

hostage. With our help they can free themselves and we can join with them after they free themselves from the Taliban in hunting down and killing every member in bin Laden's terrorist gang and bringing them to ultimate justice. I am saying this not as revenge, because that would be inconsistent with our own values, but killing bin Laden and his gang of fanatics and by joining in an effort to stamp out the scourge of terrorism, we are setting a new moral standard and we are deterring future such terrorism.

The United States has led the world in the defeat of the totalitarianisms of the 20th century. We can now defeat the evil of terrorism by elevating the commitment of civilized nations not to make war on unarmed people. Perhaps it will be called the George W. Doctrine. But what our President is suggesting is that targeting noncombatants anywhere in the world for whatever reason will no longer be tolerated.

This can truly be a step forward for the forces of civilization if this becomes a new standard. We are indeed building a better world on the ashes of the World Trade Center. If it is to be a new standard and not just a justification for our retaliation for the September 11 massacre of our people, if it is to be a new standard, it will help us build a new world. If we are to build on the ashes, we have to start, however, by seeing to it that the bin Ladens of this planet are never again given safe haven. So it not only means hunting down the terrorists but a commitment by all governments of the world not to give safe haven, not to themselves make war on noncombatants but not to give safe haven to terrorists who make war on noncombatants.

On September 11 marks the end of an era. The monstrous crime against our people has set in motion a wave of actions and reactions that will change our lives and change our government and change our world. There must and will be an accounting. At home, those top government executives and the policies that protected the Taliban, they will be held accountable. Those intelligence officers who were so incompetent that this attack came without warning and was so successful, they will have to be held accountable. Especially these people, they are very high-level people I am talking about. I am talking about people who are professional, they are in every department and agency, no matter who is in there, Republicans or Democrats, and they found that these are cushy jobs. They must be cleared out and fired and replaced by people who take their job seriously and have the energy and vision to meet the challenges and threats of today and in the years ahead.

Those countries, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, have a price to pay. To be fair, the Pakistanis and the Saudis now understand the horrible

things that they have done and are trying to work with us, but they have got to make up for the colossal mistakes they have made and we have got to make sure that we are the ones making the decision, not them making the decisions for us.

Finally, the murderous terrorists themselves, they have the ultimate price to pay. On that, there can be no compromise. We will have a victory over these ghouls who murdered our defenseless fellow Americans and we will win because we are unified as never before and because this generation of Americans has the courage, the tenacity, the ideals and, yes, the leadership that has always been America's greatest source of strength. It is up to us, we will do our duty, and nothing will deter us.

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#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2023

Mr. SHOWS (during the special order of Mr. ROHRBACHER). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMMONS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

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#### STATE OF THE ECONOMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMMONS). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the state of the economy. The events of September 11 have had a terrible impact on our economy and one of the hardest hit areas has been the tourism industry. Travel and tourism are at the heart of America. They help fuel the engines of growth in both small and large cities throughout our Nation. And few cities in America rely as much as the City of Anaheim, California, which I am proud to represent. Anaheim is home to Disneyland, a tourist attraction like no other. It is the happiest place on Earth. And it is the West Coast's biggest convention area, the Anaheim Convention Center.

Last week, I was shocked to hear that Standard & Poor's had put the City of Anaheim on a credit watch because of concerns of a downturn in tourism. They indicated three areas in the United States where tourism may not come back, and one of them was Anaheim. Anaheim is especially vulnerable because its budget, its city budget, is heavily dependent on tourist spending. Over 54 percent of Anaheim's general fund revenues come from sales and bed taxes. A downgrade in their bond rating would make it more difficult to sell city bonds for projects. It would also lead to higher financing

costs. The last time that this city, my hometown, the City of Anaheim, was placed on credit watch was in 1994 during the bankruptcy of the County of Orange.

Thousands of jobs are on the line in my district, jobs at gas stations, at restaurants, at rental car dealerships and at hotels. Taxicab drivers are having a very difficult time trying to make ends meet. Jobs are in jeopardy at many airline subcontractors in my district who make the flight control actuators and the nose wheel steering systems for commercial aircraft. This is only a partial list of the businesses that are beginning to fail in the area of Anaheim and central Orange County. Approximately 15 percent of the private workforce in Anaheim relies on tourism. That is higher than over half of the largest areas where tourism is a dependent industry for cities. Half of the city's top 10 employers are based in the tourism industry.

Last month, Congress helped the airlines with the airline bailout bill. That was for the airlines. However, we left the workers behind. They received nothing, the workers who are or, in so many cases, were the heart and the soul of the airline and tourism industry. That is why I am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 2955, which would provide financial assistance, training and health care coverage to employees of the airline and related industries who lost their jobs as a result of the September 11 tragedies.

What type of economic stimulus package can best help the tourism industry and the people I represent, many of America's workers? As Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned, it is better to be right than to be quick. Yes, we need to get this right, but what we must do is be honest with each other. The American public must acknowledge that any economic stimulus package will likely push the Federal budget into deficit. We spent \$40 billion the Friday after September 11. We spent \$15 billion the next week on the airlines. Now we are talking about a stimulus package over \$100 billion. We need to understand that this money that we are spending, plus the regular spending that we are doing for the coming year, will put us into deficit. We need to work in a bipartisan fashion to develop a responsible stimulus package that boosts the economy in the short term, yet lays the groundwork for long-term prosperity. An effective stimulus package will help the economy get back on its feet by putting money in the hands of those who will spend it.

Last week I was disappointed to hear President Bush describe a stimulus plan that I think is built on ill-advised tax cuts, some of those tax cuts that he did not get done in the first package that he passed through the Congress. The effect of the President's plan

would be less to stimulate the economy than to lock in long-term tax cuts. Given that so much of the imaginary surplus that was meant to finance the tax cuts has disappeared, this plan is ill-advised.

All items in an economic stimulus package should be temporary, not permanent. We need to provide immediate stimulus without doing harm to the long-term budget outlook. I support a short-term package that boosts consumer confidence, encourages investment and maintains fiscal discipline which will help keep our long-term interest rates in check. I hope that that is what Congress decides to help the people with.

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#### WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMMONS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BARTLETT) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, today America is the undisputed superpower of the world. How did we do that? We do not have the most oil or the most gold or silver or diamonds. We do not have the best agricultural land. But yet we are the envy of every Nation in the world. How did we get here?

What I want to spend the next few minutes doing is looking at what made America great, and to do that I am going to plagiarize a sermon given by Dr. Richard Fredericks of the Damascus Road Community Church.

In the quotes that I will give, there will be lots of mention of Christianity. I would like to note that in the time in which these quotes were made, Christianity and religion were essentially equivalent terms; so when you hear Christianity, please think God-fearing person, rather than a specific religion or specific sect.

After the terrorist attacks, it is important that we celebrate our Nation's independence and freedom; that we pause to reflect on our national heritage as a defender of freedom and justice, to remember that our Founding Fathers and hundreds of thousands since bought our freedom at a price. Freedom is never free.

Our national freedom was very costly. Five of the 55 signers of the Declaration of Independence were captured and executed by the British, nine of them died on the battlefields of the Revolutionary War, and another dozen lost their homes, possessions and fortunes to British occupation. Our birth as a Nation was not cheap for these men.

What beliefs and convictions motivated them to do what they did? Increasingly, Mr. Speaker, in the United States today we are told that our

Founding Fathers intended there to be this solid, necessary and protective wall erected between Church and State, to separate them, to keep each exclusively in its respective sphere of influence.

The key phrase we now use, which first appeared in the judicial vocabulary in the United States in 1947, is the separation of church and state. By and large, Americans have accepted or acquiesced to this new phrase, though it nowhere appears in the United States Constitution or in the first amendment, where the three words "separation, church and state" are not even found at all.

Actually, those three words first appeared together in another constitution. It is the constitution of the United Soviet Socialist Republic. Let me read from article 124.

In order to ensure to citizens freedom of conscience, the church in the USSR is separated from the state and the schools from the church.

The logic behind this phrase is that religion is a private matter that should neither guide nor even be allowed to possibly influence public education, the formation of minds, government legislation, the formation of laws, and judicial rulings on what is legal and just, the maintenance of justice. These are seen as distinctly secular arenas. Religion as a living force must be kept out of any public process that is in any way supported by any level of local, State or federal funds, and this is especially true of Christianity, or it could threaten the rights and liberty or coerce the minds of nonbelievers.

A few historic and generic references to God are still allowed. Our coins still say "in God we trust," a statement put there by the United States Congress to remind Americans of the true source of their security. Our Supreme Court and the Houses of Congress still invoke the name of God. Presidents are still inaugurated with their hand on the Bible when taking the oath of office.

But each of these traditions is already under attack, and in America today to teach that the great laws and principles of the Judeo-Christian heritage and the morality of the Bible were the unique bases of our national government and offer the guiding norm for our Nation is now an illegal act. Violators of this no-faith-in-the-public-arena dictum are attacked by the American Civil Liberties Union and other watchdog organizations of our now secularized government, legal and public educational systems. Every year teachers are fired for the single offense of answering questions on the meaning of life with a reference to their faith in God, while teachers advocating homosexuality or adultery are protected due to personal rights and freedom of speech.

In the grand American experiment, freedom or liberty has always been the

key word and the founding principle. Our Liberty Bell quotes from Leviticus 25:10, "proclaim liberty throughout all the land." The Pilgrims came to America not primarily in search of riches. In fact, many of them left riches to come here, but to obtain freedom to worship, as did most who followed them for the next two centuries.

The American revolution from Britain was about the establishment of a just and free citizenry. Even our bloodiest war, the one that claimed more American lives than all other U.S. wars combined, the American Civil War, was at its heart a battle over two definitions of freedom.

In our day, this American concept of freedom is now defined as the freedom to say anything, show anything, believe or promote anything, and act in any way, with no submission to regard or even respect toward any concept of a guiding prescriptive truth or morality.

There is only one kind of freedom of speech the first amendment no longer protects in this new era; that is prayer. Academic freedom has become the freedom of student or teacher to hold or express views against any national organization or patriotic, moral or religious principle without fear of arbitrary interference, except if the student is deemed bigoted, homophobic, chauvinistic, anti-feministic, imperialistic, police-raid patriotic, religious, politically conservative or otherwise politically incorrect. Then he must be shamed.

The only sacred virtue that is still taught in our secular universities, one that must be protected, is absolute tolerance towards all views and lifestyles as equally valid, valuable and honorable, except any faith-based moral view that challenges that assumption. Then absolute intolerance toward that person is a virtue.

Officially, this all began only about 50 years ago when the Supreme Court made a sharp 180 degree turn. With no historical precedent, they began to uphold the idea that untold damage could be done to American liberty unless the States and courts rejected all recourse or reference to the law of God, the principles of the Bible, and especially the morality and world view that flows from the Christian faith.

To allow the Christian faith to shape the public arena is now condemned as unconstitutional, a reference to its United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments. Since then, our children are taught from grade school through college a view of United States history that claims America never really was a Christian nation. The textbooks are bled dry of all Christian references. They are taught that the Founding Fathers were primarily atheists or deists.

Deism is a belief that God created the world and then left it alone. He removed himself from its affairs so that