presence, his guidance and his blessing on this House as we begin our critical work today and into the future.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The Chair announces there will be 10 1-minutes on each side.

SECURITY IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT AT AIRPORTS

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as cochairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, I urge this House to immediately pursue the airline security measures that we see before us.

We can do a lot of promotion. We can spend a lot of money. We can urge people to travel. But if we do not make our airlines safe, they will not fly.

I just left a meeting with the theme team, with Secretary Norman Mineta, former chairman of the Democratic Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, he was then in the minority, who seems to share the same goals that I have, that we have security at the airports, not necessarily labeling them as Federal employees.

In Palm Beach County, our airport, currently we could use the sheriff's department. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department could be hired with Federal resources in order to secure those going on planes.

The other side of the aisle seems to insist that if they are not Federal, Civil Service employees, then we will not proceed with this bill. I think it is more important to have security in the cabin of the airplane and making certain it is accomplished with Federal guidelines than simply calling them Federal employees.

We have to do this and we must do it now in order to encourage our citizens to travel safely once again in the skies.

CONGRESS SHOULD FIRE CIA AND SUPPORT HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Reports persist that there are still a growing number of Arab people opposing their own governments. Now, if this is true, the governments of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan could be toppled, thus destabilizing the entire world. Yet nothing, my colleagues, from the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is ridiculous. We spend $40 billion a year and we get these reports from Fox and CNN. Beam me up. I think the Congress of the United States should fire the Central Intelligence Agency and put on contract Fox and CNN.

I yield back the fact that Congress should also support a homeland for the Palestinian people before this fiasco escalates to World War III.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that Jacinto Acebal and his many fellow workers at the Miami General Mail Facility of the United States Postal Service are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

This Friday, events will unfold celebrating Hispanic history and culture in our country as well as the contributions of Hispanics in all areas, public service, politics, entertainment, sports, business, science and military service.

As we face attacks that threaten the very core of our freedom and security, it is particularly fitting to mention the participation of Hispanics in the defense of our country. An unprecedented number of Americans of Hispanic heritage in active and reserve duty are serving in our military branches, helping to ensure that our way of life remains the standard to which many freedom-loving nations aspire.

As the first Hispanic American woman in Congress, I am proud to know that Jacinto and those at the Miami General Mail Facility are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating with them.

AIRLINE BAGGAGE SCREENERS SHOULD BE FEDERAL OFFICERS

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, in addition to attempting to assure safeguards for the taxpayer, who has to foot the bill, one of my principal concerns in questioning the airline bailout was the need to at the same time address the security of passengers on our airlines. But even I could not imagine that we would still be here 7 weeks after the disaster of September 11 without this House doing anything to address airline security.

The other body acted with unanimity and in a bipartisan way and approved an approach to address and secure our airlines so that the people who are out there checking our baggage are not people who are paid less than the people that clean the bathroom at the airport or who bus the tables at the airport, as occurs right now. The people will be Federal law enforcement officers.

That is the kind of person we rely on to screen the baggage that comes into this building and into our own office buildings. We should demand no less for the American traveling public. It is time to move forward on airline security.

TRIBUTE TO TOM TURK

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, thousands of Americans have volunteered to help New York and Washington recover from the devastating attacks and damage that was done on that date. Today, I am privileged and honored to come to the floor to recognize and commend Mr. Tom Turk of Elko, Nevada, who has spent the last 3 weeks at ground zero in New York City.

As a battalion chief for the Nevada Division of Forestry, Mr. Turk had never been east of the Mississippi until he left on September 18 to assist FEMA in the aftermath of those terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Recently, Mr. Turk mentioned what he will remember most about his experience in New York, and I think we can all relate to his words, which I would like to share, and I quote, ''It has taught me not to take this life or the importance of family for granted. It has also taught me despite all this destruction and evil, that people, the public, the emergency workers, the residents of New York City and the people across this country are good to the core as a whole.''

As America continues to brave this dark chapter of history, let us find strength in Mr. Turk's words; the good will and spirit of America will always survive.

HOUSE SHOULD FOLLOW SENATE'S LEAD ON AIRLINE SECURITY LEGISLATION

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

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I heard my dear friend from Florida rise, and I had not risen in some time but I wanted to have the record corrected.

I was a part of a group of many Members on both sides of the aisle some few weeks ago who believed the argument put forward by many in the airline industry that if we did not pass an immediate industry stabilization package, I think totaling some $5 billion in cash and $10 billion in loan guaranties, that the industry would sink.

Here we are, some several weeks after, 130,000 employees laid off, yet I still believe we did the right thing. Many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have expressed trepidation and concern about that vote, but here we are several weeks later still having done nothing to ensure the safety of those flying.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is a friend, and a dear friend.