

because they truly make it possible for the rest of us to do our jobs.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield for one final observation, Kerry, Len, look at the two of us. Before the Speaker and I met you, we did not have a gray hair between us. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). Pending possible further business, and by unanimous consent, the Chair will entertain 1 minutes.

DEFINING AN IMPEACHABLE OFFENSE

(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, over the last several weeks, the American people have rightly asked, what is an impeachable offense? When the framers used the term "high crimes and misdemeanors," they were using a 600-year-old term that did not appear in criminal law. A high crime and misdemeanor does not have to be a crime or a misdemeanor.

Impeachable offenses are not necessarily criminal acts. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story wrote that offenses growing out of, "personal misconduct must be examined upon very broad and comprehensive principles of public policy and duty." In other words, misconduct can be an impeachable offense. An impeachable offense may be anything that is dishonorable, like abuse of power, obstructing justice or lying under oath.

In conclusion, Abraham Lincoln once made a statement. He said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, you can even fool all of the people some of the time, but you can never fool all of the people all of the time."

He made that statement in a place called Clinton, Illinois.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has been a great leader and statesman for the State of Arkansas and for this country, United States Senator DALE BUMPERS. Senator BUMPERS will retire this year after 24 years in the U.S. Senate. A native of Arkansas, Senator BUMPERS has been active in community affairs most of his life, serving as city attorney, school board president, and president of the Chamber of Commerce. His service defines the term, public servant.

Senator BUMPERS served the people of Arkansas from 1970 to 1974 as our

governor. He trimmed the number of State agencies, doubled the number of State parks, launched an initiative to double the number of doctors trained at Arkansas' only medical school. He helped to build more and better State highways and improved our educational system.

There are so many good things in the State of Arkansas that would not be there if it were not for Senator DALE BUMPERS. The world is a better place because Senator BUMPERS has served. Arkansas and America are better places. With Senator BUMPERS' retirement comes the loss of one of Arkansas' finest public servants and a good friend to all those who have had the pleasure of work with him. I wish Senator BUMPERS and his wife, Betty, much health, happiness and success in the years to come.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

(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, as we end the 105th Congress, I think it is very important to understand that for the first time in a generation, Congress is about to adjourn with a budget surplus. When Republicans took control of this body, such an achievement would have seemed impossible. But for the first time in 16 years, this Congress gave the American people a tax cut. One could only wonder if tax cuts would have become a reality had the Republicans not taken control.

Through the Tax Code Termination Act, this Republican-led Congress gave a promise to the American public that we will develop a fair, simpler and more honest tax system. It was this Republican-led Congress that provided a more accountable Internal Revenue Service which now places the burden of proof on the IRS rather than on the taxpayer in tax disputes.

Furthermore, this body made a promise to our Nation's seniors, and we are working to save and secure Social Security well into the future. So when my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to tell us that this is a do-nothing Congress, know that they are right. We did nothing to fulfill their agenda. We did not raise taxes, we did not increase budgetary red ink, and we did not ignore IRS abuses. Along with the American people I am proud that we did not follow the liberals and their 40-year controlled agenda of tax hikes and bigger government.

JUSTICE FOR PEDRO OREGON

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I join my fellow elected officials in asking for an official inves-

tigation into the killing of Pedro Oregon. Pedro Oregon was a 22-year-old father of two young daughters. He had never been in trouble with the law, and Pedro was a dedicated landscaping employee who played on the local men's soccer team and even tutored those who wanted to learn soccer. He was killed by local law enforcement officers with 12 shots to the back. There were no drugs or alcohol found in Mr. Oregon, and as well, no search warrant was there. No gun of his was fired. I think it is important that we recognize the value of lives of Americans.

Mr. Oregon was an immigrant. He was part of the immigrant community, but he was a hard-working person, seeking to find his rightful place in America. This tragic and terrible situation has cast a blight on the harmonious community that we are trying to engage in in our neck of the woods.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the Attorney General would quickly investigate and determine whether the violations have occurred and violated Mr. Oregon's civil rights and find justice not only for his two young daughters, his wife, his mother, his sister, but all of the immigrant community in Houston, Texas.

NATIONAL SECURITY TOP CONCERN FOR 106TH CONGRESS

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

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, not too many months ago this Congress created a commission to examine the threat of distribution of weapons of mass destruction, and specifically, the development of ballistic missile technology to rogue countries and to lesser developed countries. That commission, a bipartisan commission of some of the most distinguished Americans in the area of defense, security and intelligence, has unanimously made its recommendations to the Congress.

I know that Members will be busy the next several weeks, but I urge them to look at the executive summary or the full report which has been presented to their offices. I think this report is chillingly important. It suggests to us that our assumptions in the administration were very faulty when it comes to the amount of time, the difficulty that countries will have in securing ballistic missile systems and weapons of mass destruction. We have, they tell us, far underestimated the opportunity to buy or to acquire technology for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to look at this report. It is one of the most important items of information being brought to our attention on national security for many years. It is up to my colleagues to examine this and to try to have an impact on the future Congress, the 106th Congress.