

use steroids, its destructive effects on honesty and fair play and ultimately, their very health and well-being.

And here and before the Commerce Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee last year, which I chaired in the last Congress, we heard testimony from a parent of a young man who tragically took his own life when that pressure to succeed, coupled with steroids, became too much. Unfortunately, these tragic stories are all too common.

Richard Pound, the founder and chair of the World Anti-Doping Agency says, "Do we want our children to be forced to become drug addicts in order to be successful in sports? Like it or not, sports stars are heroes and idols to our kids. Our kids copy their heroes' behavior. That's why we have to encourage the stars to be good role models both on and off the field." Congress must continue to look into the use of illegal steroid and performance enhancing drug use.

Professional leagues have an obligation to be the gold standard with regard to education, detection and sanctions for the illicit use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. The recent scandals in baseball, the Olympics, professional wrestling and in other professional amateur sports have served to highlight the significance of the steroids problem.

Now, sometimes I'm asked back in the district why I care about drugs in sports. Shouldn't the athletes perhaps do whatever they want? They are only hurting themselves, is the reply. The use of steroids and performance-enhancing drugs by athletes today goes beyond just the integrity of the sport. By using illegal drugs, athletes are, in effect, telling our children that the only way to be successful and compete at the highest level is to cheat. That is not the message I want our children to hear.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 41 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN) at noon.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Peekskill, New York, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and all wise God, creator of life and light, we bless You on this day that You have let life and light dwell in each of us. We thank You, O God, for another opportunity to get it right. We pray now for Your discernment for these Representatives as they deliberate on the course of this great Nation. May their thoughts be on the common good and their actions help form a more perfect Union. We pray for strength in the continued sacrifices that each son and daughter, husband and wife make as they send a piece of themselves to serve all of us. May their sacrifices be not in vain. Grant now to each Representative purpose, clarity of mind, determination and commitment, not only for this day, but also in the continuing days of this 110th Congress. Hear our prayer, O God, and grant to each of us Your peace.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SMITH of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REV. DR. ADOLPHUS C. LACEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HALL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be able to stand here today and thank the Reverend Dr.

Adolphus C. Lacey for leading the House of Representatives in prayer today. I am hopeful that his presence and prayer here today will help us in the House to display the same leadership and sense of community that he exhibits every day in the Hudson Valley.

Rev. Lacey came to Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Peekskill, New York, in 2005 to serve as its 14th pastor and has been a leader in the community ever since. He is also president of the Peekskill/Cortlandt area Pastors Association and has been a strong voice in the public sphere for the values that are guided by his faith.

In addition to serving as a religious and community leader, Rev. Lacey is also a family man. He is the husband of Cheryl Mathews Lacey and the father of Cameryn Alexandra and Adolphus Matthew.

I have had the honor of addressing his congregation and been able to see his leadership where his counsel is often sought. I thank him again for leading us in prayer today.

DEMOCRATS FIGHT TO END SUBSIDIES FOR BIG OIL AND INSTEAD SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, this week the House Democrats will build upon our economic stimulus package by passing an energy bill that is designed to lower prices at the gas pump, which are currently over \$3 a gallon. The price of oil is hovering around \$100 a barrel and many predict that if we don't act now, it's going much higher.

The Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act extends and expands tax incentives for renewable energies including renewable electricity and fuel, hybrid cars and energy-efficient homes and appliances.

By investing in renewable energy, we can take another critical step in reducing our Nation's dependence on foreign oil. And at a time when our economy is struggling to produce new high-paying jobs, this legislation will help create hundreds of thousands of new green jobs in renewable energy that will help us provide a cleaner environment for the next generation.

Mr. Speaker, our legislation is also fully paid for by repealing \$18 billion in tax subsidies that big oil companies continue to receive despite record earnings. It's time Congress modernizes our Nation's energy policy by passing this important bill regardless of President Bush's opposition.