

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today supporting H. Res. 541, legislation honoring the 2005 winners of the Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry.

The Nobel Prize represents the pinnacle of achievement in any academic area.

The 2005 Prize in Physics was awarded to three scientists in the field of optics.

Dr. Roy Glauber was awarded half of the Prize for his theoretical description of the behavior of light particles.

Drs. John Hall and Theodor Haensch share the other half of the Physics Prize for their development of laser-based precision spectroscopy.

The work has enabled the determination of the color of the light of atoms and molecules with great precision.

The 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was shared by Drs. Yves Chauvin, Richard Schrock and Robert Grubbs for their work in the area of metathesis.

Metathesis is important to the chemical industry, mainly in the development of medicines and of certain types of plastic materials.

The Nobel Laureates' work has enabled chemical synthesis to be simpler, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the recipients of the Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry and urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 541.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 541 commends the great American ingenuity and level of excellence represented by our National Laboratories, particularly the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), whose work is so consistently stellar that it is often taken for granted.

American John Hall, who is one of the three scientists sharing the Nobel Prize for Physics, is the third NIST scientist to win a Nobel Prize. He is sharing the Prize for Physics with American Roy J. Glauber and German Theodor W. Haensch. Their studies reversed the earlier belief that the quantum theory of the behavior of particles did not describe the behavior of particles of light. These scientists, in fact, have changed the modern understanding of the behavior of light. Their discoveries could allow better GPS systems, better space navigation, and even better digital animation.

The 2005 Nobel Prize for Chemistry was won by American Robert H. Grubbs, from Southern California's California Institute of Technology, American Richard R. Schrock, and Frenchman Yves Chauvin. They made great breakthroughs in their work with olefin metathesis. This is a chemical reaction describing the changing of bonds between atoms.

Their work has great commercial potential in areas like pharmaceuticals, the biotechnology industry, and the foodstuff industry. The great work that these scientists produce contributes to our competitiveness and to our great standard of living.

I want to commend all of these outstanding scientists for their contributions to physics and chemistry and to the Royal Swedish Academy of Scientists for their recognition of their achievements, and to NIST and its laboratories who have supported research that strengthens our global competitiveness through the development of groundbreaking technologies.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 541.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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COMMUNICATION FROM SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT OF HON. SAM FARR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Troy Phillips, Senior Legislative Assistant of the Honorable SAM FARR, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC., April 5, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

TROY PHILLIPS,  
Senior Legislative Assistant.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable J. GRESHAM BARRETT, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC., March 30, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena, issued by the Court of Common Pleas for Anderson County, South Carolina, for testimony.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

J. GRESHAM BARRETT,  
Member of Congress.

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(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, it is budget week. Over the past 5 years, the number of Americans falling on hard times has soared. A new analysis of

major Federal Government programs by USA Today confirms the gut-wrenching truth.

Republicans in the White House and the Congress have wielded their political power like a club on America's low income and America's middle class. The single largest increase came in Medicaid, which added 15 million Americans on the President's watch from 2000-2005. Medicaid is the health care program for the poor. It speaks volumes about how the Republican Party has treated low and middle income Americans during this administration.

All but the wealthiest Americans have been left behind by the Republican Party and the Republican budget. This is a party of the 1 percent. The Republican Party deals with what is good for the 1 percent at the top, not what is good for everybody else.

This is not conjecture, it is a grim statistic. Despite this administration's watch, the poverty rate has grown dramatically, as has the budget deficit. Over the last 5 years, the very rich got very much richer. At the same time, the Republicans were giving millionaires new \$100,000 tax breaks, the poverty rate in the United States was climbing to 12.7 percent.

This is a time to think about what the budget says, about your priorities. Remember, they are the party of the 1 percent.

Republicans love the top one percent. They cater to them. They coddle them. They kowtow to them. Republicans are the One Percent Party.

The other 99 percent of America does not matter to the Party of One Percent.

You need proof? Look at health care. Over the last five years, another 15 million Americans have been forced onto Medicaid.

And the Republican health care proposal is the One Percent illusion.

Republicans want everyone to have a Health Savings Account, so you can save all the money that Middle America does not have, to pay for all those health care expenses Middle America cannot possibly afford.

That is the Republican Solution to America's health care crisis.

Last year, they wanted to privatize Social Security to destroy the safety net under our most distinguished citizens.

This year, the President and Republican Party want to anesthetize the Middle Class, so they don't know Republicans want to amputate their financial security with a plan meant to benefit only the rich.

The One Percent Party created Health Savings Accounts because these are new tickets to an all expense-paid tax holiday for the wealthy. They get to save tens of thousands of dollars tax free. The Middle Class gets to watch.

It's like standing outside the window looking in, except we are standing in the middle of a country that is losing its Middle Class.

The nation's number one reason for personal bankruptcy is unpaid medical expenses, but the Republican Party of One Percent can't be bothered with providing every American access to affordable health care coverage.

Republicans have middle class Americans on their knees, and they are praying for change this November.

The Republican Party of One Percent can't respond to the other 99 percent of America.

When hurricanes destroy lives and property in the Gulf Coast, Republicans send condolences instead of competent leaders.

While more vulnerable American children and families fall into poverty, Republicans call for more tax holidays for the wealthy.

When distinguished Americans need help paying for prescription drugs, Republicans have drug companies write the legislation, and forbid the federal government from negotiating cheaper prices for distinguished Americans, every American 65 and older, like my Mom.

The Republican Party of one percent has done more to undermine America's financial security than any administration in history. The Republican Party of one percent uses the word security every chance it gets.

But our Ports are not secure, our environment is not secure, our financial future is not secure, our most vulnerable children are not secure, and America's Middle Class is anything but secure.

The Republican One Percent Party has spent the last five years concerned with only one thing—the top one percent of America.

Poverty is up.

Middle Class wages are down in real dollars.

Health care costs are up.

The number of Americans with health care coverage is down.

Every day, America's Middle Class hurts a little more, and every day the top one percent earn a lot more.

That's Republican math. Divide a nation into the very wealthy and nobody else.

That's the Republican Party of One Percent.

Not all of my Republican colleagues think this way, but they have to vote the way they're told by the White House.

Independence is another one percent illusion.

And that is precisely why the Republican One Percent Party has to receive a one-way ticket out of power this November. They're out of touch with 99 percent of America.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### H.R. 4808, THE UNFAIR CHINESE AUTOMOTIVE TARIFF EQUALIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit in its entirety for the RECORD a letter from the United States Business and Industry Council at the conclusion of my remarks, but I will be reading from parts of this letter.

Mr. KILDEE and myself have introduced H.R. 4808, the Unfair Chinese Automobile Tariff Equalization Act. I am going to read several paragraphs from this letter that I will submit. It is a letter to me from Mr. Kevin Kearns,

President of the United States Business and Industry Council.

"Dear Representative JONES: On behalf of the 1,500 U.S. companies comprising the U.S. Business and Industry Council, I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 4808, the Unfair Chinese Automobile Tariff Equalization Act.

"Equalizing U.S. and Chinese tariffs on passenger cars, as the bill would require, is an important and greatly overdue step toward restoring equitable competition in both U.S.-China trade and global automobile trade. Such competition in turn is essential to restoring the health of the U.S.-owned automotive sector, which makes us such a large share of our economy and which has undergirded the American middle class for so many decades."

I am going to skip on with paragraphs, Mr. Speaker. Again, I have asked that this entire letter be submitted for the RECORD.

"In fact, according to the latest data available, imports have grabbed two-thirds of the domestic U.S. auto market in 2004, up from 50 percent just 7 years earlier. Small wonder that Ford and GM are downsizing as fast as they can.

"Much of the blame clearly falls on incompetent trade policies, many of course supported by Detroit itself in a triumph of shortsightedness. Presidents of both parties have signed numerous free trade agreements over the years. But despite the promises made to sell them to an increasingly skeptical public, they have manifestly failed to open foreign markets for U.S. producers, or even to limit predatory foreign commercial practices such as subsidizing, dumping, and exchange rate manipulation.

"In fact, the trade flows clearly shows that the main new accomplishments of these trade agreements have been to help U.S. and foreign-brand automakers alike supply the American market from low-wage export platforms like Mexico.

"As symbolized by the ludicrously unequal auto tariffs left in place by U.S. negotiators of China trade deals, U.S. policy on automotive trade with China is speeding down the same road and will likely produce the same results. The United States still runs a small trade surplus in autos with China, but since 2000, Chinese auto exports to the United States have outpaced the United States vehicle exports to China by a four-to-one ratio.

"The Unfair Chinese Automotive Tariff Equalization Act can begin reversing this process and help put the U.S.-owned auto industry and the domestic manufacturing base as a whole back on the path of high-wage growth not low-wage stagnation. And the time to pass it is now, before the Chinese export drive takes off."

Mr. Speaker, the close on this letter is, "We strongly urge prompt House and Senate passage, and we will do ev-

erything we can to help make it the law of the land."

Mr. Speaker, I also want to mention that the Chair of the caucus known as the House Automotive Caucus has urged Members of this House to support 4808 that is signed by Mr. KILDEE and Mr. UPTON, and we are asking just fairness in this trade issue. That is all we are asking, is that the Congress send a message to the trade negotiators that we in this Congress want our manufacturers and our workers to be treated fairly. That is all we are asking in 4808 is to send a message.

If we could get this bill to the floor of the House and pass this legislation, we would say to our trade negotiators that we need you, the trade negotiators, to make sure that we have fair trade as it relates to the American worker and the American manufacturers.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for this time, and I want to close by asking God to please bless our men and women in uniform, and to ask God to please bless the families and to ask God to please bless America.

UNITED STATES BUSINESS  
AND INDUSTRY COUNCIL,  
Washington, DC, Mar. 9, 2006.

Congressman WALTER JONES,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

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For many years, America's trade performance in passenger cars has been nothing less than disastrous. Despite the proliferation of foreign transplant factories throughout the country, the United States ran a \$101.8 billion trade deficit in autos and light trucks in 2005. U.S. imports of these products last year, which totaled more than \$126 billion, represented fully 84 percent of two-way global U.S. vehicle trade.

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