

CAPITAL GAINS

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, unless Congress acts, in 3 short years capital gains taxes will jump from 15 percent to 20 percent. Tax increases, as Democrats would allow, send the wrong messages to businesses facing economic uncertainty.

But what does this mean for working Americans? Simply put, fewer jobs as employers make tough decisions about hiring and retention. Some say tax relief costs too much, but history since 2002 shows otherwise. Lower rates have unlocked billions in gains, boosting Federal revenues far beyond Congress' projections which were made based on higher tax rates.

Lower taxes, higher revenues, and greater growth for our economy and for the American workers, Congress should keep the capital gains rates constant.

HONORING FORMER OREGONIAN
KEVIN BOSS

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

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the New York Giants on their upset of the New England Patriots to win Super Bowl XLII.

With hometown pride in representing Monmouth and Philomath, I want to congratulate the Giants' starting tight end in the Super Bowl, Kevin Boss, a graduate of Philomath High and Western Oregon University.

Kevin was drafted as a backup to the Giants' four-time Pro Bowl tight end Jeremy Shockey, but was thrust into the spotlight late in the season when Shockey broke his leg.

It is apt that friends gathered at Rookies' in Monmouth to cheer their local son to victory. The Boss, as he is known, may be a rookie, but no one would have realized it from watching Sunday night's game.

His biggest mark in the Super Bowl came when he caught a 45-yard pass, setting up the Giants' first touchdown of the game to take a 10-7 lead in the fourth quarter.

Despite being about as far away from New York as one can be in the United States, the towns of Philomath and Monmouth couldn't be more proud.

BERKELEY'S ACTIONS OFFENSIVE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, you all know the Marine Corps Hymn. It starts, "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and sea."

Sadly, now the Marines have a new fight in the City of Berkeley. Recently, the city council voted to declare that a Marine recruiting station is "not welcome in the city."

To rub salt in the wound, the council then granted carte blanche to the radical protest group Code Pink. The disappointing and despicable actions of the Berkeley council are sad, shameful, and sickening. Some would call it treasonous.

Marines volunteer to serve their country and spill their blood for this Nation. Berkeley ought to show more respect for our Armed Forces.

The Marines' motto, "Semper Fidelis," is "Always Faithful." Although Berkeley may not be faithful to the Marines, I can guarantee you that the City of Berkeley wouldn't exist in a free country without the United States Marines.

The council needs to reverse this absurd decision. Their actions are offensive and obnoxious.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BAKER), the whole number of the House is 430.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2008, at 9:15 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5104.

That the Senate passed S. 2571.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, January 30, 2008:

H.R. 5104, to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days

S. 2110, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office".

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 5, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2008, at 10:24 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res 25. That the Senate passed S. 550.

Appointments: Washington's Farewell Address

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 4, 2008, at 10:08 a.m.:

That the Senate concurs in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4253.

Appointments: United States-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO
COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975 note), the order of the House of January 4, 2007, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the existing vacancy thereon and, effective February 12, 2008, the Speaker's reappointment of the same member to a 6-year term expiring February 11, 2014: Mr. Todd Gaziano, Falls Church, Virginia

COMMUNICATION FROM CONGRESS-
SIONAL AIDE, HON. WILLIAM J.
JEFFERSON, MEMBER OF CON-
GRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Ericka Edwards-Jones,