

However, as we stand by and watch other nations learn from and then surpass our example, we are quickly falling behind and jeopardizing our economic prosperity.

While America sits on the sidelines of international trade negotiations, the European Union has completed 27 free trade agreements and is negotiating another 15. While America has watched, Mexico has completed trade agreements with 25 countries. While President Bush has been without Trade Promotion Authority, other countries have assumed the lead in setting international standards and practices. In fact, there are more than 130 preferential trade agreements globally, and the United States is party to only two.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to squelch this new American timidity with regard to trade. We must return to our tradition of leadership, and not endless pursuit of protectionism. We must work to open markets, eliminate tariffs and barriers, and ensure that our Nation remains at the forefront of economic success. We must pass Trade Promotion Authority.

TIME TO ACT ON WORK LEFT UNDONE

(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, I speak this morning only on one singular topic, the work left undone. So many of us have focused on September 11, and the charge of the American people has been to act. I thank them for having the opportunity to debate House Concurrent Resolution 228 on the floor of the House, to support promoting and giving benefits to children who have lost their parents. But I think we must now also pass an aviation security bill. It is national security, and we must federalize it.

Something else is left undone, and that is to help my fellow Texans, Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer. Since Kabul has fallen, these young Christian women are finding themselves traveling throughout Afghanistan, being taken by the Taliban who knows where they are.

This Congress must stand up and fight for them and help them return home to their family. Let us give their families the best Thanksgiving they have ever had. Let us care about Dayna and Heather, two young women who wanted to do nothing more but to help the people of Afghanistan. Give them their freedom. That is work undone. Let us work to find Heather and Dayna.

RENEW TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the benefits of H.R. 3005, a bill to renew America's Trade Promotion Authority and support our President's key role in trade.

America is the world's most powerful economy. Even prior to September 11, we were facing difficulties. Given our enormous presence in the world, America's leadership in trade is integral, not only to our economic recovery, but to the world's.

H.R. 3005 is a bipartisan compromise that focuses on increasing the environmental and labor dimension of U.S. trade policy, increasing the rights of workers and protection of the environment, and opening trade markets abroad for the health of our own economy.

Now is an important time for America to be a model for the rest of the world. TPA is necessary to help guide us through these difficult times, both at home and abroad.

America has come to represent stability in this uncertain world. Let us pass H.R. 3005 and provide trade opportunities to build our global economy.

TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE ON TRADE

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the very important question pending out there, following along the lines of the speeches of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER), is will the United States of America step up to the plate and play its very important global leadership role?

I am convinced that, in a bipartisan way, this House will say yes. They will say yes, because we know that granting Trade Promotion Authority to the President so that he can pry open new markets around the world is not just about our important global leadership role, but it is also about creating jobs here in the United States.

I have had a difficult time understanding how, over the years, people have argued that it is anti-union to be pro-free trade. The fact of the matter is, working men and women in this country will be the beneficiaries if we can break down those tariff barriers that exist in Latin America, Asia and other parts of the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is very important for us to stand up, and when we do have this vote, we need to have Democrats and Republicans alike join with us saying that we are going to provide significant leadership globally, and we are going to create job opportunities for people right here in the United States of America.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, November 8, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed please find copies of resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on November 7, 2001, in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §606.

Sincerely,

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

Enclosure.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION—LEASE—71
STEVENSON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 148,305 rentable square feet of space including 23 inside parking spaces for the Department of Labor and Department of Defense currently located in leased space at 71 Stevenson Street, San Francisco, CA, at a proposed total annual cost of \$12,605,925 for a lease term of five years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

Provided, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION—LEASE—550 KEARNY
STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606), appropriations are authorized to lease up to approximately 46,712 rentable square feet of space including 14 inside parking spaces for the Executive Office of Immigration Review and the Immigration and Naturalization Service currently located in leased space at 550 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA, at a proposed total annual cost of \$3,970,520 for a lease term of two years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

Provided, That the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION—LEASE—MULTIPLE
AGENCIES, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, That pursuant to section 7 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, (40 U.S.C. §606),