

This won't eliminate greenhouse gases, or succeed in reversing global warming, it will just change their point of production.

American families receive the brunt of the burden imposed by the Kyoto Protocol. The Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates (WEFA), a well respected economic firm, has estimated the Kyoto Protocol would result in Americans paying 50 cents more for a gallon of gasoline and more than \$2,000 per American household. WEFA also estimates the Protocol could result in the United States losing over a million jobs each year over a 15 year period.

Even the Clinton Administration, strong supporters of the Kyoto Protocol, admit it could add \$70 to \$110 to the average American household's annual energy bill. And these estimates were based on several highly optimistic assumptions by White House economists.

Furthermore, the United States Department of Energy studied the impact the Kyoto Protocol will have on six major manufacturing industries. Results indicate that the Kyoto targets and timetables to limit greenhouse gas emissions are tantamount to pink slips for the American worker. Studying petroleum refining, pulp and paper making, cement, steel, basic chemicals, and aluminum, the Department of Energy forecasts hundreds of thousands of American jobs lost and the suppliers for these materials moving to developing nations. Again, worldwide emissions won't be reduced, they will be shipped overseas, just like American jobs.

The U.S. Constitution confers on the Senate the responsibility to evaluate a treaty on its merits and then to give or withhold its advice and consent. As an indicator of where the Senate stands on this issue, last year the Senate passed S. Res. 98 by a vote of 95-0, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should not sign onto any treaty placing America at a competitive disadvantage during the climate change negotiations in Kyoto, Japan.

In Kyoto, the Clinton Administration completely ignored the Senate position, and did exactly the opposite. Now, there is wide concern that the Administration is working proactively to implement the Kyoto targets through regulatory fiat. Part of this stems from the Environmental Protection Agency indicating its plan to draft new Clean Air rules enacting portions of the Kyoto Protocol.

The American Economy Protection Act will insure that the Kyoto Protocol is not implemented through the regulatory process. The Founding Fathers in their infinite wisdom provided that the Senate should be a check and balance on international treaties through the ratification process. This bill maintains the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and supports continued economic growth in the United States. I urge your support of this bill.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING JEREMY BAYER, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record

of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Jeremy Bayer, winner of the 1998 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Jeremy is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Jeremy Bayer is an exceptional student at Northwest High School and possesses an impressive high school record. He has been involved with the National Honor Society. Jeremy is also involved with the Science team and the Chi Alpha/Religious Club. He is a member of the varsity soccer, swimming and track teams. Outside of school Jeremy, has been involved with the Boy Scout Explorers and served as a soccer referee and soccer camp counselor.

In special tribute, Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Jeremy Bayer for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

YOUNG NOAH FRANK'S POEM "I WANT TO BE"

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Poetry Month, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a young constituent of mine, Noah Frank, who recently won the grand prize for his age group in the national "River of Words" competition for his poem "I Want to Be."

Noah Frank, a second-grader at Lakeshore Elementary School in San Francisco, displays in his poem remarkable wit and maturity, as well as a concrete grasp of the English language. Most importantly, however, his poem poignantly expresses the joy of exploring our world through the imagination.

I can't think of a better theme for National Poetry Month. Through poetry we exercise not only the vitality of language and thought; we exercise our imaginations. It is our imaginations that allow us to wonder.

I WANT TO BE

I want to be a dogfish
and catch a leaping catfish
with whiskers as long as a stream.
And I want to be
the rain trickling down on the world
telling it it's springtime.

TAX FREEDOM DAY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Tax Freedom Day, which we will celebrate this Sunday, May 10. Tax Freedom Day marks the day when American taxpayers have symbolically "paid off" their total tax burden and may begin working for themselves, not the government.

The truth is, taxpayers are spending more than one-third of their work time paying for wasteful government spending and unnecessary bureaucracies. The average American has worked 45 days this year to pay personal income taxes, 38 days to pay payroll taxes, 18 days for sales and excise taxes, and 12 days for property taxes. Two additional weeks are consumed by corporate income taxes not to mention 3 more days spent paying miscellaneous taxes. This is totally unacceptable—Americans should not have to work 129 days out of the year simply to support the government.

Not only do Americans pay outrageously high taxes, they are being taxed for the wrong reasons. Taxpayers should not be penalized for getting married, investing their money or saving for the future. These taxes are contrary to common sense, and they defy basic American values. It is up to us to reform the tax code so that Americans will no longer have to send their money to Washington for bureaucracies and programs that do not work.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me in celebration of Tax Freedom Day. Let's take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to lower taxes and cut government spending.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. ROBERT SMITH

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 7, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, two years ago, on May 20, 1996, Dr. Lee Teng-hui and Dr. Lien Chan were sworn into office as the ninth President and Vice President of the Republic of China on Taiwan. In the last two years, Lee and Lien have accomplished a great deal for their country.

For instance, Taiwan has continued to reduce its trade surplus with the United States and maintained its economic and political growth. It has brilliantly survived the current Asian financial crisis. It is also worthwhile to mention that Taiwan's process of democratization is continuing and has drawn praise from Western press.

It is time we should recognize Taiwan for it is a democratic, free enterprising country, worthy of respect and admiration.

I have enjoyed working with Taiwan's Representative in Washington, Ambassador Stephen Chen. He and his aides have kept me totally informed of the developments in Taiwan. They are hardworking diplomats.

Congratulations to the Republic of China on its president's second anniversary in office.