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Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I am relatively new here, and I am surprised at the pace at which legislation moves at times. I am particularly amazed that legislation critical to the national well-being is not moving in the other body.

Much has been said about inaction on the economic stimulus package and the energy bill. I would like to call attention this morning to a bill that has gone largely unnoticed and that is the farm bill. The agriculture economy has been in dire straits not for just the past 2 or 3 months, but for the last 5 years. We have been losing thousands of farmers each year, almost no young people are going into agriculture, and three-fourths of U.S. farms rely on off-farm income. A new farm bill is critical.

The House farm bill passed this body 3 months ago. A farm bill passed this year will, number one, save thousands of farmers; and, number two, will ensure that we have an adequate budget.

The other body needs to act and needs to act now on several pieces of legislation, but particularly on a farm bill.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Members are reminded to not urge action or inaction by the other body.

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#### WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, according to UNAIDS, each day 17,000 people die from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria worldwide. While the world's attention is appropriately focused on September 11 and our new war on international terrorism, we cannot ignore this ongoing tragedy. We have a tragedy occurring daily with HIV and AIDS, a tragedy on the scale of the black plague of the Middle Ages. The United States, as has been mentioned earlier, should be putting at least \$1 billion in the global fund to fight HIV and AIDS.

In Zimbabwe, for example, AIDS has taken so many lives that agricultural output has decreased by 50 percent in the past 5 years. By 2005 there will be more than 10 million orphan children in Africa. The number of AIDS deaths can be expected to grow within the next 10 years to more than double the number of deaths caused by all other illnesses that we know.

We can do more. We must do more. It is the right thing to do more.

#### SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to make the body aware of what I think is a reprehensible act by the nation of Iran in using its state-run newspaper, the Tehran Times, to falsely state what a delegation of Members of Congress accomplished while in the Middle East. In a delegation that I was proud to lead, we went to the Middle East, to Syria, to Lebanon, to Egypt, to Israel and into the Palestine-occupied territories. On that trip, we had occasion to make an address in Lebanon. That address was covered by the Tehran Times and by the Associated Press, Reuters and others.

The Tehran Times chose to say that we had said that the Hezbollah was not a terrorist organization, when nothing could be further from the truth. It has a long history of terrorism, including its leaders having murdered American Marines in 1982, having blown up our embassy, and those leaders are still sought.

To make the record straight, the Associated Press, and I quote, said: "The delegation's leader DARRELL ISSA, Republican of California, told reporters that for the United States to remove Hezbollah from its list of terrorist organizations, the Lebanese-based group must renounce terrorism."

Another title: "Hezbollah Must Renounce Terrorism, says a U.S. Congressman." That was from a French newspaper.

And from Reuters: "U.S. Congressmen Ask Lebanon to Rein in Hezbollah."

I hope this has set the record straight.

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#### ON RETIREMENT OF HONORABLE EVA CLAYTON

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, this morning I learned of the pending retirement from Congress of a great colleague, EVA CLAYTON from North Carolina. I just want to note her tremendous service the last decade of not only in North Carolina but the whole country.

I met EVA when she became president of our freshman class in 1992, and I think it showed the wisdom of our class in 1992 of having elected her to that position, because in the later 10 years, she has really provided great service, always in a very dignified, quiet manner and very successful for her constituents in North Carolina.

I hope during her next 1-minute where she continues her public service talking about our need to deal with the

AIDS crisis, we will give her our infinite attention because she has been a great Member for the last decade. I thank Representative CLAYTON for her public service.

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#### WORLD AIDS DAY

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

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, December 1, communities around the world will acknowledge World AIDS Day. This year's World AIDS campaign will address masculine behaviors and attitudes that contribute to the spread of HIV. The new campaign aims to involve men, particularly young men, more fully in the effort against AIDS.

June 5, 1981, marked the first reported case of AIDS. Since then, 5.3 million people worldwide continue to be infected, with roughly 3 million AIDS-related deaths annually. HIV/AIDS has caused over 25 million fatalities, and 40 million are living with the disease worldwide. Eighteen million are women and 3 million are children.

To combat this growing global threat, I along with 62 of my colleagues have most recently called on President Bush to set aside \$1 billion in emergency fiscal year 2002 funding to fight the global AIDS pandemic, TB, and malaria. This funding is essential so that additional investments from both public and private sources can be leveraged to meet the cost of effectively combating the global AIDS pandemic.

Money is unquestionably a key component to our global battle to eradicate AIDS; however, equally critical is individual behavior. In spite of the progress we have made in our battle against AIDS, there is still approximately 40,000 new HIV infections a year in the United States, the exact number reported 10 years ago. We must encourage men to adopt positive behaviors and to play a greater role in caring for their partners and families. We all have a role to play.

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#### HONORING CLEARFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding achievements of the Clearfield, Pennsylvania, Emergency Medical Service Company. On August 10, 2001, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council chose Clearfield EMS from among 1,000 ambulance service companies statewide to receive the rural ambulance service-of-the-year award.

Clearfield EMS garnered such an award not only through exemplary ambulance service but also through their