

know, the dresses that the female Members on this side wear are better.

But I think it is important, Madam Speaker, that we look at the facts. It is not fair. It is not fair to the American people, and it is not even fair if I was on the Republican majority side, we tell the Republican majority, come out and defend the selling of America. All of these countries here are owning a part of America. I do not care if you are a diehard Republican, and that you are the chair of the local Republican committee, you have to have a problem with this.

You tell your Members, explain this to me. Why are we selling America away? Why are we giving tax breaks we cannot afford? We are we allowing the oil companies to do this? Why? Why? Why? Do not tell me to vote Republican because we are Republicans and that we always did it, and that my mama did it, and that my grandmother did it, and that my great-great-grandmother did it. We cannot do it because of that. We have to do it because we salute one flag. People have died for us to have this opportunity.

I am so happy that we come to this floor, Madam Speaker, every day, because history will reflect that there were Members in this body in the minority fighting with what they had, with a nub, fighting night after night, day after day, filing amendments, failing on this floor, arm-twisting happening on the other side, and we prevailed because I am going to tell you, the American people are sick and tired of it, and change is going to happen, and it is going to happen for the better.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I just want to ask you another question. As we went through last year and we debated those energy bills, and I remember when they went through the committees and then actually came, at least one of them did not even go to committee, it just came to the floor. And it came out on this Chamber. One of those bills was yet another example of the red lights changing to green lights, and the board being held open. I think the energy bill that I am referring to, I know the board was held open for at least 40 minutes, until the Republican leadership got the vote that they wanted.

Now, we have asked repeatedly, where is the outrage? Where was the outrage then when Republicans, rank-and-file Republicans, who not only needed some courage, but could have gotten some advice from the Scarecrow and the Tin Man then, too, for some heart and some brains, but where was the outrage? And what did that mean?

Essentially what did it mean when they had the opportunity, when they put their no vote up on the board, yet the leadership came to them on the floor, wrenched their arm behind their back, and what did they do? They were rubber-stamp Republicans yet again. Rubber-stamp Republicans.

And I just, time after time I have noticed that that is really the best way

to describe the vast majority of Members of the Republican Caucus, because they have the opportunity to have some courage, they do not have any. What do they have? They have the ability to just say, uh-huh, sure, I will do it exactly the way you want it, Mr. Republican Leader.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. The real issue here is the fact that, Madam Speaker, I am done with trying to beg the majority to lead. I am just done. I mean, there is nothing more that we can say. They have had their opportunity. They have their opportunity now. They are still not moving as a majority. We have said what we would do as Democrats.

The bottom line is Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ talked about the rubber stamp. It is now so big, Mr. President, whatever we can do, whatever you need us to do, we are with you. Just, that is it. Done. What else do you want us to do? And that is just where it is. And we are going to make this as obvious as possible.

Mr. DELAHUNT. I think it is really interesting to note for the record, Madam Speaker, that the relationship between this rubber-stamp Congress and this White House is so close that in the 6 years of this Presidency, he has never had to veto a single piece of legislation that came from the United States Congress. Not once, Madam Speaker, not once.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Say it is not so, Mr. DELAHUNT.

Mr. DELAHUNT. It is so. Tragically it is so.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. He has never been forced to veto any legislation or sent anything that they were afraid he would not like. And I want to know, where are our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, where is their line? Where is the line that we know we all have, that says, you know, this far and no farther? I just cannot do it. They do not have that line.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Well, I tell you what is happening. Because we are talking about oil, and we are talking about home heating oil, and we are talking about staying warm. We are talking about heat. And the heat is coming, because, you know, we are going to hear a lot of hot air, but the American people are putting the feet to fire of those who have not supported a public policy regarding energy that makes sense for all Americans, not just Exxon Mobil that last year made \$32 billion, and, by the way, whose CEO who is now retired, is earning a pension, Madam Speaker, of \$150,000.

I hope you heard that, Madam Speaker, \$150,000. Now, you might say that is not much money. Well, it is a lot of money when you get \$150,000 every single day of the year. It is a pension that is evaluated.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Wait. Wait. Did I hear you? Did I hear you correctly? Did you say a hundred and what a day?

Mr. DELAHUNT. One hundred fifty thousand dollars. Not every 10 years.

Not every 5 years. Not every year. Not every month. But every single day as long as he lives, \$150,000. The pension package, according to newspaper reports, Madam Speaker, was \$600 million. That is for one person. For one person.

This is a moral issue. This is a moral issue. There are people that are having difficulty, they are working hard, but they are having difficulty making it, and yet there is a CEO who runs a corporation that earns \$39 billion in a single year. And he has a pension of \$600 million that provides him with \$150,000 a day. Is that right, or is that wrong?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. In our final minute or so, I can tell you that what I learned from my constituents when I went back home is that they know that together America can do better. It does not have to be this way. We do not have to keep going. And through our efforts and the efforts of our other Democratic colleagues, our 30-something Working Group will continue to take the floor each night.

I yield to my colleague from Florida to close us out. We do have a Website.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Well, thank you. With Mr. RYAN's absence here tonight, I keep saying that because I want him to read the Congressional RECORD and let him know that I did note that he was not here.

Housedemocrats.gov/30something. Members can go on there.

With that, Madam Speaker, we would like to thank the Democratic leadership for allowing us to have this hour.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal business.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal matters.

Mr. OSBORNE (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and until 3:30 p.m. on April 26 on account of official business.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family emergency.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.