

in my district, that they have been re-deployed one time, two times, three times. Yes, they are patriotic; but it is necessary to be considerate of the families, of the disruption in their income, and, of course, the children.

So I hope as this defense authorization bill makes its way to conference, that this provision that considers the number of times soldiers have been deployed in order to make the determination whether to deploy again will help our families stay together.

Of course, we know as well that pending is a deadline for the enrollment in Medicare part D. I have said to my colleagues that they know that I did not support the legislation that created a "donut hole," where seniors would have a certain coverage, and then all of a sudden mothers and fathers and others would drop into a donut hole.

But May 15 is the deadline. We will hold a massive citywide Medicare enrollment day in the city of Houston in the Communication Workers Hall on Jefferson. We are asking all of the citywide groups and organizations and adult children and others to bring their seniors to this place, because we will have almost an all-day registration. Eleven computers will be there for you starting at 11 a.m., and we will keep it open as long as necessary so that we can enroll those low-income seniors, some 55 percent who do not know that May 15 is the deadline.

To those of you who may be listening, let's make Mother's Day just a little bit sweeter and ask that senior citizen whether or not they have been enrolled over 65 in Medicare part D. Remember, if it is not extended by the President, and I am going to ask the President by letter today to extend it by executive order, if it is not extended, you will have a lifetime penalty of 1 percent, 1 percent, which is a lot of money, for your lifetime, if you do not enroll by May 15, 2006.

I hope, as I started out, that we will wish a happy Mother's Day to America's mothers and others around the world; and I hope that we will not only give them wishes, but we will also give them action.

I believe the amendment that has clarified when you go back into duty based upon a consideration of how many times you have gone is a gift to our mothers and the families of Reservists all over America. But we can give a further gift by making the kinds of tax laws that benefit hard-working Americans and increasing the minimum wage.

Then finally we can do something that is important, cease the divisive debate on immigration and recognize that immigration is a part of America's fabric. We have a system of laws which we can follow. Amnesty is not the question here, because we are not talking about amnesty. We are talking about earned access to legalization, where those who are undocumented would get online and be able to begin to gain access to legalization. The same individuals who are on the front lines of Iraq who are not citizens, their

families would have the opportunity to be documented. We can also provide job training from the fees that immigrants will pay to earn access to legalization.

Mr. Speaker, I simply say, we have it in our power to make Mother's Day every day and make mothers happy by having the legislative agenda that gives a better quality of life for all Americans.

Again, happy Mother's Day to all the mothers.

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

(Mr. ALLEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. GILCHREST addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. RUSH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4297) "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006."

OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. KING) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the privilege to address you, Mr. Speaker, and this House Chamber. I do rise in support, and I wish to associate with the remarks of the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) who brought up that Mother's Day is coming up, and we need to honor our mothers. They are the source of a lot of the good things about the world. They

are the things that civilize us men, I would point out.

And I certainly give my greetings to all mothers and look forward to the day that we formally celebrate that glorious day. A source of compassion and understanding and nurturement, all of the things I will never be in my life are wrapped up in motherhood.

Mr. Speaker, I did come here to speak about a different subject matter, Mr. Speaker. Before I get to the subject of Iraq and the broader war on terror, I feel compelled to address the issue of the National Security Administration and their data mining operations that came to light today in a publication.

I am alarmed in the verbal messages that come around this Chamber, alarmed that there could be that kind of an operation going on in this country.

Before I react, though, Mr. Speaker, I think it is imperative and incumbent upon all of us to step back, to take a good look at the facts, and not run forward with an uninformed response. I concur with the first instincts of the gentlemen from New Mexico and also the gentleman from Washington that spoke on the issue of the data mining of the National Security Administration.

I serve on the Judiciary Committee where we had at least 12 and perhaps 13 hearings on the PATRIOT Act, renewed the PATRIOT Act. We put some insurances in the PATRIOT Act. In a couple of the sections, we set them up with a sunset so that we will be able to go back and review those issues in a shorter period of time to make sure that we are protecting the rights and the privacy of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, when I look at this issue and again, from the sense of alarm that there would be that kind of a potential intrusion into the private lives of Americans. And I would dig a little bit deeper and say this data mining, with the little bit of information that we have at this point, does not look into the details of Americans, and no one is alleging that it does except for the remarks made here in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker.

And it does not, according to the administration, collect any names of anyone, it does not collect any addresses, it does not listen to any telephone calls. None of those things, according to the administration's response at least, and worthy of verification I would add, takes place unless the FISA court is aware of that and unless it happens to be a communication from a domestic call within the United States from or to a caller in a foreign country, and even then the interest would be in al-Qaeda, as the President made clear.

So data mining is a little bit different. It is clear that, you know, it depends on how you define the invasion of privacy. And the allegation was made here, Mr. Speaker, that the administration, and through the NSA's