

a job in a nonunion workplace for the primary purpose of disrupting the workplace and furthering the union agenda. I hope my colleagues will vote for H.R. 3246.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEREGULATION

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, just 3 years ago the Republican leaders and the Clinton administration touted all the benefits that would flow from telecommunications deregulation. Cable would compete with phone, phone with cable, lower rates, better service, new technology. Three years' experience has shown those promises to be hollow.

There is no competition between phone and cable. Cable rates have skyrocketed, local phone rates are going up, service has deteriorated. Then we get all those evening phone calls. This is not a consumer-friendly bill. But, all in all, it has delivered a golden egg for Wall Street and a few companies and a goose egg for Main Street consumers and small business.

Now the Clinton administration and the Republican leaders want to rush to deregulate our electric power. Lower rates, new technology, more competition. We have heard it before. Wall Street and a number of large energy companies are just slathering over the products. The results for consumers and small business will be the same as telecommunications, evening phone calls, higher rates, worse service.

SKY TAVERN JUNIOR SKI PROGRAM

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to birthdays or anniversaries, it does not matter whether we call it five decades, 50 years, or just half a century. No matter how we say it, the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program in northern Nevada deserves our special recognition and congratulations.

Today, I rise with great pride to announce that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program. Since 1948, this program, maintained and run completely by volunteers, has taught thousands of young people in northern Nevada to ski.

The generosity and commitment of hundreds of volunteers and ski instructors have made it possible for these kids from all economic backgrounds to benefit from this program. But the Sky Tavern program provides these people with more than just skiing lessons. It also teaches them the value of a hard day's work and the importance of giving back to their community.

I am proud to represent a community with such outstanding people and such

a marvelous program. I am also equally proud to call myself an alumnus of the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program. To all of them, congratulations, and we look forward to another half century of success and contribution to the children of Nevada.

REPUBLICANS' CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is Academy Award week, but the Republicans' campaign finance reform bill is not winning any Oscars this year. It is little wonder the Republican leadership pulled the bill from today's floor schedule, for the reviews are in and the critics have panned the GOP proposal.

Every credible campaign finance organization has sharply criticized this bill. The League of Women Voters says, "This bill would take a big step in the wrong direction." Common Cause's Anne McBride says, "This bill is a hoax. No one should be fooled by this cynical effort." Public Citizen's Joan Claybrook urges Members to "oppose the sham and repugnant House Oversight reform bill, a partisan bill that is the exact opposite of reform."

Democrats believe that campaign finance reform is essential to renewing America's faith in our democracy. Let us fight for real reform. Let us pass McCain-Feingold II and stop this sham with the Republican leadership's proposal.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I have some questions to ask today.

Is it not strange that this White House can find and release in a matter of hours a half-dozen private letters written years ago by a volunteer, but it takes months and even years to find official documents officially requested by official government agencies?

Is it not strange that the pundits and spin doctors representing Bill Clinton have so much to say when no one elected them, while the President continues to say nothing?

Is it not strange that the President invokes executive privilege to keep his aides from telling what they know when he says he has nothing to hide?

Is it not strange that every person who dares to speak up about Bill Clinton's behavior is smeared and slandered by the White House attack team?

I think we need to ask more questions.

SECURING BORDERS FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, a classified U.S. Government report says that Mexico's military is allowing massive shipments of narcotics into America. Wow, what a surprise. Barney Fife even knows that, folks. Let us tell it like it is.

Mexico is the biggest drug pusher in the world, and Uncle Sam is the world's biggest junkie. Shame, Congress. It is time to stop this narcotic madness. Number one, Congress should absolutely repeal NAFTA; and number two, if Congress can ensure the securing of borders in Bosnia, Western Europe, the Mideast, and Korea, then, by God, Congress should be able to secure the borders for the American people.

Think about that. This narcotics business is not hard to figure out.

I yield back all the balance of overdoses in our cities throughout the country.

VIOLENCE IS PERVERSIVE IN OUR CULTURE

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

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it is outrageous to me that the talking heads on the liberal news networks with all their expertise and social behavior have not figured out the cause of the Jonesboro, Arkansas, tragedy.

To listen to the evening and morning news and their take on the story, that it is because of Southerners with their obsession with guns and their hunting culture; in other words, Southerners, in their opinion, are a bunch of gun-crazy rednecks.

Mr. Speaker, being a Southerner, and along with many other Southerners that have felt the sadness of this tragedy and other tragedies, I am offended by that outrageous assumption. If we want to start placing blame for this and the other tragedies, why not start with the TV networks, where our children are exposed to assault, murder, rape, drug, sex, deviant lifestyles, cheating, stealing, and uncivilized gutter language.

Mr. Speaker, the tragedy is that violence is not confined to any one region or community in this Nation; it is pervasive in a culture that is obsessed with violence, sex, and self-gratification. The truth is, what goes in our children eventually comes out.

"SO-CALLED" FOREST RECOVERY BILL

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

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about the so-called forest recovery bill.

This bill is bad for the environment and it is bad for the economy. The