

[Ms. SANCHEZ] go. Stop harassing Hispanic voters. She is here, and she is going to stay.

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SAVE AMERICA, STOP LAWSUIT ABUSE

EPA NEW CLEAN AIR STANDARDS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, well, it is lawyers over lunch buckets once again for EPA and this administration. Secretary Browner and the EPA have proposed new clean air standards so complicated and so cumbersome that they will employ many more lawyers and lay off working men and women.

Where is the scientific data that supports this need for these choking regulations? We have not seen the data. If it exists, it must be hidden under the mountain of draft proposed regulations.

History tells us that new regulations also drive up the cost of transportation, the cost of the production of goods, and in the trade world of NAFTA and GATT, that will cost working men and women their jobs. This loss of jobs is simply a natural product of an economy that has more government bureaucrats than manufacturing workers. Too much regulation, not enough work.

It is somewhat like EPA's Superfund, badly in need of reform, which spends over half of its budget on lawyers instead of cleaning up the mess. The new clean air standards will enrich the lawyers at the cost of working men and women.

Yes, Madam Speaker, it is lawyers over lunch buckets for the EPA and this administration.

MOVE FORWARD ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Madam Speaker, as one who has worked tirelessly for fiscal responsibility in a bipartisan effort to balance the budget and bring taxpayer relief, I am outraged by the millions of tax dollars being spent investigating past campaigns, while no House action is allowed on reforming the campaign finance system for the future.

Why are Republican leaders in the House continuing to look backward, indeed, closing their eyes to what is so obviously a priority with the citizens of this Nation?

In my district they want us to move forward, reform a system that is in dire need of change. Our President is ready. Congressional Democrats on both sides of the aisle, both sides of the rotunda are ready, as well of even some Senate Republicans are calling for reform.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House Republican leadership to get on board with a bipartisan, bicameral effort to fix this system.

IMAGES OF PROGRESS

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Madam Speaker, for many people across this country, Little Rock's Central High School brings a searing image to mind when 1,000 armed men were forced to escort nine African-American children through the doors of the high school. It is an image in this Nation's past, one of hostility, fear, and resistance to change.

However, Madam Speaker, I would suggest that other images survive, too, images of courage, hope, and perseverance; the image of the young Elizabeth Eckford, an image of personal strength and character. I am also inspired by the courage of those students who stood firm in support of their new classmates. As Melba Patillo, another of the students seeking entrance to Central High School said, "Each time as I was about to give up exhausted from the jeers and insulting remarks, some kind face would come up and say: 'I want you here.'"

Madam Speaker, we have not eliminated intolerance in our country, but this weekend, marking the 40th anniversary of the Central High conflict, individuals who once confronted one another during those angry days will come together. Even as I speak, buses filled with a new generation of Freedom Riders from the University of Arkansas are arriving in Little Rock to help shape the united future for our Nation. Madam Speaker, these images all of them should be remembered. They are images of progress.

CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITTLE ROCK NINE

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

Mr. SNYDER. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues from Arkansas in celebrating today the 40th anniversary of nine black students entering Central High School. The President is there today to walk in the school with the Little Rock Nine. Who can forget this unforgettable picture of courage on the part of one 15-year-old and racism on the face of the other.

Today it is a celebration of heroes. Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Minnijean Brown Trickey, Terrence Roberts, Jefferson Thomas, Carlotta Walls Lanier, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Melba Pattillo Beals, Thelma Mothershed Wair. We learned from their courage in the past. Today we learn from their wisdom.

This is a picture taken just this week of these same two 15-year-old girls. Forty years ago we learned from their courage. Today we learn of the ability to forgive and move on and learn from the mistakes of the past.

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I commend the Members of the Western Maryland Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse [WMCALA] for joining thousands of Marylanders in declaring this week of September 21 through September 28 Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week.

This group points out that we all pay for outrageous punitive damages and settlements from excessive and frivolous lawsuits. They note that this results in higher prices on goods and services, higher prices for medical care and equipment, loss of safety improvements or product innovations for fear of lawsuits, jobs lost, and businesses forced to close to pay judgments.

Congress passed comprehensive legal reform and product liability reform. President Clinton vetoed both. We are all paying a heavy price for the \$2.5 million in contributions from trial lawyers to President Clinton's 1996 campaign. We commend Western Maryland Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse.

WORKING TOGETHER ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL CRISIS

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

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, it is fitting that we rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Little Rock high school crisis. I remember that time well. I was in high school myself at that time. There was much unfairness, and there was much courage.

I believe that the world has changed a lot since that terrible time. Today just about every student who would like to have the opportunity to get a college education. Because of recent actions of the Congress, we will be able to even help more of the young people that want to achieve their goals.

But we look back on the year 1957 with much sadness. We also face the future with much hope. Today we celebrate how far we have come. We also recognize how far we yet have to go. Most of all, we remember the lesson that it has taught us. We all do better when we work together.

CALL FOR MORE TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, what a difference 4 years makes. In 1993 President Clinton and a Democrat Congress rammed through a budget that contained the largest tax increases in the history of this country