

“gag rule” here in the People’s House so that anti-slavery petitions would be summarily rejected, as if this parliamentary maneuvering could stop the discussion about slavery and the slow march to justice.

Professor William Lee Miller has written about John Quincy Adams’s commitment to fighting slave power here in Congress, a battle that some historians have described as the “Pearl Harbor of the slave controversy.” John Quincy Adams refused to give up the fight until at last the Nation had heard the message of the petitioners: That slavery was inimical to the American ideal, an assault on the Constitution, and a stain on the Nation’s conscience.

America must cleanse our political system today of the stains that even Presidents of the United States create as they enrich themselves. The Wall Street Journal article describes how Mr. Clinton is a partner of the Yucaipa Global Partnership Fund, which raised several hundred billion dollars from a range of investors. Who were these investors? How did any of them relate to the policies of the Clinton administration? These private funds do not have to disclose their activities as a normal business; so how do the American people know?

The director of this fund is Mr. Ron Burkle, a major fundraiser and backer of the Clintons. To mix fundraising, undisclosed business interests, and the presidency is a combustible mix. The American people have a right to know.

The article goes on to relate how Rudy Giuliani’s consulting firm has interests in the government of Qatar. What are those interests? And how does he seek to personally benefit if elected President?

Mr. Speaker, the American people want Washington to clean up its act. As the presidential races proceed this year, isn’t it high time that the campaign finance reform question be a top one in all the debates? John Quincy Adams would not recognize the Republic as it stands today.

#### VACATING 5-MINUTE SPECIAL ORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, permission for a 5-minute Special Order speech for the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is vacated.

There was no objection.

#### HONORING HRANT DINK

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 to honor the life of Turkish Armenian journalist Hrant Dink. One year ago, Hrant Dink was brutally gunned down outside his office in Istanbul, Turkey by a self-proclaimed Turkish nation-

alist. The world lost a great human rights advocate and his tragic death was an attack on democratic ideals and values.

Dink was first charged with treason for upholding an irrefutable historical fact about the Armenian Genocide. He was convicted for his writings in 2005 for violating article 301, a law that makes it a crime to “insult” the Turkish state. This law continues today to be used to persecute, prosecute, and incarcerate those who attempt to exercise their universal human right of freedom of speech.

Mr. Speaker, Turkey uses intimidation to deny its citizens their right to freedom of expression. It lobbies for its so-called rightful role in the international community and a place in the European Union. Yet it does not live up to democratic principles and standards.

Hrant Dink is not the only one who has suffered from the consequences of this Turkish penal law. Anyone who refers to the events of 1915 for what they were, genocide, is targeted within Turkey. In addition, our own country is seeing the effects of this denial as Turkey continues to oppose human rights legislation condemning the Armenian Genocide here in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I remain deeply concerned with Turkey’s failure to adopt standards and practices of both domestic and international conduct that would reverse and overturn the climate of intolerance, prejudice, and repression, as exemplified by article 301 of the Turkish penal code. It was this penal code that precipitated Mr. Dink’s murder.

Hrant Dink was guilty of nothing more than having the courage to defend freedom of the press and promote human rights and tolerance in Turkey. He was a man of conviction and principle who believed in democratic ideals and peaceful change. I urge Turkey to honor his name and repeal article 301.

#### SCHIP VETO OVERRIDE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, a new report by the Joint Economic Committee shows that a million more children a year may need public health insurance due to worsening economic conditions, even apart from the growing trend in public coverage.

If history is any guide, an economic downturn will lead to substantial increases in the demand for children’s health and Medicaid, including some 70,000 additional children in each year of a downturn in my home State of New York.

Yet the administration is proposing a range of cutbacks to these programs that will make the problem even more

severe. And State budgets are already strained by the weak national economy and the growing housing crisis.

This is a perfect economic storm that can be avoided if Congress votes today or tomorrow to override the President’s veto of legislation that would bring health care to 10 million children in need.

Over the next 5 years, our bill would preserve coverage for the more than 6 million children currently covered by children’s health care and extend coverage to nearly 4 million children who are currently uninsured. Overriding the President’s veto of SCHIP reauthorization would guarantee sufficient funding levels for the Children’s Health Program to serve future enrollment needs. Additional Medicaid assistance to the States would also provide shelter from the coming economic storm. Increasing the Federal Medicaid match percentage to the States as part of a stimulus package would help ease the blow of the economic slowdown on our children, families, and States.

I urge my colleagues to override the President’s veto of children’s health care tomorrow.

#### ROE v. WADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, this is the 35th anniversary of Roe versus Wade, and tonight I would like to recognize Congressman CHRIS SMITH, who has been a committed champion to protect the unborn for as long as he has remained a Member of this body. So I yield now to Congressman SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, 35 years after the infamous Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion on demand throughout pregnancy, we mourn the estimated 50 million innocent girls and boys whose lives were cut off by abortion, a staggering loss of children’s lives, equal to six times the total number of all people, young and old, living in my home State of New Jersey.

Someday, Mr. Speaker, future generations of Americans will look back on us and wonder how and why such a rich and seemingly enlightened society, so blessed and endowed with the capacity to protect and enhance vulnerable human life, could have instead so aggressively promoted death to children and the exploitation of women by abortion. They will note with keen sadness that some of our most prominent politicians and media icons often spoke of human and civil rights, while precluding virtually all protection to the most persecuted minority in the world today: unborn children.

On Sunday, Senator BARAK OBAMA criticized Americans for both our