

I see some Michigan people up in the balcony. I know we all have pride when we support a team that, well, has honesty in their heart and knowledge and conviction and strength. It does take determination and conviction and strength.

Mr. Speaker, I want my colleagues to know that I tried to make some wagers last night on the Michigan State-Florida game. First, I went to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW), and I said to him, if Michigan State wins, then he would have to pass my Social Security bill. He did not think that was the right kind of wager.

So then I went to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and said, well, how about a wager; and if Michigan State wins, he has to do away with the long form on the census. The gentleman from Florida did not think that was right.

But, Mr. Speaker, I want to just comment on those two issues.

The long form on the census, which, on the average, one out of six Americans gets, is very intrusive. It approaches a kind of bureaucratic curiosity, wondering all about people, from whether they have mental problems, whether they have a tough time remembering, whether they have difficult times going out of doors and going to a doctor.

We need to have an accurate count on our census, but we do not need to ask every American household in the United States all of these intrusive questions. Those kinds of questions can be accomplished by polling, by sampling, and that is the way we should do it from now on.

That is why the Census Bureau, that is why the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and his committee are looking at options to make sure we no longer have the long form in future years.

Look, we have got a government that is intrusive. Our technology today allows us to peek into everybody's lives. So our technology can listen in on one's phone calls, even if they are cell phones. We have a capacity of knowing what doctors one uses, when one goes to those doctors, and what one goes to those doctors for.

I think with the high-tech that we have today, we should be especially conscious of this kind of government intrusion. I think why American people, Mr. Speaker, are more suspicious today is because they have lost some of their confidence and trust in government.

Let me just finish off with a comment on my wager to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW), who is on the Committee on Ways and Means and chairs the subcommittee that oversees Social Security. Last week, we had sort of a placebo set out by the Social Security Administration that said, look, it is not going to be 2013 when So-

cial Security brings in less revenues than is needed to pay benefits, but it is actually going to be 2015.

I just would like to say with all the force that I have, Mr. Speaker, that it is so important that we not put this off. If there is one disappointment in this administration, it is the President's unwillingness to come forth with a proposal that can keep Social Security solvent for the next 75 years.

I see a lot of young people in the audience. I see some seniors. Social Security and the willingness of Congress to make sure it survives is important to all groups. I would hope, Mr. Speaker, that this House would have the courage to move ahead with Social Security reform next year.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) at 11 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Reverend Father Richard Doerr, Diocese of Lafayette-In-Indiana, Carmel, Indiana, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, You are author of life and origin of all created things.

We ask that Your grace and blessing be bestowed upon the men and women who have been called to serve our country in the House of Representatives.

Help them to represent their constituents wisely with an eye toward safeguarding the deeper truths of human life that come only from You.

Bless the regions that they represent. Bless our country. Help our legislators to enact laws that will uphold the values of peace and justice in our land and throughout the world. We ask this in God's name. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is Private Calendar day. The Clerk will call the first individual bill on the Private Calendar.

#### BELINDA MCGREGOR

The Clerk called the Senate bill (S. 452) for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

#### NANCY B. WILSON

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 758) for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 758

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ENTITLEMENT TO WIDOW'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of determining the eligibility of Nancy B. Wilson, the wife of Alphonse M. Wilson (social security number 271-18-9548), to widow's insurance benefits under section 202(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)), Nancy B. Wilson shall be deemed to have been married to Alphonse M. Wilson for a period of not less than 9 months immediately prior to the day on which Alphonse M. Wilson died.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) takes effect on March 21, 1991.

(c) PAYMENT.—Any benefits to which Nancy B. Wilson is entitled for the period prior to the date of the enactment of this Act shall be paid to her in a lump sum.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### VESSEL MIST COVE

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 3903) to deem the vessel M/V MIST COVE to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 3903

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. VESSEL MIST COVE.

(a) CONSTRUCTION TONNAGE OF M/V MIST COVE.—The M/V MIST COVE (United States official number 1085817) is deemed to be less

than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code, for purposes of applying the optional regulatory measurement under section 14305 of that title.

(b) **LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.**—Subsection (a) shall not apply on any date on which the length of the vessel exceeds 157 feet.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
OFFERED BY MR. SENSENBRENNER

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. VESSEL M/V MIST COVE.**

(a) The Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe a tonnage measurement as a small passenger vessel as defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, for the M/V MIST COVE (United States official number 1085817) for purposes of applying the optional regulatory measurement under section 14305 of that title.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply on any date on which the length of the vessel exceeds 157 feet.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

**PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION**

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the ban on the procedure called the partial-birth abortion. That name is really a misnomer. It is really a preterm delivery that results in infanticide. I urge my colleagues to be honest and fair, to examine the evidence about what happens during this procedure.

Dr. C. Everett Koop says this procedure is, quote, never medically necessary to protect a mother's life or her future fertility. On the contrary, he says, this procedure can pose a significant threat to both mother and child.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says, "There

are no circumstances under which this procedure would be the only option to save the life of the mother and preserve the health of the woman." Any serious person has to admit that this procedure is unnecessary, it is barbaric and should be banned. Unfortunately, some people are extreme enough in their views that they are willing to defend this procedure under any circumstances.

Tomorrow, Members of good faith and common sense from both sides will stand together and vote to ban this horrific procedure. I urge all Members to support us.

**INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION NO.  
12—OMAR AND GAMELA ELKASABY**

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

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the 12th time to talk about one of the 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries.

Omar and Gamela Elkasaby were abducted from Brooklyn, New York in August of 1998 by their noncustodial father, Gamal Elkasaby. The children's mother, Marta Sierra Elkasaby, obtained full custody of the children after their divorce. On the day of the abduction, Gamal told Marta that he was going to take the children to the movies but instead fled with them to Alexandria, Egypt. He contacted Marta by phone from Egypt right after the abduction took place and tried to persuade her to come to Egypt. When she refused, he made it clear that she would never see the children again.

Marta has spoken with Omar and Gamela only once, over the phone, but their father refuses to return them. Gamal has a history of violence toward his children and was only allowed to resume visitation after counseling.

Mr. Speaker, Omar, Gamela and their mother need our help. I have had the opportunity to sit down with parents like Marta. I have looked into their eyes; I have listened to their stories. The pain they experience on a daily basis is heart wrenching. I urge my colleagues to help families like the Elkasabys and bring our children home.

**ENFORCE OUR LAWS, MR.  
PRESIDENT**

(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, I rise today to call upon the Clinton administration to fulfill its duty to enforce the laws of the United States. Recently, I like many of my colleagues learned of some disturbing statistics about the wholesale failure of the current admin-

istration to prosecute Federal gun offenses. Mr. Speaker, the administration's lack of enforcement of our gun laws in America is simply appalling and unacceptable.

The number of referrals by the Federal Government for prosecution in gun crimes has declined by 44 percent under the Clinton administration. Looking back, in 1992, there were over 7,000 prosecutions under President Bush's project trigger lock program. President Clinton abandoned this get tough antigun crime enforcement program and as a result prosecutions fell almost 50 percent to a mere 3,800 in 1998.

Mr. Speaker, for the welfare and safety of every American, I call on our President to fulfill his commitment and constitutional duty. After all, if the administration is not going to enforce existing laws and prosecute criminals, what good is it to pass more laws?

**THE BREAST AND CERVICAL  
CANCER TREATMENT ACT**

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

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, legislation which will give the States the ability to provide a reliable method of treatment for uninsured and underinsured women battling breast or cervical cancer.

I urge the Speaker to bring this critically important legislation to the House floor for a vote by Mother's Day, May 14. There is absolutely no excuse to miss this opportunity which will save women's lives.

The bill has 289 bipartisan cosponsors, well over the required number to pass a bill on the Suspension Calendar.

It was reported out of the Committee on Commerce and the Health and Environment Subcommittee unanimously. The President has included the initiative in his 2001 budget.

Presidential candidate George W. Bush has endorsed the bill. The National Breast Cancer Coalition and over 500 health care and women's organizations have said that passage of this bill is one of their top priorities for this Congress.

The Committee on the Budget recently expressed its commitment to the bill.

I implore my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, bring H.R. 1070 to the House floor before Mother's Day, in time to give our mothers, our sisters, our daughters the most important gift of all, which is life.

**COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF  
FLORIDA'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1