

H.R. 3723. An act to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4151. An act to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4259. An act to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4660. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2253. An act to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase bullet resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 2375) "An Act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices, and for other purposes," with amendments.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minute addresses from each side.

CONGRATULATING SAN DIEGO PADRES ON WINNING NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT

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

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great political risk that I speak here today. With the Speaker and the head of the NRCC coming from Georgia, I would like to rise today to congratulate the San Diego Padres for winning the National League championship in Atlanta. I would like to congratulate the Padres owner John Morris, president Larry Lucchino, manager Bruce Bochy and the entire team from the San Diego Padres. I would also like to congratulate the Padre fans. When you look to San Diego you usually think of beaches, beautiful zoos, bays and also Qualcomm Stadium.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents celebrated last night in the 49th District

and sadly I was not there to join them. But today I would like to point out that their celebration is something that we can all join in. In light of the fact that Congress will be out, though, Mr. Speaker, when the Padres win the World Series, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their pending victories.

Go Padres.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS FOR SENIORS

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about some of the work of Congress, armed with concern and new evidence that senior citizens in America and in northeast Wisconsin from my survey are paying a lot more for needed prescription drugs, on average 85 percent more, than the favored customers of the drug companies.

I have just compiled the results of a new survey of pharmacies across my district in northeast Wisconsin. We asked the price that seniors and other individuals pay for their prescriptions, then compared that price to what the drug companies charge their volume buyers. We found that senior citizens are paying nearly two times as much, 85 percent more, than the big buyers and the insurance companies. It is outrageous. Seniors rely on their prescription medications, and seniors are most likely to be on a fixed income. Most importantly, Medicare the main source of health coverage for seniors, does not cover the cost of most prescription drugs, leaving seniors to pay for their prescriptions out of their own pockets. My study shows that drug companies are making huge profits on the backs of seniors.

I will be fighting, therefore, for new legislation, the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act, put forward by the gentleman from Maine (Mr. ALLEN) guaranteeing older Americans the same prices for their prescription drugs that the Federal Government gets from drug companies.

EXAMPLE IS THE BEST PRECEPT

(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, some have argued that private conduct does not matter. But as leaders we must set the example, guiding our Nation by our actions. Example is the best precept.

Aesop, the learned storyteller, writes the following fable:

One fine day two crabs came out of their home to take a stroll on the sand. "Child," said the mother, "you're walking very ungracefully. You should learn to walk straight forward without twisting from side to side."

"Mother," said the young one, "set the example yourself, and I will follow you."

Example is the best precept.

President Franklin Roosevelt said the following: "The presidency is not merely an administrative office. That's the least of it. It is preeminently a place of moral leadership."

Mr. Speaker, it is time for our leaders to lead, not just fiscally, not just politically but morally.

Example is the best precept.

SCHOOL MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE STILL NEEDED IN BUDGET DEAL

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, we are still likely to be here a few more days as we hammer out this budget agreement, but I want to say that I am very proud of the Democrats who have stuck it out and demanded that this budget agreement address education initiatives. It appears, and I say it appears because we do not know for sure, but it seems like the Republicans finally have agreed to our proposal for 100,000 teachers that are going to be hired across the country with Federal dollars. I just want to say it is only because Democrats have kept insisting that this education initiative be in the budget that we may finally realize that hope of having those 100,000 extra teachers spread around the country to reduce class size.

But we still do not have the modernization initiative. The Republicans should agree to this as well. This is the initiative that says that we will spend Federal dollars to try to improve schools around the country, to renovate schools, to put in new roofs, to also upgrade, if you will, schools for technology, for computers and other things of that nature. I think it is very important that we continue to stay here until that initiative is also included in this budget.

I know the Republicans do not want to hear it. They keep saying that this is unnecessary, but it is important.

HALLOWEEN MESSAGE TO LIBERALS

(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, Halloween is right around the corner, conjuring up all kinds of scary stories. Soon I will gather my children around me and tell them just what they might expect from Congress.

Now, I am not talking about candy, trinkets or toys. What I am talking about is bringing home a commitment to a balanced Federal budget, real education reform, meaningful tax cuts, a strong military force and a real commitment to saving Social Security.

There is one problem. My liberal colleagues on the other side of the aisle would rather have me tell them the

story of the headless horseman or a bloated bureaucracy, a hollow military force and more tax increases.

Mr. Speaker, no one wants to go home with the liberals' view of Congress. Rather, we all want to go home with some great news for America's schoolchildren, for America's hard-working families, for the men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces, news that we are working for them, not some fat-cat bureaucrat here in Washington.

To my liberal colleagues, I say this: Let us put an end to wasteful bureaucratic spending. Help us send Federal education dollars directly to the schools and to the classrooms for the benefit of educating children. Help us give back hard-earned tax dollars to America's hardworking families. Help us make the strength of our nation and our national defense a priority again.

Trick or treat, Mr. Speaker. I yield back big government, scary stories, and the headless horseman point of view of my liberal colleagues.

SUPPORT STEEL RESOLUTION AND STAND UP FOR LEGAL TRADE

(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, another chapter on American steel. We have already read Chapter 11, Chapter 13, and we are about to read a stone cold Chapter 7 due to illegal trade, dumping steel in America below cost, destroying families, destroying companies, destroying jobs, destroying pensions, and nobody is doing one thing about it.

We pass laws here, and the law is not being enforced. There is such a glut of steel there is a fire sale in America. America is burning. And while America burns, the administration is fiddling doing nothing.

Today you will have an opportunity to vote on a resolution. I predict that there will be an attempt to bring a softer resolution than mine. Today is the time to stand up for legal trade.

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the majority of Republicans are conservative and they are proud of that. The majority of Democrats are liberal and I imagine that they are proud of that as well. One can only imagine what the liberals dream about in their private moments, the number of new government programs they could create if only those Republicans were not standing in the way.

Republicans believe that the country has been going in the wrong direction for far too long, down the road of higher taxes, more government and less freedom. Democrats disagree. They

favor a continuation down this path, and the current negotiations with the White House and with the other side of the aisle over the appropriations bill clearly reflect that. In almost every single case the dispute reflects the Republican desire to hold the line on spending and the Democrat desire to increase it. Although most Americans appear to support less government and lower taxes, you would never know it listening to the other side of the aisle in these negotiations. Spend more or spend less? The choice is clear.

SUPPORT TRAFICANT REAL STEEL RESOLUTION

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

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, we have a crisis in steel that my colleague from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) just alluded to. I want to thank the leadership of this House for promising the gentleman from Ohio that we would have a vote on his resolution today, a real steel resolution with real language, real teeth, and I ask every one of my colleagues to support this bipartisan resolution introduced by the gentleman from Ohio, House Resolution 598. It is the resolution I am personally going to support.

We need this, because H. Res. 598 calls for a 10-day review period for all steel imports and a 1-year ban on steel imports from countries found to be violating our law, not 3 months of consultation.

We need this, because the American Institute for International Steel has written to every one of its members and said that because of cases filed on September 30, the earliest date for withholding of liquidations would be December 9.

Translation: Dump your steel before December 9 or it will be too late. Vote for Traficant.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF REPUBLICAN-LED CONGRESS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, for 40 years Washington was on autopilot and heading in one direction and one direction only, toward higher taxes and bigger government. Republicans were elected to a majority in 1994 and things have been different ever since, despite the efforts of the President to raise taxes, to create new government programs and to expand old ones. Republicans passed middle-class tax cuts, welfare reform, IRS reform, and Medicare reform.

Let us just consider for a moment if any of these achievements, even a single one, would have seen the light of day if the liberal Democrats had still been in the majority. Welfare reform? The liberals are still bitter about that.

Tax cuts? They tried to raise taxes, not cut them. IRS reform? Now, why would a liberal ever want to take on his best friend? Medicare reform? This is perhaps the most unlikely proposition of them all. Any effort to reform Medicare was greeted with hysterical cries of extremism by liberal defenders of the status quo in this very body.

No, Mr. Speaker, not a single one of these achievements could have been possible were it not for a Republican majority in Congress.

HONORING WALTER KOHN AND AMERICA'S TEACHERS

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, with great pride I rise to congratulate Dr. Walter Kohn, a recent recipient of the Nobel prize for chemistry. Dr. Kohn is a professor of physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara where my husband Walter taught for over 30 years. Walter Kohn's life story is inspirational. He escaped Nazi-occupied Germany on the last children's transport train to England. Dr. Kohn's contributions to chemistry and physics are immense, and he also contributes greatly to our society as a teacher and role model for young people.

As we honor our Nobel winners, let us remember the priceless values of teachers in our country. Motivated, well-trained teachers are the heart and soul of our schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that Congress will soon pass a budget bill that will provide our local school districts with the capable teachers that they need to educate our children. I strongly support more teachers. I am glad we have put partisanship aside to invest in the future of our nation.

REPUBLICAN-LED CONGRESS IGNORES CRIES OF "EXTREMISM" TO PASS MEANINGFUL REFORMS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, most Americans do not think it is extremist to want to reduce the size and power of the Federal Government. In fact after 40 years of Democratic control in which the Federal Government got bigger and bigger, more costly, more out of touch, more meddlesome and less accountable to the people, the majority of Americans finally had had enough in 1994 and they have not looked back since.

What has the Republican majority in Congress done since 1995 to reverse course? A Republican-led Congress passed the first balanced budget since 1969 and the first tax cuts in 16 years after it ignored the charges of extremism and warnings that it could not be done. A Republican-led Congress passed