

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take some time today during National Police Week to pay tribute to the men and women who serve our country in law enforcement. This is a time when we are given the opportunity to thank our friends in law enforcement for their commitment to our safety and to honor them for the sacrifices they have made.

Unfortunately, police officers are often called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice so that the rest of us may remain safe. Police officers risk their lives every day of the week to ensure safety in our communities.

I just want to take a moment to recognize and pay tribute to the tens of thousands of law enforcement officers that have given their lives to protect our families and communities. We do not take enough time often enough to honor the lives of fallen law enforcement officials.

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I was proud to vote yesterday, as the whole House did, on a resolution that officially expresses the sense of the Congress that all police officers slain in the line of duty be honored and recognized.

On May 15, more than 15,000 law enforcement officers and their families will gather in the Capitol to honor their comrades that have fallen in the line of duty. We are honored to join our voice with theirs in paying respect to the great men and women who have served our country.

ULTIMATE SACRIFICE MADE BY  
RUSSELL STALNAKER

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, peace officers across the country make the choice to serve our communities in order to enhance the good and protect us from evil. Tragically, senseless actions of violence directed against our peace officers can and do happen at any time.

The family of Russell Stalnakar, who served on the Atlanta Police Department, know all too well the painful reality of the dangers confronting the men and women on the police force. Several weeks ago Mr. Stalnakar was shot while trying to protect the citizens of Atlanta. He and his family paid the ultimate price so that we all might live in a society that values order and discipline. Sadly, as our country violates international law in Europe, cities across the United States are plagued by violence and lawlessness.

Yesterday, I cast my vote in support of H. Res. 165 in honor of Russell Stalnakar and his family. The resolution states that peace officers killed in the line of duty should be honored. We will never forget the sacrifice Russell made in protecting the people of Atlanta. He is a shining example of a good police officer and his sacrifice deserves to be remembered.

THE TAX MAN HAS MOVED OUT,  
BUT NOT SOON ENOUGH

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

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, there is a guy who has been living in my house from January 1 until yesterday. He has not paid any rent, has not paid for food, has not paid for boarding, has not paid for gas. Heck, he does not even take us out to dinner. That guy was the tax man. And he finally moved out. Each year it gets worse. He overstays his welcome.

Now, I do not mind him stopping by from time to time, but the time has come to get him out of my house. And it is not just my house, it is every American who pays taxes across this country. Every American who works hard every single day and sees less and less of their paycheck because of this guy who stays in their house.

It is unbelievable that we have to work from January 1 to May 11 just to pay the tax man. The time has come for broad-based tax cuts for the American people so they can have the opportunity and the freedom to spend the money as they see fit and to get that unwanted guest out of their house.

## REAUTHORIZE COPS PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, later today the Department of Justice will award a grant for its 100,000 new police officers hired under the COPS program.

For 6 years, in neighborhoods all across the Nation, the COPS program and the idea of community-oriented policing have been creating a breakthrough in law enforcement. COPS have helped local police fight crime, upgrade their equipment and crack down on school violence. COPS has empowered citizens and made our streets safer and more livable.

In New Jersey, the COPS program has helped hire over 3,500 police officers and contributed \$213 million to our law enforcement agencies. In my own district, communities in Hunterdon, Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties have all benefited from the COPS program.

Most importantly, COPS has created a partnership between citizens and po-

lice joining them together in efforts to fight and prevent crime.

Mr. Speaker, community policing has been a tremendous success for our Nation and the people we represent. Congress should reauthorize the COPS program.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET PROPOSAL  
PUTS MORE ASIDE FOR SOCIAL  
SECURITY THAN ADMINISTRA-  
TION BUDGET

(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, the Republican budget proposal puts more money aside for Social Security and Medicare than does the Clinton administration's plan. Let me repeat that. Our budget proposal puts more money aside for Social Security and Medicare than does the Clinton administration plan.

In fact, the President spends \$52 billion of the Social Security surplus in 2000 and \$247 billion of that same Social Security surplus over the 5 years. But do not just take my word for it. I urge concerned American citizens to verify for themselves the truth of these facts.

The Republican proposal puts 100 percent of the retirement surplus aside for Social Security and Medicare. Our proposal puts that money aside in a lock box so that 100 percent of that money goes for Social Security and Medicare. The President's proposal, on the other hand, puts only 62 percent surplus aside for Social Security. American seniors deserve better.

STOP THE SNEAK ATTACKS  
AGAINST OUR ENVIRONMENT

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, we have seen this before. At the last minute, when they think nobody is looking, the special interests are launching a sneak attack on our environment.

A bill that is supposed to provide support for our pilots overseas is being hijacked in a secret assault on our environment here at home. These so-called riders could never pass on their own.

These so-called riders would open up the pristine waters of Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park to destructive commercial fishing; another would throw open the American west to more giant strip mines, with the dangers of chemically bleached waste leaching into our waters and the specter of cyanide poisoning in our rivers and streams. And the list goes on and on.

These anti-environment riders have no place in the emergency supplemental conference report. We need to