

America's well-being: international trade. Or spelled another way: jobs.

National security and economic security are not mutually exclusively. With more than 130 preferential trade agreements in the world today, shockingly, shockingly, the United States is a party to only three.

This disparity has real consequences for us at home. American workers, manufacturers, and producers are losing markets for their products and income for their families. For their sake, we must take action to turn this around.

Fortunately, Congress does have a chance to pick up the mantle of leadership once again by passing trade promotion authority. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting America's leadership role in the world by supporting TPA.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD BAN CLONING

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

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, science is a wonderful thing. Who would have thought a couple of generations ago that a man would go to the Moon, or we would have a vaccine for polio. The work our scientists do in labs have brought great things into the world. But we have also learned that just because something is possible does not mean we should do it. Science has to be governed by morality.

The cloning of human beings is a case in point. Just because we can clone a human being, does not mean we should. Experimenting with human life is wrong. Cloning human lives, whether for experiments or reproduction, is a line we simply should not cross.

Earlier this year, the House voted overwhelmingly to make it illegal; but until the other body brings it up for a vote, that ban cannot become law. We are in a race with time. Our colleagues in the other body must bring this bill up for a vote as soon as possible.

We need to get this bill to the President's desk before it is too late.

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, after decades of Christian education and religious study, there are two things that I know for sure: number one, there is a God; and number two, I am not Him. The entire debate over human cloning flies in the face of these two great truths.

Many Americans learned, after this institution banned human cloning earlier this year, that we are truly close to this moral horror, a horror that uses

bad science, science that went through 277 deeply mutilated animals before Dolly the sheep was conceived and birthed successfully.

It is unthinkable that we would not act on this House's call to ban human cloning; that we would not respond to the President's thoughtful message to the world in August that we must think deeply, we must legislate thoughtfully along the fault lines of religion, morality, and technology.

I urge our colleagues in the other body to move and to move now on banning human cloning in the United States of America.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are instructed not to urge action through the other body.

#### BAN HUMAN CLONING

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, we stand at the threshold of discovery. However, there is a line that science must not cross.

Human cloning threatens the physical identity of people, it violates their rights, and it demeans their unique individuality. In fact, even most scientists admit that most attempts to clone would end in failure. By allowing this practice, we are condoning mass creation and the destruction of human life.

The truth is, we do not know what all the consequences of cloning a person really are. But we do know that cloning raises serious ethical and moral questions. The excuse of advancing science is not really worth the risk in this case.

Time is of the essence. Scientists say that cloned human babies could be born next year. Earlier this year, the House passed a vote to ban human cloning in the United States. I urge my colleagues in the other body to follow along and to vote to ban human cloning.

We must respect life or risk reaching a moral point of no return.

#### HONOR FALLEN HEROES OF NEW YORK

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, on November 18, 2001, firefighters from around the world will gather in New York City to honor the memories of the 344 emergency service personnel who lost their lives on September 11.

I am proud to note that my hometown of Spokane, Washington, will be represented by more than 50 firefighters who will pay their own way to stand with their brethren at this memorial service. To put New York's loss in perspective, the city lost as many firefighters in a day as Spokane has in its entire department.

As we honor those who have passed, we may also look to those who have survived. We in the House unanimously passed a Victims Tax Relief Act, the HEROS Act, which provides relief from Federal education loans to surviving families, and legislation expediting Federal payments to the survivors of public safety officers. We should also honor the fallen heroes of New York by strengthening our public safety programs.

As a member of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, which has done so much to educate Members on these issues, I support legislation introduced by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) which would allow Good Samaritans to donate equipment to fire departments.

Federal resources are also important. Last year, we provided \$100 million in grant equipment, and I support additional funding this year. I commend the service of firefighters and am proud to acknowledge the efforts of those serving the Spokane community and all of eastern Washington.

#### SUPPORT ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, last week we passed an economic stimulus bill to bolster our economy and stop the hemorrhaging of jobs that is going on around our Nation. Thousands of residents of North Carolina's eighth district have lost their jobs, especially in textiles and other manufacturing plants.

Given the current state of the economy, one would think passing this legislation would be one of the top priorities of Congress. But, Mr. Speaker, we read that the Senate majority leader thinks that a bill to save jobs is not a front-burner issue.

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Needless to say, we have different priorities. Getting Americans back to work and creating more jobs is a front-burner issue with me, and I hope it is a front-burner issue with a majority of Members of Congress. It is imperative that we act now so the President can sign this bill and we can get our economy moving forward once again.