

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill as follows:

S. 584

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Betty Dick Residence Protection Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to require the Secretary of the Interior to permit the continued occupancy and use of the property described in section 4(b) by Betty Dick for the remainder of her natural life.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **AGREEMENT.**—The term "Agreement" means the agreement between the National Park Service and Fred Dick entitled "Settlement Agreement" and dated July 17, 1980.

(2) **MAP.**—The term "map" means the map entitled "RMNP Land Occupancy" and dated September 2005, which identifies approximately 8 acres for the occupancy and use by the tenant.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) **TENANT.**—The term "tenant" means Betty Dick, widow of George Fredrick Dick, who held a 25-year reservation of occupancy and use at a property within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park.

SEC. 4. RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall allow the tenant to continue to occupy and use the property described in subsection (b) for the remainder of the natural life of the tenant, subject to the requirements of this Act.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The property referred to in subsection (a) is the land and any improvements to the land within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park identified on the map as "residence" and "occupancy area".

(c) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the occupancy and use of the property identified in subsection (b) by the tenant shall be subject to the same terms and conditions specified in the Agreement.

(2) **PAYMENTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In exchange for the continued occupancy and use of the property, the tenant shall annually pay to the Secretary an amount equal to 1/25 of the amount specified in section 3(B) of the Agreement.

(B) **ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED.**—The annual payments required under subparagraph (A) shall be paid in advance by not later than May 1 of each year.

(C) **DISPOSITION.**—Amounts received by the Secretary under this paragraph shall be—

(i) deposited in a special account in the Treasury of the United States; and

(ii) made available, without further appropriation, to the Rocky Mountain National Park until expended.

(3) **PUBLIC ACCESS.**—The public shall have access to both banks of the main channel of the Colorado River.

(d) **TERMINATION.**—The right of occupancy and use authorized under this Act—

(1) shall not be extended to any individual other than the tenant; and

(2) shall terminate—

(A) on the death of the tenant;

(B) if the tenant does not make a payment required under subsection (c)(2); or

(C) if the tenant otherwise fails to comply with the terms of this Act.

(e) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this Act—

(1) allows the construction of any structure on the property described in subsection

(b) not in existence on November 30, 2004; or

(2) applies to the occupancy or use of the property described in subsection (b) by any person other than the tenant.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

NO IS NOT AN ENERGY POLICY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, House Democrats sure do like to stand on this floor and complain about energy costs, but when push comes to shove, they refuse to do anything about it. In fact, since President Clinton vetoed legislation to open ANWR to drilling in 1995, House Democrats have taken a page out of his book by voting no to energy solutions time and time again.

While House Republicans have proven our commitment to lowering the cost of fuel, House Democrats have opposed many measures to increase the supply of American energy.

A large number of Democrats voted against legislation expanding clean nuclear energy supplies. Democrats voted against legislation that would encourage refinery expansion. They voted against legislation that would ban price gouging, and many voted against legislation that would promote greater conservation.

I cannot for the life of me understand why the Democrats continue to complain about energy when they continue to vote "no" on every responsible proposal that would help us produce more American energy at affordable prices. Voting "no" is not a sound energy policy.

LESS THAN 2 WEEKS UNTIL PRESCRIPTION DRUG SIGN-UP DEADLINE

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, if this House does not act within the next 2 weeks, millions of American seniors will face the egregious and unfair prescription drug tax.

As this calendar shows, May 15 is the deadline President Bush and congressional Republicans created for seniors to sign up for a prescription drug plan. In town hall meetings I have held throughout my district, the seniors of Missouri District 5 are outraged by and confused over Medicare part D. If they do not sign up for a plan within the next 13 days, a penalty of at least a 7 percent premium tax will be forced on every single individual every single month for the rest of their lives simply because they did not sign up for this confusing and sometimes less beneficial Medicare part D program.

For over a month, Democrats have come to this floor almost daily urging Republicans to join us in preventing this grave injustice from taking place on May 15. Time is running out for Congress to do the right thing and support this extension. America seniors cannot afford a Bush prescription drug tax.

CONDEMNING MEXICO'S DECRIMINALIZATION OF DRUGS

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about some things the protesters did not mention yesterday. Millions of American young people who travel to Mexico for spring break and summer vacation will now legally be able to use cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, and marijuana because the Mexican government just voted to legalize the possession of these drugs in small quantities.

How much is okay? Two ecstasy pills, four joints, four lines of cocaine, and 25 milligrams of heroin are now all allowed.

Are you surprised? Earlier this year, the Mexican government provided maps to illegals to help them cross our borders. The Mexican military recently got caught providing an armed escort to Mexican drug dealers into Texas. And Mexico's president, along with a million protesters, now want us to reward illegal behavior with amnesty and permanent citizenship. Why? So they can earn money here and send it back to Mexico. After all, at \$16 billion, it is Mexico's second highest source revenue behind oil.

It makes you wonder. Were people protesting the wrong government yesterday?

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Yes, there was a tremendous amount of demonstrating on yesterday, and people concerned about immigration were marching. But then also there were those of us marching who were concerned about genocide in the region of Darfur: Genocide that should never be allowed in a civilized society; genocide that this country and other nations throughout the world have stood idly by while hundreds of thousands of individuals are being killed, murdered, raped. It is the shame of the century. Our Nation can do better, and the world can do better. We must stop the genocide in Darfur.

AMERICA'S ENERGY NEEDS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, the average cost of a gallon of unregulated gasoline in Columbia, South Carolina, is 72 cents higher than the price of May 2005.

Yesterday, I met with dozens of constituents at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce building who expressed their serious concerns about the rising gas prices and America's energy crisis. Fortunately, Republican leaders have announced a series of realistic, short-term steps to reduce the cost of gasoline. By opening up ANWR, banning price gouging, streamlining boutique fuels, and encouraging innovation for advancements in hydrogen technology, we are supporting realistic measures that will immediately help American families.

As we continue to actively address America's energy needs, Minority Leader PELOSI and House Democrats should support this critical mission. Gas prices continue to soar, and our country cannot afford for Democrats to continue to support policies that restrict American energy supplies.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

IRAQ INSURGENCY'S EUROPEAN FUNDRAISING

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we know that the Iraqi insurgent terrorists are shameless in their conduct. From blowing up crowded streets full of citizens to beheading innocent noncombatants, their ruthless brand of violence is well documented. What is not so well known is the funding sources these terrorists use to carry out their atrocities.

Thanks to the leadership of my colleague, SUE KELLY, some of the most outrageous fundraising sources for the Iraqi terrorists have recently come to light.

One fundraising campaign, called 10 Euros for Resistance, uses posters of bloody American soldiers to solicit funding in Europe. So far, it appears the terrorist extremists have found sympathetic radicals in more than one European country to donate to their cause. The funding is then funneled to Iraq, where insurgent terrorists use it to finance more attacks on American forces and innocent civilians.

This is an outrage, Mr. Speaker; and I applaud Congresswoman KELLY's efforts to call attention to it. European countries should be doing all they can to stop this fundraising practice within their borders. I do not think that is too much to ask of our allies.

MEDICARE PART D

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share yet another Medicare

part D success story. My colleagues might have noticed that I am sharing a different success story each week, which is pretty easy to do because the stories just keep rolling in. This week I would like to tell you about Mae Thacker of Bartow County, Georgia.

Mae and her husband came into my office unhappy. They had heard some disparaging things about Medicare part D and weren't sure if the program would even save them any money. Fortunately, the more the Thackers learned about part D, the more they wanted to enroll, another case of reality trumping rhetoric. I am happy to report that Mae Thacker is now signed up for a prescription drug plan, and her monthly medicine bill has dropped from \$780 to \$180.

Mr. Speaker, the May 15 enrollment deadline is less than 2 weeks away. Enrolled seniors are saving an average of \$1,100 a year with Medicare part D, \$3,700 a year for low-income seniors.

So my message to seniors is this: Sign up now and start saving.

TOP 100 HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON OF TEXAS. Mr. Speaker, each year Newsweek recognizes the top 100 schools in the United States. At the very top of the list, number one and number eight are right in the middle of my district. Not a pretty area, but wonderful education.

I am very proud to announce that the School for Talented and Gifted at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center was recognized as the number one high school in the country. Additionally, the School of Science and Engineering at the same school was ranked number eight.

For those who live in Dallas, this honor comes as no surprise. The President visited earlier this year, and each day talented students are challenged with rigorous coursework and provided with an outstanding teacher environment. Townview truly excels and proves that, it really proves that children, given the right environment, can learn.

Townview Center has managed to bridge the achievement gap that exists in schools throughout this country. Two-thirds of Townview students are minorities. These students are not only passing, they are excelling.

Townview has recognized that we must provide all of our students with the opportunity to pursue higher education. It is this commitment to success that distinguishes Townview.

I would like to congratulate the School for the Talented and Gifted and the School of Science and Engineering on this honor.

And also commend the leadership and commitment of Superintendent Hinojosa, Executive Principal Alice Black, Principal Michael Satarino, and Principal Richard White.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION PART D

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

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, the results are in on the new prescription drug program, and they are very encouraging. Nowhere is the success of this new prescription drug benefit more apparent than my home State of Pennsylvania.

Take these statistics into consideration. As of April 1, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians have enrolled in the new program. In my district alone, 73 percent of Medicare beneficiaries now have prescription drug coverage, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services project that that number will be near 100 percent by the end of this year.

With the May 15 enrollment deadline fast approaching, we should be doing everything we can to help seniors enroll in the new part D program so they can realize the incredible savings the plan offers.

Take the story about Tom and Dolores from Pittsburgh. Tom and Dolores need about a dozen medications, and they feared that they soon would not be able to afford these medicines. They were also afraid that they would not be able to find a plan in their prescription drug program that would cover all the medications that they need as well as their costs. With help from their Medicare Today counselor, both Tom and Dolores found plans that work for them. They now expect to save over \$2,000 a year on their costs.

I encourage any Medicare recipient who is not yet enrolled to seek some information from Medicare Today and find out the savings it offers through Medicare part D.

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DEFENDING AMERICA

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

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I think it is wise for all of us to remind ourselves every day that our primary purpose for being here is defending this country against military threats and defending the constitutional rights of our citizens. In terms of defending this country, we have to continue to remind ourselves every day that there is a growing military build-up in China that is unprecedented in the world. We face an ideological enemy in terrorism that if left unchecked will mean humanity will ultimately never sleep again.

We face a growing nuclear threat in Iran that could destabilize the whole world in a matter of months or years.

Those who would undermine the defense of this country for political purposes disgrace this body and disgrace America. I pray that we will always remember, as George Orwell said, that we