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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, baseball will eliminate two teams. Some surprise. Tickets average 50 bucks. A program is \$10; popcorn, \$5; parking, \$20. A hot dog and a beer cost about \$10 to \$12 at most stadiums. Beam me up. The umpire said, "Play ball," not "monopoly."

When a family of four needs a second mortgage to go see a baseball game in America, it does not take Dr. Ruth to explain to major league baseball what has gone wrong. I yield back what is left of America's great pastime after the greatest World Series perhaps in our history.

#### STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over in the Senate, the majority leader said of our stimulus package it is not a front-burner issue as other legislation is, particularly government spending.

On behalf of the nearly 7.7 million unemployed Americans, that is just plain wrong. These people know that bills do not stop coming just because someone stops working. These people need relief and they need it now.

We need to give our economy a much-needed boost. Giving people the kind of economic security with more money will do just that.

The House-passed tax bill will give the average family of four approximately 944 more dollars every year. That is nearly \$1,000 to pay off credit, school, charity or save for retirement. That is a car payment, insurance and gas for a month.

TOM DASCHLE was wrong. To the 700,000 who filed for unemployment last month alone, economic security is a front-burner issue. I urge the Senate majority leader to think about the 7.7 million unemployed and make economic security a front-burner issue.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Members are reminded they should not mention the remarks of Members of or quote from the other body.

#### SUPPORT TRAVEL AMERICA NOW ACT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, the time has come to address the devastating impact the terrorist attacks

have had on our travel and tourism industry, which is vital to America and to Rhode Island.

Last year, this industry attracted over 15 million visitors and generated over \$3.2 billion in Rhode Island and nearly \$600 billion nationwide. It employs 61,000 Rhode Islanders and more than 19 million people across the country.

The Travel America Now Act, sponsored by my colleague, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG), encourages Americans to resume travel and provides targeted tax relief to businesses and consumers.

We reacted quickly to help the airlines. Now Congress must do the same for the millions of businesses and people who are indirectly affected by the attacks and are in equal need of assistance. Not only will this bill strengthen the travel and tourism industry but also the American spirit.

#### SUPPORT TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs of my State whose families are supported by exports from Illinois. Together, they exported more than \$32 billion in goods and services to some 208 foreign countries last year.

It is important to realize that these individuals not only are helping to keep our State's and Nation's economy rolling, they are sharing America's best with the world. Numbering more than 400,000, these workers expect their government to do everything in its power to protect their markets and new opportunities.

Unfortunately, America's trade negotiators lack the one essential tool, trade promotion authority, or TPA, that they need to make the deals that eliminate barriers to trade and open doors to new marketplaces.

Make no mistake, our foreign competitors have this authority and they use it to their advantage. Of the more than 130 free trade agreements in force today, the U.S. is party to just three. If this were the military, we would be charged as AWOL.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot let our exporting companies and their workers down. Let us pass H.R. 3005.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO PASS HATE CRIME LEGISLATION

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, since the tragedy of September 11, young children are being spit on, called names, harassed, and hurt because they are Muslim or they look like they might be Muslim.

State governments and local police need the tools to fight and prosecute these hate crimes. We must elevate the status of hate crimes within Federal law to ensure that the punishment fits the seriousness of the crime.

We must set an example for young people that we do not tolerate hate; that they are protected; and that they can feel safe and they will be secure. Now is the time to pass hate crime legislation.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BAN CLONING

(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, a month ago, a Dr. Zavos of Cyprus announced that he expected to be able to create a cloned human being within 3 or 4 months. That means 2 or 3 months from now.

Mr. Speaker, cloning human beings is wrong. Cloning human beings is immoral. Any scientist who intends to clone a human being should be stopped. The scientific community says so, the American people say so, and earlier this year, the House of Representatives said so.

The few scientists who promote cloning call it progress. Well, I want to remind my colleagues that years ago Adolf Hitler employed the science of eugenics and also called it progress. The Nazis wanted to create a race of German supermen, the way dog breeders try to breed championship dogs. That was wrong. It was stopped, and it has not been tried again.

Now we have a few rogue scientists trying to clone human beings. We cannot stop Dr. Zavos, only the Government of Cyprus can do that, but we can stop the scientists in this country who are trying to do the same thing.

The other body needs to bring this bill up for a vote before it is too late.

#### ECOTERRORISM

(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, in spite of the ongoing war that America is waging against terrorism in Afghanistan, we continue to face ecological terrorist attacks right here at home.

Just last month, ecoterrorists used timed fire bombs to attack and destroy a Federal facility near the California-Nevada border in order to protest Federal efforts to round up and control excess wild horses.

Ecoterrorism, Mr. Speaker, continues to grow as Web sites teach disciples how to manufacture and use these fire bombs. These deadly terrorist attacks, like Ted Kaczynski's, have already killed or wounded American citizens and destroyed millions of dollars of public and private property.

Although the national media has virtually ignored this issue, the American

people are forced to deal with its very real consequences. We must prove by our actions that we know how to deal with this deadly terrorism; and we must show that regardless of its source, target, or motive, it will be eliminated.

As the President has said, we must eliminate all terrorist cells at home and abroad by exposing them and those who harbor and support them until our Nation is rid of this growing evil.

#### TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, leadership is only proven through action. And time after time in its history, the United States has proven itself a leader. But as we lead the world in an effort to eradicate terrorism, we risk advocating our position of leadership in an area that is just as vital to America's well-being: international trade. Or spelled another way: jobs.

National security and economic security are not mutually exclusively. With more than 130 preferential trade agreements in the world today, shockingly, shockingly, the United States is a party to only three.

This disparity has real consequences for us at home. American workers, manufacturers, and producers are losing markets for their products and income for their families. For their sake, we must take action to turn this around.

Fortunately, Congress does have a chance to pick up the mantle of leadership once again by passing trade promotion authority. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting America's leadership role in the world by supporting TPA.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BAN CLONING

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

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, science is a wonderful thing. Who would have thought a couple of generations ago that a man would go to the Moon, or we would have a vaccine for polio. The work our scientists do in labs have brought great things into the world. But we have also learned that just because something is possible does not mean we should do it. Science has to be governed by morality.

The cloning of human beings is a case in point. Just because we can clone a human being, does not mean we should. Experimenting with human life is wrong. Cloning human lives, whether for experiments or reproduction, is a line we simply should not cross.

Earlier this year, the House voted overwhelmingly to make it illegal; but until the other body brings it up for a vote, that ban cannot become law. We

are in a race with time. Our colleagues in the other body must bring this bill up for a vote as soon as possible.

We need to get this bill to the President's desk before it is too late.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BAN CLONING

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, after decades of Christian education and religious study, there are two things that I know for sure: number one, there is a God; and number two, I am not Him. The entire debate over human cloning flies in the face of these two great truths.

Many Americans learned, after this institution banned human cloning earlier this year, that we are truly close to this moral horror, a horror that uses bad science, science that went through 277 deeply mutilated animals before Dolly the sheep was conceived and birthed successfully.

It is unthinkable that we would not act on this House's call to ban human cloning; that we would not respond to the President's thoughtful message to the world in August that we must think deeply, we must legislate thoughtfully along the fault lines of religion, morality, and technology.

I urge our colleagues in the other body to move and to move now on banning human cloning in the United States of America.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are instructed not to urge action through the other body.

#### BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, we stand at the threshold of discovery. However, there is a line that science must not cross.

Human cloning threatens the physical identity of people, it violates their rights, and it demeans their unique individuality. In fact, even most scientists admit that most attempts to clone would end in failure. By allowing this practice, we are condoning mass creation and the destruction of human life.

The truth is, we do not know what all the consequences of cloning a person really are. But we do know that cloning raises serious ethical and moral questions. The excuse of advancing science is not really worth the risk in this case.

Time is of the essence. Scientists say that cloned human babies could be born next year. Earlier this year, the

House passed a vote to ban human cloning in the United States. I urge my colleagues in the other body to follow along and to vote to ban human cloning.

We must respect life or risk reaching a moral point of no return.

#### HONOR FALLEN HEROES OF NEW YORK

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, on November 18, 2001, firefighters from around the world will gather in New York City to honor the memories of the 344 emergency service personnel who lost their lives on September 11.

I am proud to note that my hometown of Spokane, Washington, will be represented by more than 50 firefighters who will pay their own way to stand with their brethren at this memorial service. To put New York's loss in perspective, the city lost as many firefighters in a day as Spokane has in its entire department.

As we honor those who have passed, we may also look to those who have survived. We in the House unanimously passed a Victims Tax Relief Act, the HEROS Act, which provides relief from Federal education loans to surviving families, and legislation expediting Federal payments to the survivors of public safety officers. We should also honor the fallen heroes of New York by strengthening our public safety programs.

As a member of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, which has done so much to educate Members on these issues, I support legislation introduced by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) which would allow Good Samaritans to donate equipment to fire departments.

Federal resources are also important. Last year, we provided \$100 million in grant equipment, and I support additional funding this year. I commend the service of firefighters and am proud to acknowledge the efforts of those serving the Spokane community and all of eastern Washington.

#### SUPPORT ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, last week we passed an economic stimulus bill to bolster our economy and stop the hemorrhaging of jobs that is going on around our Nation. Thousands of residents of North Carolina's eighth district have lost their jobs, especially in textiles and other manufacturing plants.

Given the current state of the economy, one would think passing this legislation would be one of the top priorities of Congress. But, Mr. Speaker, we