

billion problem with a \$150 billion expenditure; only in a Republican America.

FATHER'S DAY

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard the story about the visiting room in prisons that are packed on Mother's Day but empty on Father's Day.

This simple story illustrates the oftentimes unrecognized power of fatherhood as a force for the good in the lives of our children. In fact, almost three-fourths of means-tested welfare aid goes to children in homes without fathers. Children without fathers are more likely to become involved in crimes, fail in school, abuse drugs, and end up on welfare as adults.

Children raised in household structures without fathers are subject to significantly increased risks of harm. Social science overwhelmingly demonstrates that children do far better when they are raised by two married parents in a stable family relationship.

So this weekend we honor our Nation's fathers, and we should do so with the understanding of the enormous, yet sometimes silent and almost unrecognized impact that our fathers make on society at large.

As a society, we should recognize that we undervalue fathers at our peril. We should honor our fathers. I know I honor mine. Thank you, dad.

CONGRESS OWES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BETTER

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, later today the House will vote to solve a \$4 billion tax problem with a \$150 billion solution. My Republican colleagues actually wonder why they lost the South Dakota and Kentucky special elections.

This legislation and the energy bills we just passed have two things in common: They are filled with tax breaks and giveaways to the biggest special interests and donors in this town. While corporate tax rates are at their lowest level in decades, and as our workers are experiencing the slowest wage growth since World War II, this bill is a special interest gift that keeps on giving.

Here are some of the handouts: \$14 billion to the energy, big oil companies; \$10 billion for a Federal buyout of tobacco; \$519 million for small aircraft companies; \$92 million for suspension of duties on ceiling fans; \$169 million for makers of Puerto Rican rum.

Mr. Speaker, think about this, \$10 billion for a tobacco buyout, and we cannot finish a highway and mass tran-

sit bill that puts millions of Americans to work. Maybe what we should do is pave the roads with tobacco around here. All the while, Americans are suffering with rising health care costs and college tuition that has increased by a third. We owe the American people better than what we are going to do today.

TIME MAGAZINE'S MISTAKE

(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, in a review of the book "Prelude to War," Time Magazine saw fit to detail, as the book does, the location of the secret bunker used by Vice President CHENEY in the aftermath of 9/11. Both the book's author and Time Magazine were wrong to reveal the location of this site. This is not tabloid material, a photographer catching a celebrity on vacation.

Vice President CHENEY did not go to this site to relax, he went there in case our President was attacked and killed by terrorists. He went there to be ready to take control when our Nation was under attack.

Identifying this site is unacceptable and wrong. By detailing the complex and its location, the book and the magazine have combined to compromise a part of our national security. They compromised the ability to protect the man who is first in line for the Presidency. That was wrong.

HAMILTON IMAGE SHOULD REMAIN ON \$10 BILL

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to affirm my support for the image of Alexander Hamilton to remain on the face of the \$10 bill. Paterson, New Jersey, a city characterized by its Great Falls, is a great city that was transformed by Hamilton to serve as one of America's first industrial centers. I have lived there all my life. I still live there.

I would like to share some of the knowledge that I have obtained about Alexander Hamilton. He arrived in America as a poor immigrant from the Caribbean island of Nevis. He attended school in New York and became involved in the American Revolution, was a great general in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth, and indeed at the battle of Yorktown, which was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. For those who read history, George Washington turned to him. He was his trusted aide.

Hamilton wrote 51 of the Federalist Papers. In 1789, Hamilton served in George Washington's administration, and was the first Secretary of the Treasury. His innovative mind afforded him the opportunity to use his new position to provide Americans with financial machinery, including banks.

Ronald Reagan, our dearly beloved former President, was correct when he called Alexander Hamilton "a man of enormous intellectual capacity and courage."

Mr. Speaker, I challenge those proponents who want to change the image on the \$10 bill not to a duel, but for a little sanity here on the floor of the House.

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ECONOMY ON THE UPSWING

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

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there is a little secret that our friends on the other side of the aisle do not want the American people to know, and that is that the dark clouds that have been hanging over our country and over our economy are beginning to blow out and a blue sky is on the horizon, 1.4 million new jobs just in the last 9 months. Homeownership, the American dream that we all learned about, is at the highest level under this President in the history of our country.

There is another little secret they do not want the American people to know, and that is that millions of Americans are taking advantage of a new prescription drug provision to Medicare by calling the 1-800 Medicare hotline and learning how they can save up to 25 percent at the register in savings on their prescription drugs.

The little old secret they do not want the American people to know is that if the American people understand this, the only dark clouds will be on their vote totals on November 2.

FSC/ETI BILL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I find some small amount of irony with my friend on the other side of the aisle talking about secrets that somehow we do not want the American people to know. The American people can judge for themselves about the extent of this economic recovery who wins and who loses; and the prescription drug benefit, the seniors of this country have seen through the sham that it is.

But for them to talk about secrets, I find particularly ironic, because Members of the minority party have to come to the floor today in the 1-minute to talk about the important FSC bill, because that is a secret; and we are voting on it in a few minutes. There is not a printed copy that is available. Only the lobbyists are aware. There will not be adequate time for debate, a meaningful debate, in 30 minutes. They will not allow amendments. They will not even allow the bipartisan alternative to be voted on on the floor.

I find a great deal of irony about their concern for secrecy. I think they

ought to start by opening up the legislative process so at least their own Members have a chance to participate with people on the other side of the aisle.

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY

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

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the House for dedicating much of this week to energy, and I want to spend time today on the natural gas crisis. Clean-burning natural gas heats our homes, cooks our meals, and is used to produce almost everything we use, from food to fertilizer, to cars and clothes; but soaring natural gas prices have a devastating ripple effect on our economy. Families are paying hundreds of dollars more annually for their natural gas.

The U.S. chemical industry has cut at least 90,000 jobs in the past 4 years. Manufacturers have moved overseas where gas prices are much lower. Farmers have seen the cost of fertilizer double in 4 years as fertilizer imports have increased by 43 percent.

The Energy Policy Act, which the House passed again this week, would dramatically boost domestic natural gas supplies and lower prices. By adopting this balanced plan, we would save Americans approximately \$1 trillion in natural gas costs over the next 20 years, \$1 trillion saved along with hundreds of thousands of jobs.

AN ENERGY BILL ENRON WOULD LOVE

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

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, one feature industry loves about the energy bill this body passed again Tuesday is a provision that would repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act, which helps States regulate large multi-state electricity companies.

Some people say that we do not need PUHCA anymore, that its time has passed.

But exemptions from PUHCA are what enabled the actions we heard from Enron and other energy traders in recently released tapes. Here is how they described what they were doing when allowed to operate without PUHCA:

"So the rumor's true?" one trader asked another. "They're [expletive] taking all the money back from you guys? All the money you guys stole from those poor grandmothers in California?"

The Enron trader responded, "Yeah, Grandma Millie, man. But she's the one who couldn't figure out how to [expletive] vote on the butterfly ballot."

The first trader responded, "Yeah, now she wants her [expletive] money back for all the power you've charged right up, jammed [expletive] for [exple-

tive] \$250 a megawatt hour," the first trader says.

One of the traders, referring to efforts to stop the gouging, said, "It's just crap. It's completely crap. It just goes against everything our country's about."

Well, I do not know about you, but in my mind, stealing from your customers goes against everything our country is about; and this is outrageous. The American people deserve better. In fact, they deserve an apology.

PISTONS WIN IT ALL

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Chauncy Billups, Tayshaun Prince, Big Ben Wallace, Richard "Rip" Hamilton, Rasheed Wallace, Corliss Williamson, Mehmet Okur, Lindsey Hunter, Elden Campbell, Darwin Ham, Mike James, Darko Milicic.

Mr. Speaker, these are the names of the Pistons. I would like to congratulate the Detroit Pistons for bringing the NBA championship back to the east, back to Motown, and back to the State of Michigan.

It seemed like no one believed in the Pistons, no one gave them a chance against the Laker team that had been really tailor-made to win the title.

Well, true fans believed, and our beloved team did not disappoint. The Pistons played hard every minute. They found every loose ball, controlled the offensive boards, and kept beating the Lakers down the floor. They never stopped coming and never stopped going for it. The Pistons had a whole team of role models. They had chemistry, coaching, spirit, determination, you name it. Detroit's defense was more dominant than any single player, and they are worthy of champions. They played as a team and won as a team and set a good example for all of us. Years from now, true Piston fans are going to remember this magical journey.

ENERGY

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week the House has voted on energy bills that do absolutely nothing to help Nevada families with the cost of power or skyrocketing gas prices. These bills only help this administration's special interest friends. The Republican energy bill is riddled with billions of dollars of taxpayer giveaways to nuclear, oil, and gas industries. I am appalled that we would spend one more cent on nuclear energy when there is no way to safely store radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. This administration continues to dump money into the Yucca Mountain project despite the fact that it is unsafe and a ridiculous proposal.

I am outraged that not one of these bills puts an end to fraud and abuse perpetrated by companies like Enron. Enron's deliberate and malicious manipulation of the market stole over \$1 billion from Nevadans and other Western ratepayers.

I am disgusted that we are doing nothing to reduce gas prices at a time when oil companies are reaping record profits. The FTC must investigate this industry and its practices.

Now is the time to create an energy plan that weans this country from its reliance on foreign oil and to harness renewable energy sources.

CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF JOBS CREATION BILL

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, Indiana has lost more manufacturing jobs than any State in the Union. So today I rise to enthusiastically support congressional action on the American Jobs Creation Act. Thanks to impending sanctions by the WTO, Congress will today cut the corporate tax rate from 35 to 33 percent, provide \$4 billion in relief for AMT, also known as the antimanufacturing tax, and reform the Tax Code to reduce double taxation on U.S. manufacturers that export and do business overseas like so many Indiana companies do.

1.4 million new jobs since last fall is a good start, but let us rev up the engine of the American economy, especially American manufacturers, and create good-paying American jobs by passing today the American Jobs Creation Act.

9/11

(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, before I begin, let me first of all acknowledge the crisis in Sudan and demand that the Sudanese Government immediately respond to the killing in Dafor and as well the United Nations be allowed to provide humanitarian aid immediately. It is a crisis that we need to address, not yesterday, not today or tomorrow but we should have been addressing weeks and months ago.

But I speak this morning about the reflection of the existence of a 9/11 commission and to say to America and this Congress, what would we have done without knowing the truth? The headlines today suggest no Iraq-al Qaeda 9/11 link found at all, Mr. Speaker. It also says the plan was a 10-plane plan; but the most striking knowledge for all those relatives to hear was that the FAA did not, did not, did not contact the military or NORAD, was confused and did not contact in sufficient time for any intervention to occur.

It is imperative that this Congress, not next year, not in November, not in