

now and in the future. President Wahid should be commended for the steps he has taken to help build a foundation for democracy, and other leaders in Indonesia should be encouraged to build on that foundation.

Unfortunately, there are individuals and organizations who desire to foment violence, bloodshed and destruction in communities in the Malukus, Aceh, Irian Jaya, Padang and other regions. I urge the government of Indonesia to bring to justice those responsible for recent and past criminal attacks against the Indonesian people and to assure that those criminal leaders are prosecuted, especially Malaskar Jihad, who committed violence against Muslims and Christians in the Malukus.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the government of Indonesia to ensure that perpetrators of crime in Indonesia are punished for their crimes and brought to justice.

#### ENERGY CRISIS LOOMS AS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION DOES NOTHING

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, we are today, I think, at about the 120th day of the Republican energy follies play in this House.

When the President became President in January, everybody knew there was a crisis in California and on the West Coast generally. We met with the Vice President, who has been appointed as the Energy Czar, and explained the problems. Republicans and Democrats sat with him. The Vice President looked us in the eye and said, this is not a national problem, this is a State problem. We are not going to do anything.

Now, they have come out with a sort of weak, namby-pamby plan for energy that is going to go on 10 years from now, but does not deal with the crisis now.

The Senate has now entered the stage, stage left or stage right, if you will. They have come on the stage and they have said, we are going to pass tax cuts. The President says we need those tax cuts because we have the energy crisis. What they mean is, we are going to reduce the taxes so that people can pay more to energy companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is wrong. We should stop them.

#### NOMINATION OF TED OLSON SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, just as with Robert Bork, Clarence

Thomas and most recently John Ashcroft, Washington's blood sport of lies, rumors and innuendo is in full throttle.

Aided by their liberal friends at The Washington Post, many Democrats have, once again, cast the truth aside and are focused on destroying the name and reputation of a fine American. In their eyes, Solicitor General nominee Ted Olson is guilty of one thing: He is conservative. The fact that he is perhaps the most qualified and well-respected individual ever nominated for this important post becomes irrelevant. His attackers are intent on punishing Ted Olson for his work on the Florida recount case, on destroying the spirit of bipartisanship promoted by President Bush, and on regaining the majority in Congress through fear and intimidation. They must not succeed.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve to have a Justice Department that they can trust to faithfully execute and uphold the laws of the land. We need men like John Ashcroft and Ted Olson to revitalize and restore the luster to this most important department. Let us call off the attack, calm the waters and allow the nomination of this fine American citizen to proceed without delay.

#### THE NORTHERN MARIANAS DELEGATE ACT

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

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the House prides itself on being the House of the people and all of the people, and, indeed, all Americans are represented here, most fully through representatives, some 435, and the rest, somewhat, through delegates, numbering five. But there is one group of Americans that is not represented at all, and those are the people of the Northern Marianas.

Today, I am reintroducing the Northern Marianas Delegate Act, an Act to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. It is important that the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas be accorded representation in Congress, not just for fair and just representation of an American community, whose interests are directly affected by the actions of Congress, but more importantly, for what the people of the CNMI can contribute to the Nation through their delegate. A delegate for the Northern Marianas will advance their cause and work to resolve situations and conditions as they develop, not subsequently.

We should leave no other citizens behind or alienate them from a law-making and policymaking process. Perpetual denial of a delegate for the

CNMI is a denial of the basic right to represent oneself.

#### THE TIME IS NOT FOR PARTISAN SNIPING

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, liberal extremists in Washington want to adopt the California approach on energy and make it national policy. That is kind of a head-in-the-sand approach. They do not like coal, they do not like oil, they do not like nuclear power. They want everybody to be driving cars that have windmills on top of them or something like that. I am not exactly sure where their reality lands.

But the reality is, in California, demand for energy exploded over 30 percent, and yet they would not allow new power plants to be built. As a result, they had the same pollution-causing, outdated power plants now owned by the government. Well, does that not make us feel comfortable?

Mr. Speaker, the time is not for partisan sniping. The time is to say, gee whiz, maybe California did make some mistakes. It is probably not good to model national policy after them. Let us be realistic. We do need alternative energy sources. We do need research. We do need conservation. But guess what? We cannot get off of oil tomorrow. We have to keep refineries open.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Democrats will join the Bush administration in looking for a solution.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD ROMERO

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an individual, a friend, and pay tribute to the late Richard Romero from the Inland Empire, a businessman, a philanthropist, a dreamer, a community leader. Richard was a pillar of the Inland Empire. From his humble beginning in New Mexico, Richard received great success in business and in life, but Richard's greatest satisfaction came from helping others.

Recently I talked to his wife, and she said that one of the most important things about Richard was that he cared about people in the community. He felt that it was important for people to learn about reading, writing and arithmetic. Richard touched the lives of many individuals in the community by giving unselfishly.

He rescued the University of Laverne from the brink of extinction; he turned it around and helped the University of Laverne in southern California. I know, because my son will be graduating from Laverne University on Saturday