

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the World Bank, funded by American dollars, just gave another \$250 million to Russian coal miners. The problem is no one knows what happened to the first \$250 million. That is right, bye-bye, \$250 million.

Now, if that is not enough to massage your chapter 11, check this out: Russian officials say the \$250 million is lost. Where is the money, Mr. Speaker?

Since 1992, \$7 billion of American money going to the World Bank ends up in Russia. Where is the money?

I say, while the World Bank, with American dollars, is providing jobs for Soviet and old Soviet Russian coal miners, American coal workers are getting pink slips and black lung.

Beam me up. I say somebody at the World Bank is smoking dope and they are inhaling. I think we need some common sense here. Yield back the balance of our carcinogens involved with this.

PRESENT TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AN HONEST AND RESPONSIBLE BALANCED BUDGET PLAN

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we talk about the 104th Congress as being a historic Congress. Well, we have an opportunity in this Congress to do something historic as well: to present the American people with an honest and responsible balanced budget plan.

The President and the Congress are having important budget negotiations right now. We have an opportunity. We can balance the budget by the year 2002. We can show decreasing deficits as we move toward that balanced budget. We can provide permanent tax relief for hard-working American families. We can solve the problem of the Social Security and the Medicare trust funds. And finally, and most importantly, we can lay the foundations for eliminating the national debt and leave our kids a debt-free future.

Mr. Speaker, these are principles and issues that are worth fighting for, and I think they are principles we can all agree to. This is a chance for us to set a higher standard, to make good on our promises of actually changing the way Washington does business, and simply do the right thing for our seniors, for our children, for everyone. Let us seize the day.

NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Science and Technology Week. National Science and Tech-

nology Week is an informal public education outreach program of the National Science Foundation.

National Science and Technology Week is celebrated across the country, providing special opportunities in communities throughout the Nation to notice the major impact and importance that science and technology have on all aspects of our daily lives.

This year's theme is "Webs, Wires and Waves: The Science and Technology of Communication." This theme recognizes the impact that telecommunications has had in shrinking the world and bringing people worldwide closer together.

Today, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the National Science Foundation will again offer its "Ask a Scientist or Engineer" hotline by telephone and the Internet. The toll-free number for this public service is 1-800-682-2716. Online access will be provided throughout the week at asknstw@nsf.gov.

I encourage my fellow Members to strongly support this program and join with me in celebrating National Science and Technology Week, and if my colleagues did not catch the telephone numbers or the Internet address, feel free to call my office and get the correct numbers.

NEW WELFARE REFORM LAW UN- JUST, UNNECESSARY, AND UN- AMERICAN

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today the countdown begins.

One hundred days from now, the new welfare reform law, a law that is unjust, unnecessary, and un-American, will jeopardize the health of the elderly, blind, disabled, and economically vulnerable immigrants. Yes, the same immigrants who made American richer, stronger and free through their own hard work, their own contributions.

The new welfare law would be unfair if it affected one immigrant. Now multiply it hundreds of thousands of times, as much as 1.8 million times. This is the magnitude of the crisis we are facing.

We have 100 days to restore benefits to legal immigrants and 100 days to restore something else, too: To restore a sense of fairness and logic to the welfare debate, to restore the principle of compassion.

Two years ago, some of my House colleagues acted in 100 days on something called a Contract With America. Within the next 100 days Members of both parties should consider an older contract, a compact, a covenant really, that no matter our background, in America we are worthy of that freedom, worthy of our respect, worthy of our compassion.

America should be proud of its immigrants and ashamed of the new welfare law.

H.R. 400 IS THE STEAL AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES ACT

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

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today, H.R. 400 comes before the House of Representatives for amendment and for an up and down vote. I call H.R. 400 the Steal American Technologies Act, so it is a good thing that we have discussed this bill on Science and Technology Week.

The fact is H.R. 400 would change the fundamental protections that have been in place guarding America's technological secrets and our innovation since the founding of our Republic.

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It changes these fundamental protections. It guts the patent system. H.R. 400 would mandate that all of our technological secrets be published so our worst enemies will be able to use our innovations and technologies against us even before our patents are issued.

I ask my colleagues to join me in defeating H.R. 400, which is a Pearl Harbor attack on America's technological lead. Future generations of Americans will suffer if we let this dismal, this terrible bill through. I would ask my colleagues to join me in defeating H.R. 400, the Steal American Technologies Act.

EQUAL TREATMENT FOR MEN AND WOMEN

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Monday the Supreme Court let stand a title IX ruling requiring Brown University to give equal treatment to men and women in sports. This was not an affirmative action case. It was an old-fashioned deliberate discrimination case, even though affirmative action would have been justified given the exclusion of women from sports for decades. It did not come a moment too soon. This is the 25th anniversary of title XI. It did not come a moment too soon because everybody jumped and cheered for our women athletes at the Atlanta Olympics. It is now time for Congress to undo the damage it did last year when it erased all State compliance funds for title IX, for the injury was not to female athletes alone but to all school programs for girls, including our attempts to increase girls in math and science. This is not about men versus women. It is not a zero sum game. Equal treatment for men and women is win-win, Mr. Speaker.