

once again paying the price for this difficulty. More and more employers are moving overseas to take advantage of cheap labor and complacent regulations in places like India.

Last month, this pernicious trend made its mark on my district when Watson Pharmaceuticals, the second largest employer in Putnam County, New York, announced that they were closing their facility and moving all their jobs to India.

The company has praised its workers. The CEO said there was nothing the workers could have done differently or better to save their jobs. But that does them no good. The pull of profits from outsourcing was just too much to ignore for another American manufacturer.

There is something very wrong when U.S. companies are only too happy to pick up and move overseas, abandoning their employees and the county and the country that has supported them for years. I hope this Congress acts swiftly to remove incentives for this kind of behavior and that CEOs of these corporations will show some patriotism and loyalty to our communities.

CONGRESS MUST FIX FISA PERMANENTLY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, America's intelligence community has been without the tools it needs to monitor foreign terrorist communications for weeks. Last month, the Senate passed a bipartisan bill that put the necessary tools in place, but for some reason the majority will not allow a vote in the House on this broadly supported bill.

The bipartisan Senate legislation had the votes of 21 Senate Democrats. It would have permanently fixed FISA and enabled our intelligence community to monitor foreign terrorists' electronics communications effectively.

The House's refusal to consider this legislation has created bureaucratic hurdles that made our intelligence gathering on foreign terrorists unnecessarily difficult. As Senate Intelligence Chairman JAY ROCKEFELLER said last month, America's intelligence gathering capability is being degraded.

The House should not adjourn until we have passed a permanent FISA fix that protects Americans and equips our intelligence community with the tools to thwart the plans of foreign terrorists. The American people expect and deserve no less.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO YANK A CONTRACT FROM AN AMERICAN COMPANY AND GIVE IT TO A CONSORTIUM DOMI- NATED BY EUROPE

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, Americans across the country are infuriated today that the administration yanked a contract away from Boeing, an American company, for our air tankers and gave it to a consortium dominated by Europe, and they're infuriated for several good reasons:

Number one, why are we giving a \$40 billion stimulus plan to France? It is our economy that is in danger.

Second, why, when we are suing this consortium for violation of international trade laws because of illegal subsidies, do we turn around and award them with a \$40 billion contract? One agency says they're illegal; the other agency's giving them \$40 billion of our taxpayer money.

Number three, and this was an insulting thing when I heard this award, the person making the award says, well, this is an American airplane. It's got an American flag on the tail. Well, you can't just go out and buy a one nickel sticker, slap it on an Airbus airplane and call it "America."

We have got to have a policy of procurement that's good for our economy and our security. We need to fix this disastrous administration decision.

PROTECT AMERICA—NOW

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Americans are demanding action on an issue of paramount importance to our national security that is being carelessly ignored by this liberal majority.

Nearly 3 weeks, that's how long it's been since Democratic leadership allowed the Protect America Act to expire, removing essential tools from American intelligence officials.

Almost 3 weeks, that's how long it's been since Democrats unilaterally disarmed our Nation, leaving us more vulnerable to attack.

Americans will not be fooled by Democratic rhetoric that there's no threat or that we're prepared enough, safe enough with pre-9/11 intelligence gathering capabilities. They know we are not adequately prepared. They know we cannot be prepared when Congress, this House, takes crucial tools away from those who are charged with keeping us safe.

This careless and irresponsible course of action must not stand. Americans will not stand down and they won't give up until the House does what's right, does what the Senate has already done, and that is to protect the people and the stability of our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, vote on the Protect American Act today.

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, embryonic stem cell research has the potential to cure diabetes, Parkinson's, paralysis, and so many other diseases and injuries. Over the past few months, we've seen some amazing new discoveries from adult stem cells and others from embryonic stem cells.

Some have claimed that the recent discoveries using induced pluripotent cells means that we no longer need to continue embryonic stem cell research. I disagree and so does the scientific community.

When we develop new tools, we don't throw out the old ones. Why should it be different when it comes to medical research? We need to support cell-based research in all types of venues. We need to find out what will not just be best for scientific advances but what will help with medical advances as well.

It's time that we develop a new framework for considering all forms of ethical stem cell research. We need to continue embryonic stem cell research as well as all other ethical forms of regenerative medicine research. And we need to have a central mechanism for ethics control over all of this research.

PROVIDING THE TOOLS TO PROTECT AMERICA

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

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, for more than 2 weeks, our national intelligence community has lacked the capability to track terrorists quickly. Despite the known threats against this Nation, the House Democratic leadership has said there's no urgency on updating our Nation's intelligence laws. The FISA law dates back to the Carter administration, and that was almost 30 years ago, and they argue we should not update the law now?

It's no coincidence that the United States has been free from attack at home since September 11, 2001. Violent extremist terrorists are a threat, and that threat must be stopped. Congress must give our intelligence officers the tools and techniques they need to meet the long-term challenges.

Two weeks have passed since our national security community lost the ability to track intelligence without going through slow and burdensome bureaucratic hurdles. That's more than 2 weeks of terrorist communications that will never be recovered.

I am committed to providing responsible and appropriate tools to our intelligence community to protect and defend Americans at home and abroad. I urge my colleagues to do the same and pass the bipartisan FISA bill today.