a civil engineer, as a matter of fact. Also he was a land surveyor. And he was considered our Nation's first engineer.

As President, Washington led a growing society toward technical advancements, invention and education. He promoted the construction of roads, canals, docks and ports, and development of manufacturing resources.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Washington led the cornerstone of the construction of this Capitol Hill building right here, the United States Capitol building.

There is no question that America has the best highway system, best water system, best sewer system, best airports, and the best electrical system.

National Engineers Week has been celebrated annually since 1951. It is sponsored by the National Engineers Week Committee, a coalition of 64 engineering societies, corporations and government agencies. This year, the event is being chaired by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the Fluor Corp.

In addition, the national finals of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition are held during National Engineers Week.

The competition features seven teams of seventh and eighth grade students presenting their designs, their imagination for cities of the 21st century, using computer simulations and scale models. The teams were selected in regional competitions around the Nation.

I must say that I have personally found engineering to be an intellectually challenging and professionally fulfilling career.

Mr. Speaker, I salute all engineers nationwide who have contributed their ingenuity and their ideas that has made America the best place to live.

EFFECTIVE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE LIENS AND FULL FAITH AND CREDIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr.