

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, when Congress cuts taxes, people have more freedom. Freedom to decide how to spend the money they earn as they see fit. Freedom to save and invest for their own home, for a new car or a family vacation. Freedom to prepare for their retirement, and freedom to save for their children's education or to continue their own. Freedom to live the American dream, just as their parents and grandparents dared to dream.

Mr. Speaker, America is still a land of opportunity for millions of people who have the perseverance and discipline to make it so. Over 1 million immigrants come to our shores each year demonstrating that they, too, believe that America is the land of opportunity.

If Congress wants to allow our people to use their talents and hard work to get ahead, it should cut taxes for families. But, if Congress prefers instead to continue imposing ever-greater burdens on our families, the American dream will become just that—a dream.

SALUTE TO FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Fort Benning, Georgia, for winning the Army Community of Excellence Chief of Staff Award. This is the sixth consecutive year that Fort Benning has been recognized as the best Army installation in the United States.

The award is indicative of the ability of professionalism of the tens of thousands of soldiers that pass through Fort Benning's gate each year and of the successful partnership that exists among Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, and Phoenix City, Alabama, communities.

The soldiers and civilians who work under the leadership of General Carl Ernst and his staff continue to reinforce Fort Benning's long-standing commitment to military quality, focusing on the watch words, "First in training, first in readiness, and first in quality of life."

Fort Benning constitutes a cornerstone of our national defense. To all of the personnel at Fort Benning, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

TOO EARLY TO ADOPT KYOTO AGREEMENT

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

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration is launching a major offensive for the adoption of the protocol negotiated at Kyoto regarding global warming. Vice President GORE has been one of the leading advocates of this and has declared there is no

longer any significant disagreement in the science community that the greenhouse effect is real. In fact, Vice President GORE has said that 98 percent of the science community would concur that a greenhouse emergency has begun.

However, the administration fails to tell the American people that, in 1992, a survey showed that of the two professional groups responsible for climate change in America, that only 17 percent said that warming trends convinced them that an artificial greenhouse was in effect.

Vice President GORE frequently refers to the intergovernmental panel on climate change to buttress his argument that we have global warming. However, he fails to say that in that same report there are hundreds of documents that say that there is no global warming taking effect.

It is too early for us to adopt the Kyoto Agreement.

KEEPING OUR PROMISES: ADHERING TO THE BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, what a difference a year makes. Last year, Congress promised the American taxpayers to limit government spending and balance the Federal budget. This year, Congress is considering breaking that promise.

Today, I am here to announce that I, as a Member of Congress, will not support abandoning the balanced budget agreement for special interest projects. This latest assault on our efforts at fiscal reform is transportation spending. The Senate just finished their version of ISTEA which will break the budget caps for \$18 billion and the House version in its current form exceeds the caps by more than \$22 billion.

To stick to the agreement, this excessive spending will require massive spending cuts. Congress and the American people deserve to know if, when and where these cuts will be made before we are asked to vote for increased transportation spending.

I am here this morning to ask my colleagues to keep their promise we made to the American people last year and adhere to the balanced budget agreement. The future of our children is more important to me than the Federal Government picking up the tab for a "Dan Miller Expressway."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIAHRT). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion 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 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules and will be followed by two rollcall votes ordered yesterday.

VESSEL HULL DESIGN PROTECTION ACT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2696) to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2696

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 referred to as the "Vessel Hull Design Protection Act".

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ORIGINAL DESIGNS.

Title 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

"CHAPTER 12—PROTECTION OF ORIGINAL DESIGNS

"Sec.

"1201. Designs protected.

"1202. Designs not subject to protection.

"1203. Revisions, adaptations, and rearrangements.

"1204. Commencement of protection.

"1205. Term of protection.

"1206. Design notice.

"1207. Effect of omission of notice.

"1208. Exclusive rights.

"1209. Infringement.

"1210. Application for registration.

"1211. Benefit of earlier filing date in foreign country.

"1212. Oaths and acknowledgments.

"1213. Examination of application and issue or refusal of registration.

"1214. Certification of registration.

"1215. Publication of announcements and indexes.

"1216. Fees.

"1217. Regulations.

"1218. Copies of records.

"1219. Correction of errors in certificates.

"1220. Ownership and transfer.

"1221. Remedy for infringement.

"1222. Injunctions.

"1223. Recovery for infringement.

"1224. Power of court over registration.

"1225. Liability for action on registration fraudulently obtained.

"1226. Penalty for false marking.

"1227. Penalty for false representation.

"1228. Enforcement by Treasury and Postal Service.

"1229. Relation to design patent law.

"1230. Common law and other rights unaffected.

"1231. Administrator; Office of the Administrator.

"1232. No retroactive effect.

"§ 1201. Designs protected

"(a) DESIGNS PROTECTED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The designer or other owner of an original design of a useful article which makes the article attractive or distinctive in appearance to the purchasing or using public may secure the protection provided by this chapter upon complying with and subject to this chapter.

"(2) VESSEL HULLS.—The design of a vessel hull, including a plug or mold, is subject to protection under this chapter, notwithstanding section 1202(4).