Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, last week the Senate took historic action by approving the first meaningful increase in CAFE standards in over 30 years.

The Senate bill would raise the average efficiency of all cars on the road to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. The result would be dramatic relief for working families at the gas pump, significant cuts in demand for foreign oil, and the reduction of tailpipe emissions that lead to climate change and air pollution.

If we are serious about ending our dependence on foreign oil and combating climate change, we have to take real action on car efficiency. At a time when many cars on the road are already capable of meeting this standard, the consumers are voting with their dollars by buying record numbers of hybrids. We simply cannot wait.

By acting to raise CAFE standards to 35 miles per gallon, this House can take courageous action to meet some of the greatest challenges of our time, keep our domestic auto industry competitive, keep those jobs in these countries, and do not concede the efficiency market to foreign manufacturers.

I hope the House will take this visionary action.

DEMOCRATS WILL ADDRESS GLOBAL WARMING

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, did you know that our planet is showing the disconcerting signs of global climate change? That should serve as a wake-up call to all of us. Scientists have found that 11 and 12 of the warmest years on record have occurred since 1995. The water in our lakes and rivers has warmed, and ice is being lost in the Arctic Sea at unprecedented rates.

Steps should be taken to stop or reverse these trends as soon as possible, and the Democratic Congress is doing just that as a part of the Interior and Environmental appropriations bill.

The legislation includes provisions to focus our efforts on global climate change by establishing a commission of the government's top scientific experts tasked with identifying key areas of scientific research and empowering them with the resources to finance their work. It also provides for funding, over the President's request, for clean water funds, reducing diesel emissions, clean air grants, and ensuring that environmental laws and justice and regulations are followed.

Mr. Speaker, the Democratic Congress is committed to taking steps necessary to protect our natural resources and address global climate change. There's still time to save our planet.

WE MUST END THE WAR IN IRAQ NOW

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to others who are calling for an end to the war in Iraq. We must end this war, and we must end it now. We cannot wait, and we must not wait.

Every month, every week, every hour, every minute, every second, every moment that another young American is killed, their innocent blood is on all of our hands. We have a moral obligation to bring this madness to an end. Nothing but nothing good can come out of this war. It is destroying Iraq and destroying the very soul of our Nation.

As Members of Congress, we must find a way to stop it and stop it now.

REPUBLICAN FISCAL MISMANAGEMENT WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN

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

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, last week, Republican leaders sent a letter to the White House vowing to support the President's plans to veto essential legislation to protect our homeland, put thousands of new agents on America's borders, and invest in our country's priorities.

This sudden and newfound interest in fiscal responsibility is nothing more than hypocritical rhetoric. It does not match their actions or their record. Under Republican leadership, earmarks and deficit spending exploded.

For 6 years, Republicans and President Bush set the standard for fiscal mismanagement and turned record surpluses, created in the last years of the Clinton administration, into record deficits. And the President has refused to change course, once again proposing a budget for the upcoming year that does not find balance within the next 5 years.

Unlike the President's budget, the final Democratic budget blueprint brings us out of the red in the next 5 years, while also investing in critical homeland security initiatives. Instead of threatening to veto this essential legislation that the President claims is his top priority, President Bush should work with the Congress and sign this important legislation into law.

DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, many of the 70 million Americans who enjoy music over the Internet woke up and their music was silent today, and the reason, because of an outrageous decision by a Federal agency that caused outrageous increases of 300 to 1200 percent of the copyright fees that Internet Web broadcasters have to pay. And in protest of that outrageous decision, Web broadcasters today have joined together in a day of silence to let Americans know what's going to happen if Congress refuses to act to right this wrong.

And I call today on my colleagues who will be hearing and have heard from many of their constituents on this day of silence. I hope they will cosponsor H.R. 2060, the Internet Radio Equality Act.

The simple fact is, if we do not pass this bill, Web broadcasters are going to go out of business. Many of the 70 million Americans who enjoy music over the Internet will not get to listen to it.

Congress needs to act. It's the right thing to do. Let's pass this bill.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF CORPORAL CHARLES W. LINDBERG

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

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Corporal Charles W. Lindberg, and I offer my most sincere condolences to his family.

Mr. Lindberg, a fellow marine and fellow Minnesotan, was the last survivor of the six U.S. Marines who raised the first flag over Iwo Jima during World War II.

On the morning of February 23, 1945, Corporal Lindberg and his fellow marines made their way to the top of Mount Suribachi. At the request of their battalion commander, they placed an American flag at the summit.

Years later, as he reflected on that fateful day, Corporal Lindberg said, ''Down below the troops started to cheer, the ship's whistles went off, and it was just something that you would never forget.''

This was the first time a foreign flag was flown on Japanese soil. The moment was captured in a photo by Sergeant Lou Lowery. This event, along with the famous photo made by Joe Rosenthal of the second flag raising, became a symbol of courage and victory in our country.

Just weeks after the flag raising in Iwo Jima, Corporal Lindberg was injured in the line of duty. For his bravery, he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Mr. Speaker, in this Chamber we often speak of service to our country. Corporal Lindberg's story is a symbol for generations on the importance of service and duty.

After his retirement, Corporal Lindberg spoke to hundreds of veterans groups and student groups, inspiring all who heard him. He is much loved and admired by those who knew him.

God bless the Lindberg family, and God bless America.