

o'clock, at this historic site, the people of Baltimore will join in the National Pledge for the Pledge.

It is only fitting that we honor our flag and the song that has captured its glory. Fort McHenry is the site where Francis Scott Key immortalized our flag. In writing "The Star Spangled Banner," he captured the determination of this great Nation to defeat the British during the War of 1812.

This morning, I was honored to have the opportunity to lead the House of Representatives in the Pledge of Allegiance. I urge every Member and all Americans to join me in paying tribute to this great symbol of liberty, justice and democracy and join the people of Baltimore by pausing at 7 o'clock this evening to honor our flag.

FATHER'S DAY

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, millions of Americans will be taking dad out for dinner to celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day is the one day every year that we set aside to say thank you to the men who raised us, taught us to fish, to play baseball, taught us to know right from wrong.

But there is a sad side to Father's Day as well. See, everyone has a father, but not everyone has a dad. In fact, fatherhood is in real trouble in America today. One-third of the children in America today do not live with their father, and one-third of all American children live in a house without an adult male.

Since 1960, the percentage of single parent families has grown 248 percent. What is the result: 226 percent increase in violent crime, 430 percent increase in out-of-wedlock teen pregnancy, sadly 134 percent increase in teen suicides. Now an absent father is not the only reason so many kids are in trouble. But can anyone doubt that it is at least part of the reason?

All the absent fathers and all the deadbeat dads in America should think hard this weekend about the role they could be playing in the lives of their children. A father's job is an important one. We should all remember that.

WE DO NOT NEED CHARITY, WE NEED ENERGY REGULATION

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in 1999, California paid \$7 billion for electrical generation. A year later, last year, we paid \$32.5 billion for the same amount of electricity. Today, with conservation efforts, we will use no more electricity than we did 2 years ago, but we will pay 50, 60, or \$70 billion for the

same number of electrons. This is because so many turbines in California are, quote, closed for maintenance.

If my colleagues will see this chart, they will see that roughly 10,000 megawatts, one-fifth of everything California needs, is shut down in excessive maintenance. Why? Because the independent energy wholesalers know that by closing some turbines for maintenance, they can drive the price of other kilowatts 10 times, 20 times, sometimes 50 times higher than the fair price.

The answer is the Hunter-Eshoo bill, which will restore for at least a couple of years the regulation necessary to take the profit out of manipulation. We do not need charity. We need regulation.

FLAG DAY

(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, today we celebrate and pay tribute to our Nation's flag and all that it symbolizes. While our Nation and Old Glory itself has grown and changed over the past two centuries, the Stars and Stripes continue to represent the same ideals, freedoms, and liberties which we all cherish.

It is a symbol of our Nation and serves as a reminder of our historic struggles for independence. Moreover, the United States flag embodies the hopes and dreams of people around the world. To millions, Old Glory symbolizes the American dream, the dream of having the freedom and opportunity to accomplish anything.

So as we continue on with our business today, let us each take an extra moment to recognize Old Glory because we are all truly blessed to live under the freedoms and liberty for which the Stars and Stripes stand.

CHINESE MISSILES BUILT WITH AMERICAN TAXPAYER DOLLARS

(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 constituents of the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) were honored to visit our Marine base at Quantico. They even got a gift. The token gift is a Communist-made calculator with "Marines" printed on one side and "Made in China" printed on the other.

Unbelievable. First, the Pentagon buys boots made in China. Now the Pentagon buys Communist gifts made in China. What is next? Generals and missiles made in China?

This is not the Marine Corps to blame, nor the fine Marines like Oliver North. It is the bureaucrats at the Pen-

tagon, and they should be stone-cold fired.

I have asked for an investigation. My colleagues should join me. Enough is enough.

I yield back the fact, while we celebrate Flag Day in our great country, China has missiles pointed at us that were built with money taken from U.S. taxpayers/paychecks.

ENERGY POLICY

(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, I rise today to call on all of us to work together to find long-term solutions to our energy problems. The energy crunch affects all of us from the farmer who pays more for diesel fuel to families who are on summer vacation.

After 8 years of neglect toward our national energy policy, we find ourselves trying to deal with higher costs, at the same time looking for long-term solutions.

President Bush's plan for our energy policy is forward thinking and sensible. His plan focuses both on our need for conservation and our need for increasing energy sources. Best of all, the plan addresses these needs without sacrificing our way of life or the environment.

As we move forward, let us look to what John Foster Dulles once said, "The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year."

The sooner we act on a comprehensive energy policy, the sooner we will find relief.

REPUBLICANS LOSE IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION ON ENERGY ISSUES

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, after pushing through President Bush's budget cuts cutting energy conservation by 21 percent and renewable energy by 35 percent, fighting tooth and nail against reasonable controls and Federal regulation of price gouging and market manipulation in the western U.S., offering a so-called energy plan that James Watt wholeheartedly supported, saying, hey, 20 years later, it looks like they dusted off our old work.

Well, it might play well in the board rooms of my Republican friends' campaign contributors, with the energy conglomerates, but they know they are losing in the court of public opinion.

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So somehow they are going to try a new tack, and I quote: "Congressional