

would ask for your serious consideration to look at the fact that this program has been there for us.

THANKING DENMARK FOR SUPPORT IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to praise the strong support from the people of Denmark in the war on terrorism. Denmark has been our ally longer than any other country, with unbroken diplomatic relations going back to 1791. The Danish military was one of our strongest partners in Afghanistan, providing special forces and F-16 fighter jets and has stood side by side with America in disarming Iraq. Also, the people I represent appreciate the strong maritime trade relationship between South Carolina and Denmark.

I am honored to be a member of the Congressional Friends of Denmark Caucus, which was founded by the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS). Recently, I welcomed to Capitol Hill Denmark's Ambassador to the United States, Ulrik Federspiel, and First Secretary Karen Eva Abrahamsen. I had the opportunity to thank them personally for the courage their country has shown.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Denmark for its strong stand with the United States on the war on terrorism.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, when the Republicans took over the House and the Senate and the White House, a lot of critics in this town said, well, now they have an opportunity and they won't be able to capitalize on it because no one gets along in Washington, DC, and it doesn't really matter who is in charge.

But that has not been the case. The President passed his No Child Left Behind with a statement in there that I think is very important, and there is no bigotry as bad as the label of low expectations, challenging the status quo in education. He has fought and led the fight in the war against terrorism, taking our troops to places like Afghanistan and Iraq, making very difficult decisions and yet making the world safe once more and telling terrorists, we're not going to let you get away it.

We have just recently passed Medicare reform which gives our seniors a much-needed prescription drug bill so that they will not have to choose between prescription medicine and food.

And, of course, we have passed a substantial tax reform and reduction package, one that will get Americans working again, one that will create jobs, one that will allow middle-class families to keep more of their hard-earned income.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET ACCESS ACT

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to set the record straight regarding H.R. 2427, the Pharmaceutical Market Access Act. Some groups have made claims that this bill would change the laws currently in effect regarding RU-486 or other abortion drugs. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This bill will not, Mr. Speaker, change, supersede or overrule any law regarding abortion drugs. All the current laws and regulations for abortion drugs as well as all other drugs will remain in force and the punishments for breaking those laws and regulations will still apply. The truth is that all this bill does is to free Americans to participate in the world market for the purchase of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals. In doing so, it will not change what is otherwise legal or illegal in this country.

Some of the staunchest pro-life Members of this body support H.R. 2427 because they understand that it does not threaten or undermine the abortion drug laws currently in force. I hope that Americans will ignore the unfounded criticisms of this bill. This bill will provide Americans, particularly seniors, large savings when purchasing prescription drugs.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1472

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1472.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ISSUES REGARDING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the issue that faces this Congress will be brought to a point when Mr. Blair comes and explains to us what it was that he told our President that led the President to think that he should come in here in the State of the Union message and say things which are of questionable value.

We are continuing to have people die in Iraq. Last night another soldier died, and many were injured. These people signed up to protect the United States, not to make things better for Iraq or anything else. They signed up to protect their country, and they are dying.

There should be an investigation of what the reasons are that we were there. Did the threat rise to the level of a national security threat? Or was there a gathering of evidence? Certainly the uranium issue is bogus on the face of it, and it never should have been used by anyone in a defense of why we went to Iraq.

We have lost 200 people, and 1,000 have been injured. It seems like small numbers when you know about Vietnam, but that is where we are today, and we need an answer from the President.

PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET ACCESS ACT

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I have been in Congress now for 21 years and I have seen some pretty cruddy things, but I have never seen anything as cruddy as this. This was put out by the Traditional Values Coalition. They asked me to be on their board of directors last year because they said I was such a nice guy. They are now sending out this circular to my district and many other congressional districts saying that I may be against protecting the sanctity of human life, inferring that I might be a pro-abortionist, when that has not been the way I feel for 40 years.

Members who are very pro-life, like the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), are also on the reimportation bill to allow seniors to get pharmaceuticals at the lowest price possible in the world. The reason this is being done is because the pharmaceutical industry is afraid that they will have to lower their prices here in the United States as opposed to what they are charging people in other parts of the world.

In Germany, if you want to buy Tamoxifen, which helps women fight breast cancer, it costs \$60 for a 30-day supply. Here it is \$360 for a 30-day supply.

The pharmaceutical industry is underwriting these lies to try to scare American congressmen from supporting legislation that would put Americans in a competitive position. Americans should not pay any more for their pharmaceuticals than their counterparts in other parts of the world, and to use babies like this is a crime. I really criticize the Traditional Values Coalition and other religious groups for using this kind of trash to scare American Congressmen.