

S. 361. An act to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products intended for human consumption or application containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger, and to reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

S. 1970. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

S. 2217. An act to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes.

S. 2238. An act to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry.

S. 2358. An act to provide for the establishment of a presumption of service-connection for illnesses associated with service in the Persian Gulf War, to extend and enhance certain health care authorities relating to such service, and for other purposes.

S. 2427. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work.

S. 2524. An act to codify without substantive change laws related to Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations and to improve the United States Code.

S. Con. Res. 120. Concurrent resolution to redesignate the United States Capitol Police headquarters building located at 119 D Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C., as the "Eney, Chestnut, Gibson Memorial Building".

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2022) "An Act to provide for the improvement of interstate criminal justice identification, information, communications, and forensics."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches on each side.

EDWARDSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST WINS AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES IN LAS VEGAS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, on August 25 Edwardsville American Legion Post 199 not only went into the history books by winning the American Legion World Series in Las Vegas, but they beat the 5,300 to 1 odds which were against them. During their remarkable run to the first national championship, Post 199 finished with a season record of 41 and 7 and won their regional state championships as well.

After getting off to a solid start in the first inning, they briefly fell behind in the second inning. However, their character as a team pulled through. They rallied behind the pitching tan-

dem of brothers James and Ben Hutton to begin a comeback in the fifth inning and to take the lead in the sixth inning.

A pair of convincing runs in the ninth inning sealed their 9 to 4 victory, giving their coach and Edwardsville their first national championship.

After the game, pitcher James Hutton said, "The whole team responded tonight. This is a team win, and it will always be a team win. The pitcher gets more of the glory, but I don't deserve more than anyone else on the team."

Congratulations to Edwardsville.

AMERICAN TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZING FOREIGN ECONOMIES WHILE THEY DENY AMERICAN PRODUCTS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, let us see if this makes some sense:

Foreign banks all over the world make bad loans knowingly to prop up their falling economies hoping against hope to salvage their systems. Then their businesses go belly up. They default on their loans, the banks fail, and then the foreign banks dial 911 to Uncle Sam for more money. The International Monetary Fund then calls Uncle Sam and says:

"If you don't make these countries and these foreign banks any more loans, they won't buy your products."

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. When American taxpayers are subsidizing foreign economies and they are denying American products, we need a proctologist to give us some counseling.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, 12 years and nearly \$6 billion after passage of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, many schools are neither drug-free nor safe.

Using this drug prevention money, one Michigan school district gained \$81,000 worth of giant plastic teeth and toothbrushes. Police in Hammond, Louisiana, have a squad car. It is a 3-foot, remote-control replica that cost \$6,500. And Virginia Beach, Virginia, has extra lifeguards with this drug money.

Students in Richmond, Virginia, are enjoying the social benefits of a \$16,000 drug-free party guide. It includes tips on Jello wrestling and holding pageants where guys dress up in women's wear. Los Angeles schools have a new van for transporting sports equipment and have given away \$16,000 in tickets to Disneyland and Dodger Stadium to students who have pledged to listen to their parents.

These examples are only the tip of the iceberg. I guess it should not sur-

prise us that the White House wants \$605 million more for this program.

Good idea, bad implementation. The Department of Education gets my porker of the week award.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, already rumors are running wild in Washington that the President wants a government shutdown, a shutdown that he can then blame on the Republicans. This is considered a terrible breach of faith among Republicans because Republican leaders in Congress have been working since the spring to avoid a government shutdown. There is no need for a shutdown, for even if an agreement cannot be reached before the current spending bills run out, Republicans are ready to sign on to another temporary spending bill to allow the government to continue without interruption while we work out the remaining differences.

Republicans have been bending over backwards to avoid what we know some here in the administration are recommending. The disruption, the heartache, the uncertainty that government shutdown has introduced into peoples' lives are not necessary, and the Republicans have no desire to provoke a confrontation with the President.

Let us continue to work together to pass the remaining spending bills and avoid a government shutdown.

HAVE THEY NO SHAME?

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, it is fascinating to watch the spin, the sheer audacity of those who defend the wrongdoing of liberals, whatever the cost. It has gone from "it didn't happen" to "it doesn't matter" to "everyone does it" to "I'm so sorry."

The reputations which have been trashed I guess we should just forget. The thousands and thousands of dollars in lawyers fees that innocent bystanders had to fork out, well, I guess that is their problem. The millions of dollars in court costs that the legal system has had to needlessly endure I suppose is no longer relevant.

Should we pretend that the rule of law is not important? Should we pretend that defendants in a sexual harassment case are not entitled to a fair trial? After all, lying about related misconduct is a private affair. Should we pretend that honor and integrity are not important?

Madam Speaker, the astonishing thing is that not one Cabinet member or one White House staffer has resigned because of this whole sordid mess. Have they no shame?