

working people who need extended unemployment benefits and reimbursement of their COBRA health care coverage.

These priorities are way out of whack and we must reverse them now.

ON THE ECONOMY

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we learned we have been in a recession for the past 8 months. Mr. Speaker, that is not acceptable to the American people and it is not acceptable to this Congress.

The House has responded. We passed an energy bill that creates jobs; we passed an economic growth bill that creates jobs; and next week we will pass a trade bill that creates jobs.

There are some people that have a different idea about the question of what creates jobs. Mr. Speaker, I have a pop quiz for our friends on the other side of the building:

Which of the following do you think would best grow the economy and get it back on its feet? Investment-based tax relief; a railroad retirement bill; a farm bill; or more funding for bison meat and sight-seeing tours in the Dakotas?

Mr. Speaker it does not take a degree in economics to know the answer. We need to give the President a growth package that will create jobs not just for today but for the future. Yet some people think that other legislation should be the "front burner" issues. These bills have even been scheduled, while the President's plan for economic growth languishes in the other body.

Mr. Speaker, there is no time left. An economic growth package built on tax relief should be the only "front burner" issue this Congress addresses today. It is a big deal, Mr. Speaker. The American people want to get back to work. They want this Congress to act now to jump-start this economy. They do not want to see the process thwarted by a Senate that does not understand which burner should be the front burner.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LEE HATWELL

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and pay tribute to one of Washington State's leading citizens, Dr. Lee Hartwell.

I join my colleagues in honoring Dr. Hartwell for winning the Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine. This award, as we all know, is recognized as one of the world's most distinguished honors for those involved in basic medicine and clinical research.

During his more than 30 years involved in groundbreaking research

studying cell division and its relation to cancer, Dr. Hartwell has won numerous awards, including the Massry Prize, the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor Basic Research Award, the General Motors Sloan Award, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Prize, the Leopold Griffuel Prize, and the Gardiner Foundation International Award for Achievements in Science, and now the Nobel Prize.

Much of Dr. Hartwell's pioneering research has been conducted at the University of Washington. He began his service with the university in 1968 and has been Professor of Genetics since 1973. Twenty-three years later, Dr. Hartwell joined the faculty of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, and in 1997 became its president and director.

Since it opened its doors in 1975, the research undertaken by the Hutchinson Center has given hope and extended life to thousands of people. My cousin is among one of those whose life was so extended, and I am deeply grateful, and I join my colleagues in honoring Dr. Hartwell for his life's work and becoming the recipient of the Nobel Prize.

HUMAN CLONING UNETHICAL

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, it was announced that the Massachusetts biotechnology company, Advanced Cell Technology, had created the first human clones. They claim they only want to use these embryos for research purposes. However, this research is unethical for at least two reasons:

First, it involves the special creation of human life for experimentation and then destruction. There are morally acceptable alternatives to this type of research.

Secondly, for this research to advance, scientists will need massive quantities of women's eggs to generate the necessary number of clones for the research to proceed. Women will be donating their eggs not for the purpose of having children but for the purpose of making money.

As pro-choice feminist Judy Norsigian said in a Boston Globe column, "Because embryo cloning will compromise women's health, turn their eggs and their wombs into commodities, compromising their reproductive autonomy and virtually certainly lead to the production of experimental human beings, we are convinced the line must be drawn here."

Judy is right. The Senate needs to act.

SUPPORT H.R. 1343, HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

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

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY), today to resurrect a bill that is almost ready to leave this body with 199 cosponsors. I want to thank the gentlewoman from California and also my colleagues that are joining her in this effort, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN), the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE), the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY), the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), and many others.

Now, we have a hate crimes bill, my colleagues. What we need is some improvements that get through some old Federal jurisdictional hang-ups that have been around since about 1994. So join us in this last push. It is not too late.

BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the other body to act immediately to ban human cloning. The news over the weekend that a firm in Massachusetts had successfully cloned a human embryo makes it vitally important that that happen now.

Scientists are creating human life for the sole purpose of destroying it. And this is not the plot of a bad science fiction movie, this is very real. Cloning is very real and it is happening in America right now. We must put a stop to this horrific practice.

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PASS HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the House to pass hate crimes legislation before we recess this year. We are a Nation still at war. We are a Nation still healing, and we are still standing strong as a people unified. The events of September 11 have brought out the very finest in what America stands for. Communities have rallied around its law enforcement officers, neighbors have come together, individuals have stopped by a fire station to say a word of thanks. In many ways we have celebrated our diversity and united as a Nation.

Unfortunately, some have taken the events of September 11 to act violently towards those who may appear different from the majority. Since September 11 there have been 1,200 recorded deaths, assaults, discrimination, bomb threats or intimidation against men, women, children and families who look like or are Arab or Muslim Americans.