

final years of the Ottoman Empire, to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and to reflect on the continuing violence in places like Darfur, Kenya, and Zimbabwe.

In addition to the genocide of Armenians, the 20th Century bore witness to the loss of 6 million Jews and 400,000 other persons deemed “nondesirable” by the Nazis and the modern-day horrors in Cambodia and Rwanda. Unfortunately, and all too often, we have not learned from past genocides. A vicious circle of noninvolvement and noninterference continues.

Today I wish to recall the past in order to bring about hope for a brighter, more peaceful future and reconciliation of the people of Armenia and Turkey. Only through a thorough examination of history and open acknowledgment of the past will the plight of the Armenians be fully understood.

And as we continue confronting atrocities taking place today and seek to prevent them from occurring in the future, we must also be resolute in acknowledging genocides of the past.

THANKING REPUBLICANS FOR SUPPORTING THE NO OIL PRODUCING AND EXPORTING CARTELS ACT OF 2008

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle and in particular Representatives RYAN, SENSENBRENNER, and PETRI from Wisconsin for joining me in passing this bill yesterday. It's called the “No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act of 2008.”

For 7 years the Cheney and Bush administration has done nothing, nothing at all to break up the oil cartels overseas. They have done nothing to reduce the cost of our gasoline at the pump. And wherever I have been in Wisconsin, from Green Bay to Appleton, from Marinette to Minocqua, and everywhere I go in northeast Wisconsin, people are saying, “KAGEN, there are two things you can do to put more money in my pocket: Cut the cost of gasoline and reduce our health care costs.” And this bill, voted on and supported by 103 Republicans in a bipartisan manner, will help to do just that. It will make it illegal for anyone to conspire to raise our price of gasoline.

Thank you, thank you, my Republicans, for supporting me in this act.

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EXPAND OIL PRODUCTION

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

Mr. McCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I was driving my 14-year-old son to school this morning, listening to the radio, and it mentioned that the price of oil had increased to over \$130 a barrel. My son said, Dad, why don't we just tell OPEC to produce more oil? I thought about it and I said, Well, son, as a matter of fact, President Bush was over in Saudi Arabia the other day and asked if Saudi Arabia would increase its output.

But I suspect that the leaders of OPEC might turn that question around on the United States and say, Why doesn't the United States increase its output of oil?

The answer is Democrats have blocked every commonsense effort to expand production in this country for years now, and it's time for that opposition to stop and face reality. We need a balanced energy program in this country, one that recognizes that for the immediate future we are going to need oil and gas, and, yes, we need to develop alternative fuel sources as well. But you can't do just one. You have to do both.

CYBERBULLYING

(Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a growing national trend, cyberbullying.

Many of us know of the dangers our kids already face online: predators, fraud, and sexually explicit material. Now children are also facing online bullying. When a young person is ridiculed or threatened online, it can have severe and even tragic effects.

A perfect case in point is Megan Meier, a St. Louis teenager who made friends with a young man named Josh online. The friendship soon deteriorated, with Josh telling Megan, “The world would be better off without you.” Megan Meier committed suicide.

Six weeks after Megan's death came the horrifying news that Josh was actually just an alias created by the mother of one of Megan's former friends. At the time of Megan's death, cyberbullying was not considered a crime. The adult responsible for the hoax went unpunished. Recently, Federal charges were filed, but the prosecutor had to be creative because Federal law is inadequate. That is wrong.

Congress must act soon to send a clear message: Online actions have offline consequences.

WAR FUNDING BILLS SHOULD BE ABOUT WAR FUNDING

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

Mr. PENCE. I think war funding bills ought to be about war funding. Last week, the Democrat Congress tried and failed to pass an Iraq funding bill by piling billions of dollars in unrelated domestic spending and higher taxes on the backs of our soldiers. But because House Republicans took a stand, the American people could plainly see that the majority of the majority is willing to cut off funding to our soldiers, even when they are in harm's way.

With Memorial Day just around the corner, this Congress should stop playing politics with funding for our troops. We should pass a clean Iraq funding bill, legislation authored by Representative JERRY LEWIS of California, and we should pass it this week. As we prepare to remember the heroes of conflicts past, let's make sure that today's heroes have the resources they need to get the job done and come home safe.

DEMOCRATS PUT TROOPS AND VETERANS FIRST WITH NEW GI BILL

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

Mr. ARCURI. Mr. Speaker, last week, Congress, with strong Democratic support, passed the new GI Bill, which provides all veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars the promise of a full 4-year college scholarship. The bill makes veterans a part of the American economic recovery.

The original GI Bill in 1944 allowed millions of families to achieve the American Dream. It also set our economy on the right course after World War II. For every dollar spent on the GI Bill, \$7 were returned to the economy. A similar economic spark is needed today. You would think that the new GI Bill would gain the support of President Bush. But he opposes it. Unfortunately, the vast majority of House Republicans opposed the bill when it was on the floor last week. We must make sure that the brave men and women that we are sending off to battle have everything they need and deserve when they return home.

Mr. Speaker, House Democrats vow to never leave a veteran behind after returning from war by ensuring that they receive the quality care and benefits they have earned. That includes living up to the promise of providing them access to quality higher education.

PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Mr. KUHL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pioneer Middle School located in Yorkshire, New

York. Last month, Pioneer Middle School was recognized as one of two Essential Elementary Schools to Watch in New York State. Pioneer is the first middle school in western New York to achieve this prestigious honor. Presently, only 10 middle schools in all of New York State have achieved this recognition over the past 4 years.

This award exemplifies the talent and dedication that these educators and parents demonstrate every day. The school has shown tremendous progress since being named a School in Need of Improvement by the Department of Education in 2004.

As these teachers, students, and parents gather to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment, I want to offer my sincere congratulations. Let the Pioneer Middle School serve as a beacon for schools around the Nation to see that excellence and success comes from devoted teachers and parents.

NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, last week, we celebrated National Teachers Day. That day represents one small token of our Nation's gratitude for the long hours and hard work our teachers endure to prepare our students for future endeavors. As a product of the Jefferson County, Colorado public schools, I can attest to the wonderful influence educators have had on my life, as well as on the lives of my three daughters.

I believe we as a Nation cannot thank enough our men and women currently serving in our public education system, such as my sister Cassie, for all that they do. I particularly want to take a moment to recognize the teachers in Adams, Arapahoe, and Jefferson County, Colorado, who enrich the education of our children and have a positive impact on our communities.

We must continue to invest in our public schools and colleges and ensure our educators have the tools and resources they need to give our children the high quality education to succeed in this increasingly competitive economy. Our teachers are dedicated, valuable public servants whom we owe a sincere debt of gratitude.

WAITING FOR AN ENERGY PLAN

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, the Democrats have had control of the Congress now for a year and a half. We are still waiting for an energy plan. We are going to celebrate Memorial Day this weekend. We are still waiting for an energy plan. What

have the Democrats done so far as an energy plan? Well, let's just take a look at it.

This is a spoon from the House cafeteria. They bought this spoon at great expense to the taxpayers, and it is a green spoon. In fact, it melts in your coffee. This is Exhibit 1. What have the Democrats done when gas is \$4? Well, go down to the gift store and you will see these Green the Capitol bags. So now we have, at greater expense to the taxpayer, printed these little Green the Capitol bags.

Now what is the centerpiece of their energy policy when you're going to pay \$4 a gallon and more around the country for gasoline? They are going to change the light and green the light on the top of the Capitol. Just the study, I'm told, is going to be \$800,000, and then millions of dollars. And \$4 gas.

DEMOCRATS HELP AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN HURT DURING ECONOMIC RECESSION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the economic recession has been particularly hard on lower- and middle-income families. But over the last month, this House has passed important legislation that will make a real difference in their lives. These families were already having trouble squeezing enough money out of their monthly paychecks to pay for the basic necessities. Now imagine how much more difficult that is with the dramatic increases in the cost of foods like bread, milk and eggs.

Last week, in strong bipartisan fashion, this House passed a final farm bill that invests an additional \$10.4 billion in nutrition programs so that 38 million American families do not have to go hungry. Our constituents are also rightfully concerned about their jobs. Over the last 4 months alone, 260,000 jobs have been lost. Finding a new job is not necessarily easy in today's economy. That is why this House passed an extension of unemployment benefits last week, giving unemployed workers an additional 13 weeks to find a job.

Mr. Speaker, this Democratic House is delivering results that will benefit families that have been forgotten for far too long.

ROADMAP FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a roadmap for America's future, legislation to transform our Federal Government, to reform the Nation's health care entitlements, Social Security, and the Fed-

eral Tax Code. My legislation does three things: It fulfills the mission of health and retirement security for all Americans by making Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid permanently solvent. Second, it lifts the massive debt burden off of future generations. Third, it promotes solid, sustained economic growth and job creation, and puts the U.S. in a position to lead, not merely to survive in the global marketplace.

This is a real plan, with real proposals, with real numbers to back them up, and real legislation to implement it. I recognize that this is an ambitious proposal. Not everyone's going to agree with every part of it. That is fine. These problems are not Democratic problems and they are not Republican problems, and neither are the solutions.

We need to build bipartisan support for action in Congress. If nothing else, it is my sincere hope that this will spur Congress to move beyond simply rehashing the problem, to debating and implementing actual solutions for the American people.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, the New York Times today has got an article predicting \$200 a barrel for crude oil in the not-too-distant-future. The laws of supply and demand, the economic law of supply and demand works. This House, led by this majority, has passed bill after bill after bill whose intent and whose implication is to increase the costs to generate energy, whether its electricity or gasoline. Those policies specifically demand higher prices. If there was a cheaper way to generate electricity or drive our cars, we would already be using those cheaper methods.

So the policies are to raise the prices, and the twisted logic is they then come down here and speaker after speaker gripes and complains about those exact high prices, which is the direct result of what their policies are putting in place.

Yesterday, in a staggering twist of illogic, is to pass, as a part of that bill that was passed yesterday, to unleash our Department of Justice on the very producers that we are trying to incent to produce more crude oil and natural gas on an unfettered witch hunt that will cost millions and millions of dollars and result in absolutely zero.

It's wrong policy. The American people need to speak up.

FREE OUR RESOURCES

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