

Obviously, something has to be done. That is why House Republicans voted to pass a major border security bill this past December. This bill strengthens our borders, implements employment eligibility verification systems, cracks down on those who knowingly hire illegals, empowers local law enforcement to enforce our immigration laws and expedites the swift deportation of illegal aliens.

This is something that has to be done and we cannot compromise on this. Our Nation's security is at risk, and nothing else is more important.

D-DAY AND THE YOUNG AMERICANS

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the silent ocean roar now covers the battlefields on the shores of France.

They fought for a people they did not know in a place they had never been and consecrated the soil of freedom by the self-sacrifice of their own blood.

There are 9,386 Americans buried on the cliffs of Normandy, France. 1,557 are still missing 62 years later. They gave their youth so Europe could have a tomorrow. They came not to conquer, but to set a people free. That D-day invasion of France was the beginning of the liberation of Europe.

Those that served that day jumped from the sky in the darkness, or went ashore in the face of massive gunfire. They were the young Americans that landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944. They defeated the evil forces of the Axis and they did not come back until it was over over there.

History refers to those that died and those that lived as the Greatest Generation. They are our fathers and our grandfathers. They defended the honor of liberty and proved there are some things worth fighting for, and there are some things worth dying for. And that's just the way it is.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to bring attention to the problem of internally displaced persons, or IDPs in Nagorno-Karabakh in

the Caucus. The situation is disheartening because aid is needed and, unfortunately, the United Nations refuses to allow its organizations like UNHCR and UNICEF to operate in the country largely due to Azerbaijan's opposition.

Because internally displaced persons remain within the borders of their home country, primary responsibility for protecting and assisting them rests with their national authorities. However, I strongly believe there is also a responsibility that lies with the United States and the international community to bring rightful attention to this issue and consider ways to ease and eventually end the plight of these displaced individuals.

Mr. Speaker, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, as the Soviet Union was collapsing the people of Nagorno-Karabakh made a peaceful request to reunite with Armenia, from which they were arbitrarily separated by Joseph Stalin in 1921.

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Azerbaijan responded with a campaign of ethnic cleansing and full-scale military attack on Nagorno-Karabakh.

As a result of Azerbaijan's aggression, 30,000 people died, and hundreds of thousands fled the region. About 36,000 Armenian refugees from Azerbaijan and some 71,000 displaced ethnic Armenians now reside in Nagorno-Karabakh. Though the fighting has ended, ceasefire violations continue, and the victims are still suffering.

IDPs still face hardships, including lack of economic opportunity and inadequate shelter. Refugees and displaced individuals and families deserve humanitarian support independent of their location. However those in Nagorno-Karabakh have not received adequate international assistance.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders are the only major international organizations operating in Nagorno-Karabakh. Besides Armenia, the United States is the only other government providing them assistance.

Now recognizing the ongoing need for humanitarian assistance, the U.S. Congress has provided funds to Nagorno-Karabakh since 1998. Through various organizations, USAID has implemented critical projects, including the construction of homes, improved access to water supplies and school reconstruction.

Although these programs have helped improve living conditions, much more is still needed. So, Mr. Speaker, the UN unfortunately refuses to operate in Karabakh and does not send aid or organizations like UNHCR and UNICEF there for assistance.

The reason given by the UN is that they do not work in "politically unrecognized territories". Yet it is my understanding that there are several other disputed territories where the

UN currently operates. For example, the UN has been providing assistance to refugees in the West Bank and Gaza since 1950. In fact, the UN created a specific organization, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East to help Palestinian refugees.

They have also undertaken work in other unrecognized or disputed areas, including Kosovo, Somaliland, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Transnistria. The Karabakh authorities have made repeated requests for help to the UN for assistance but have been unsuccessful.

The UN's refusal to work in Karabakh is unfair and hard to comprehend since the UN has been providing substantial assistance to refugees and IDPs residing in Armenia and Azerbaijan, while overlooking the needs of similar groups residing in Karabakh.

It is encouraging that the United States is committed to finding a peaceful solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis. But as Members of Congress, we must provide the leadership necessary for the UN and other relevant organizations to find ways to support these refugees and IDPs.

I plan to send a letter urging the UN to reconsider its misguided policies that are depriving suffering people in Karabakh of urgently needed humanitarian assistance. I hope that my colleagues will join me in this effort when I send the letter, and that we can get the UN to turn around its position.

LAWLESSNESS BREEDS MORE LAWLESSNESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, she was buried alive in a landfill underneath massive concrete chunks. Human garbage is what Milagro Cunningham thought of this 8-year-old girl who he raped, choked and left to die in a dump.

Police do not know how she was able to find the strength to wiggle her fingers while trapped underneath these slabs of concrete. She was still barely alive, and wiggling her fingers was her silent cry for help.

Milagro Cunningham was an illegal from the Bahamas. He was arrested three times by police before he tried to kill this tiny girl. Not once did the police detain him for trespassing on American soil. They let him go each time. Then he ruined the life of a child. Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be.

Failure to enforce the laws of the border brings those bad people to America to break more laws. There are others. The Railroad Killer, Angel Resendez or Resendez Resendez as he is sometimes referred to, raped, bludgeoned, hammered, and even sledge

hammered nine people to death. All lived within yards of railroad tracks throughout the plains of America.

Small town shops sold out of pistols. People who never locked their doors sealed their windows afraid of this killer on the loose. The killer? An illegal from Mexico. He hopped trains never knowing where he was going, but always knowing what would happen when he got there. To him every border, Mexican, U.S. or Canadian meant bloodshed and murder.

He was arrested and released numerous times. He was even arrested and deported. He was sent home after carrying guns, defrauding Social Security, committing burglary, trespassing, even pretending to be an American citizen.

But the border of Texas and Mexico is no border at all for this killer. He was only arrested for murder after he claimed the lives of nine American citizens. His first known murder victim was beaten to death just 2 years after his last deportation. The victim's girlfriend was raped and beaten, but she survived and was found near railroad tracks.

These deadly illegal invaders knew what they were doing, but they are not the only ones to track northward leaving a trail of trouble. Their bold and brazen border crossings and thousands of others like them mean 12 legal citizens will be murdered today, tomorrow, and every day.

Lawlessness on the border breeds lawlessness in the heart of America. And 13 legal citizens will die because a drunk illegal got behind the wheel of a car.

That occurs today, and tomorrow, and every day. That is 28,000 homicides by illegals since 2003, 10 times the number of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be. And there is more. Eight children will be sexually abused by illegal perverts who will cross the line, cross over our open borders.

That is today, that is tomorrow, and it is every day. Lawless on the border breeds lawlessness in the heart of America.

Not all illegal immigrants are criminals. But some are. And when all cross the border, they break the law with their first step on American soil. And their first crime may not be their last.

Mr. Speaker, they are not just trespassing on our soil, they are laughing at our laws. They are violating our values. They are shattering our safety.

Mr. Speaker, this ought not to be. It must be stopped with a sealed border, and a common sense immigration process that puts America first.

And to the pandering politicians who prefer a plan of patronizing to the illegals to the detriment of citizens and legal immigrants, shame on you for your un-American policy. That's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING BILLY CASPER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise today to talk about an American hero, a hero from San Diego, California, Billy Casper, one of the great athletes to ever stride the greens and fairways of America's golf courses and compete in national and international tournaments with a great successful record, but also one of the greatest family men and greatest husbands, greatest father, greatest grandfathers who ever had a family in San Diego or helped a community or did all of the great things that Billy Casper has done.

I have got my friend, Mr. ISSA, to talk with me a little bit about Billy Casper. But Billy Casper was a great golfer. And he is celebrating, we are celebrating here, his first victory which was the LaBatt Open in Canada. I think he was 22 years old at the time.

I think he had at that time had married Shirley, who was his high school sweetheart from Chula Vista, and he followed that victory, the LaBatt Open, with some 50 more PGA professional victories, including two U.S. Opens and a Masters.

You know, people once said, Mr. Speaker, I know you coming from Long Beach, and then ultimately the entire State of California as our former Attorney General, you knew about Billy Casper, because he was a guy who was called by Johnny Miller, as the guy who had the greatest set of hands in golf, meaning one of the greatest touches.

He had what I think is the most memorable come-from-behind victory in the history of major golf in 1966, when he demonstrated those great hands when he was 7 shots behind the great Arnold Palmer in the closing 9 holes of the U.S. Open, 1966, playing at Olympic Country Club in San Francisco, and Billy Casper closed out with a 32 on the back 9 at Olympic, which is nearly miraculous.

He tied Arnold Palmer and he beat him the next day in a playoff with a 69. Now, they had The Big Three of Golf, Mr. Speaker. It was called Player, Palmer and Nicklaus. They needed the Big Three because between 1964 and 1970, they needed all three of their tournament victories added together to have more than Billy Casper because he had 4 more victories during that period than the great Jack Nicklaus, and he had more victories than Arnie and Gary Player together.

It is neat to be here with Mr. ISSA from San Diego and talk about this American hero, this San Diego sports hero, Billy Casper.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I know you join with Mr. HUNTER and myself in

recognizing the importance of California, and particularly San Diego as the golf club production and design capital of America. But a club is just what it sounds like unless you put it in the hands of somebody like Billy Casper, somebody who can do what Duncan Hunter cannot do, and I guarantee I cannot do with a club and that is make it send a ball straight and true or hook it if you need to hook it to make that special shot. Billy Casper had that talent, used that talent and was a great ambassador for our country here and around the world. I think it is very appropriate that we honor him here on the floor of the House tonight.

Mr. HUNTER. I thank Mr. ISSA for his contribution here, because Billy Casper has not only touched the hearts or touch the minds and memories of lots of sports writers and people who read those sports pages when he was amassing those 51 professional victories, but he touched the hearts of so many young people. And he and Shirley, his wonderful wife, have hearts as big as the 18th green at San Diego Country Club, and they have touched the lives of literally thousands and thousands of young people through the scholarship funds that they put together, through all the help they put together through Billy's annual tournament.

If you walk up to Billy Casper on the golf course, here is a guy who won a couple U.S. Opens and the Masters and a guy who lives in this era where sports idols charge money for their autographs. Billy Casper will stop what he is doing, he will look you in the eye, and if you are a young person he will really pay a lot of attention to you. He and Shirley are absolutely the greatest examples of what families should be like in this country. So it is neat to be here with my great colleague Darryl Issa and talk a little bit about this American hero, Billy Casper.

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HONORING NORTH CAROLINA'S BEEKEEPERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the many of the hard working beekeepers in North Carolina's fifth congressional district. Beekeepers play an extremely important role in our society and often do not get the recognition they deserve.

Back in 1905, an obscure Swiss patent clerk named Albert Einstein published three papers that would later result in his receiving the Nobel Prize. During that same year, he gave a speech on a subject that fascinated him greatly, the marvelous honey bee. He said, "If the bee disappeared off the surface of