

The Office of Legal Counsel does not need an activist. It needs someone with a temperament to accurately inform the administration on the legality of policies being contemplated.

I encourage Members of the Senate, including my Senator from Virginia, Senator WEBB, to vote against this nomination.

HONORING ROSLYN LITTMAN SCHULTE

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I too today rise with a heavy heart. We learned early this morning that America lost a great patriot, Roslyn Littman Schulte, who was killed this morning just north of Kabul by a roadside bomb.

First Lieutenant Schulte, an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force, was serving in Afghanistan. She was only 25 years old.

A 2006 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Roslyn was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri.

I am heartbroken for a good friend of many of us, Todd Schulte, chief of staff to Congressman SCOTT MURPHY, who is Roslyn's brother. It is on days like today that we must remind ourselves of the great sacrifices that members of the armed services and their families make in defense of freedom and the security of the United States.

My thoughts and prayers are with her parents, Bob and Suzy, her brother Todd, her extended family and her unit at this grievous time.

NOMINATION OF DAWN JOHNSEN

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

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, one of the key lessons from the release of legal memos analyzing interrogation techniques is the importance of the Office of Legal Counsel in the Justice Department. One may agree or disagree with the analysis used in the past, but they were quite clear and quite specific on what was allowed and what was not, down to the number of seconds that each technique could be used.

The lawyer's opinions were binding. If they had prohibited a technique, for example, that lowered a terrorist suspect's self-esteem, then that opinion would be binding too.

The importance of this position in our government is highlighted by the controversial nomination that President Obama has made for this position. The opinions of Professor Dawn Johnsen that she has expressed in the past, and her reluctance to provide clear answers today, call into question her opinions and whether they could be the basis upon which our national security professionals could do their job.

Our colleagues in the other body should be very cautious when considering this nomination when so much is at stake.

ARMY RESERVISTS FROM THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WHO ARE SERVING IN KUWAIT

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

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable men from the Northern Mariana Islands who are presently serving their country in Kuwait. These 78 heroic Army Reservists are members of Echo Company, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment. The 442nd is well known for bravery under tough conditions, and that attitude is embodied in its motto: "Go for broke."

Echo Company is operating under tough conditions. This is the second deployment for this detachment since the U.S. went to war in the Middle East. The company was first sent into combat from August 2004 to February 2006 for 19 months. The current deployment began last August and will end sometime in September after another 14 months.

These are tough conditions. These soldiers must leave families behind, and their spouses must do their best on their own while praying for the safe return of their loved ones. And some do not return home. The Northern Marianas has already lost 11 individuals in the combat zone just in this war alone.

I have a special connection to Echo Company. I was one of the first volunteers for the 442nd when it was first established in the early 1980s in the Northern Marianas. More so, I know most of these men on a personal basis as family, friend or neighbor.

I stand before this body today with the utmost respect and gratitude to individuals from the Northern Marianas and from everywhere in America who bravely serve our Nation and its people.

To Echo Company, I say Godspeed and Si Yu'us Ma'a'se.

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NOMINATION OF DAWN JOHNSEN—LIFE ISSUES

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the President has said we should find common ground on the issue of abortion, but his nomination of Dawn Johnsen to head up the Office of Legal Counsel is amongst the most controversial of his nominees.

Johnsen, who formerly worked for NARAL and the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project has compared pregnancy to involuntary servitude. She has described pregnant women as "los-

ers in the contraceptive lottery." She criticized then Senator Clinton for claiming a need to keep abortions rare. Some of her positions encompass questionable legal arguments, including the assertion that abortion bans might undermine the 13th Amendment, which bans slavery.

I quote her here: "Statutes that curtail a woman's abortion choice are disturbingly suggestive of involuntary servitude, prohibited by the 13th Amendment, in that forced pregnancy requires a woman to provide continuous physical service to the fetus in order to further the State's asserted interest."

A quote again: "Our position is that there is no 'father' and no 'child'—just a fetus. Any move by the courts to force a woman to have a child amounts to involuntary servitude."

I and millions of other women do not feel this way. We cherish the opportunity to have borne a child.

THE LOSS OF AMERICA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Americans are tired of watching our manufacturing sector move overseas. We need to implement policies that encourage companies to invest here in America and that make the cost of doing business less expensive. Lowering corporate tax rates, creating tax incentives for purchasing new plant equipment and increasing depreciation allowances all would be helpful in expanding investment here.

Unfortunately, House Democrats are advancing cap-and-tax legislation that has many theoretical benefits but one absolute consequence—the loss of millions of American manufacturing jobs. The Democrats' response to global warming is to tax coal, of which we have hundreds of years of reserves, and to tax oil so that Americans will start using other power sources. Employers who are in globally competitive industries and who can't simply raise the cost of their goods will be forced to lay off even more people, as their factories close, to pay for a program that may or may not be necessary to reverse climate change.

I, for one, am not willing to sacrifice two American manufacturing jobs for every one green job. I hope all Americans will let their legislators know they don't want to pay higher taxes on energy while watching their jobs disappear.

NATIONAL ENERGY TAX

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PENCE. As we stand in Congress this evening, legislation on climate change continues to move through this body. As more Americans are realizing