

games and movies in popular teen media and disclosing those ratings in its ads.

Regrettably, however, the commission found that only the music industry continues to place no restrictions on what materials it can market to underaged children in magazines, on TV, radio and over the Internet.

While the music industry labels its products, one of the FTC commissioners stated it correctly: "I think it is hypocritical for the music industry to claim it is helping parents by placing a parental label on CDs, while at the same time undermining parents by aggressively marketing the same CD to children."

When industry fails to institute meaningful self-regulation and act responsibly, I, both as a parent and a member of the community, believe government has an obligation.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE NOMINATIONS

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage Members to join me in nominating two revered Vietnamese spiritual leaders for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Monday was International Human Rights Day. In accepting his Nobel Peace Prize on its 100th anniversary, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan urged all nations to focus more on human rights in a quest to end poverty, prevent conflicts, and to foster democracy.

It is for these reasons that I urge my colleagues to join me in asking the Nobel Peace Prize Selection Committee to nominate the Most Venerable Thich Quang Do and Father Van Ly of Vietnam for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Most Venerable Thich Quang Do is the secretary-general of the banned Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam. Since June 2001, he has been under house arrest for announcing his intention to escort the ailing 83-year-old Buddhist patriarch Thich Huyen Quang to Ho Chi Minh City for urgently needed medical attention.

Similarly, earlier this year, Father Ly was placed under house arrest and banned from running his church for providing testimony to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, which urged this Congress to do something about human rights and religious persecution in Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of their leadership and sacrifice, I urge my colleagues to join me in signing this letter to the U.N.

SUPPORT CALL TO SERVICE ACT

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, since the events of September 11, our country has witnessed a surge of patriotism and a desire to serve. This morning the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD) and I introduced the Call to Service Act which attempts to harness some of this energy.

I would like to emphasize three parts of this act which are particularly noteworthy. Number one, the act provides service opportunities all across the country, particularly in rural and underserved areas. An example is incentives for teachers to stay in rural and underserved areas.

Secondly, the act creates a new short-term military service category: 18 months of active duty and 18 months of reserve duty. These troops will provide security at airports, bridges, nuclear facilities, and our Nation's borders. They would also provide technical assistance in case of a health emergency caused by bioterrorism.

Lastly, the Call to Service Act will create thousands of opportunities to provide mentoring and tutoring for children who are desperately in need of a caring adult role model. Senior citizens will be especially helpful in this endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support the Call to Service Act.

STIMULUS PACKAGE NEEDED TO HELP UNEMPLOYED, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Federal Reserve cut short-term interest rates for the eleventh time in as many months. However, the U.S. economy continues to grow weaker. Last month the Nation's unemployment rate hit a 6-year high of 5.7 percent. Industry production appears to be at its weakest level in 20 years. Factories are operating at the lowest levels of capacity since 1983.

These statistics translate into Americans losing jobs, and with them the means to obtain health care, food and shelter. The Latino community for example is the fastest growing segment of the workforce, but is one of the most vulnerable, as many Latino workers are concentrated in low-wage industries with unsteady work.

Mr. Speaker, it is good, commonsense public policy to stimulate the economy by putting money in the hands of people who need it most and who will spend it immediately. This action increases the demand for goods and services, which is the only way to get our Nation's business, all of the businesses, investing, producing, and hiring again. Congress must pass a stimulus package

that helps the unemployed, not only the wealthy.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL NEEDED

(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, more than a month ago this House passed a much-needed economic stimulus package; but, unfortunately, America waits. American families have been waiting for the Democratic leadership in the other body to act; waiting for the relief to spur on economic investment; waiting for additional Federal assistance so small businesses can obtain loans to keep their doors open and people employed; waiting for expanded health care and unemployment benefits for those in the tourism industry who have been laid off since September 11.

Mr. Speaker, like all Americans, Nevadans have waited too long for the Democratic leadership to start putting the welfare of this Nation and its economic prosperity ahead of their political priorities. It is time for an economic stimulus package to be passed by both Chambers of Congress and sent to the President and signed into law. America's economy, stability, and the individual prosperity of every American depends on it. Let us do it now.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). The Chair would remind Members that remarks in debate may not include characterizations of Senate action or inaction.

CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT BIRTH OF CHRIST

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the school prayer issue is out of control, literally. Students in Pennsylvania were prohibited from handing out Christmas cards. Reports say students in Minnesota were disciplined for having said merry Christmas. Now if that is not enough to find coal in your athletic supporter, check this out: A school board in Georgia removed the word "Christmas" from their school calendar because the ACLU threatened to sue. Beam me up. If this is religious freedom, I am a fashion model for GQ. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the fact that Christmas is not about a jolly old fat man. Christmas is about the birth of Christ.

A JOB WELL DONE

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the