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Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, as has been reported, the Norfolk-based destroyer *Cole* suffered a terrorist attack earlier today while in the process of refueling at the Port of Aden in Yemen. This cowardly sneak attack has left four brave American sailors dead, 36 injured, and 12 missing. The survivors courageously and successfully sought to save and stabilize their ship.

Once again, we are reminded of the terrible price that some of our military members pay in defense of our country. We extend our profound sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of those honored defenders of our country who suffered in this tragic attack. May God give them the peace, strength, and understanding to sustain their grief and suffering of this terrible loss.

TOP DOLLAR SHOULD NOT BE DEMANDED TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 4656, which will sell 8.7 acres of land at fair market value for the use as an elementary school in Incline Village, Nevada. This bill which was debated Tuesday night will be voted on today and will give every Member on both sides of the aisle an opportunity to keep their promises to support education and school construction for our children.

The present elementary school there has more than 40 students in each classroom because there is simply nowhere else for them to go. But H.R. 4656 will solve this education problem. The land will be sold, and I say sold, not given away, to the school district for construction of a school to provide over 400 students with a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, this administration is demanding 800 percent, that is more than 8 times, the limited-use value as a school site. This administration's greed is an unconscionable effort to deny these children an education. Obtaining top dollar for the land seems to be more important to them than the education of our children.

I urge everyone to vote for H.R. 4656.

BREAST CANCER

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in Marin County, California, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, the district that I represent, 150 women out of

every 100,000 were diagnosed with breast cancer between 1991 and 1996. A 1994 Northern California Cancer Center study showed that Marin County has the highest breast cancer rate in the country. An alarming number of women are dying in Marin and across this country. We need to know why, and we need to make sure that all women have the care they need to survive this disease.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act would help protect women and save lives. This bill should not be encumbered by the words that the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) will try to add to the debate this morning or this afternoon. This bill has 270 cosponsors. It should be passed as it was presented.

DEBT REDUCTION

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, 30 days have passed and there still has been no response or commitment from the Clinton-Gore administration to lock away 100 percent of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses and to dedicate at least 90 percent of next year's surplus to paying off the debt.

We now have a real chance to do just that and President Clinton has failed to embrace it. Worse, almost every day the administration introduces a new last-minute spending request, further complicating debt reduction. The truth of the matter is that President Clinton is not part of the spending problem. He is the spending problem. It is time the President recognized that the surplus is not the Government's money; it is the people's money.

Mr. Speaker, we have paid off approximately \$354 billion in debt since taking majority control in Congress. The Republican Congress made tough choices necessary to get our Nation's book on track. The winners are the hard-working American people. Interest rates are low and the economy is booming. With continued discipline, things will only get better.

It is time President Clinton stops playing politics by accusing Republicans of engaging in a spending spree and sign our letter calling on him to dedicate at least 90 percent of next year's surplus to paying off the debt while locking away 100 percent of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses.

HATE CRIMES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is very important that

what we do in this Congress is understandable, and it is important to clarify the information that goes out to the American people. Might I set the record straight on hate crimes, a legislative initiative that is very close to my heart, and one that many of us have worked very hard on. We will leave this Congress without passing a real hate crimes bill because the Republican majority will not allow us to vote on a hate crimes bill; not hate crimes for one ethnic or religious group in America but hate crimes for Americans, so that if one is disabled or if they come from a different background or live in a different way and someone attacks them because of their difference, we have a law that says we abhor hate.

Mr. Speaker, let me set the record straight. It is clear that the hate crimes bill in Texas is not the bill that the family of James Byrd begged for; that bill the governor of Texas did not sign, did not support, even though there was massive support for it. We do not have a real hate crimes bill in Texas. Let us set the record straight.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 111, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 627 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 627

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 627 is a closed rule providing for consideration of House Joint Resolution 111, a resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

H. Res. 627 provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by