

The science is certain. Human activity impacts human security, and without a mandatory agreement, the costs of climate change will continue to be socialized. Business as usual cannot go on. We must commit to mandatory reductions in order to protect health, environment, and security around the world.

Our cities, States, and Democrats in Congress are leading by example. I hope the administration will join us and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Vulnerable communities in the United States and around the world deserve nothing less.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLAND TRANSFER COMPANY

(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, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the finest and oldest logistics companies in the State of North Carolina. Holland Transfer Company in Statesville, North Carolina embodies the ethics of good business that separates great companies from the rest.

This week, Holland Transfer celebrates its 100th anniversary and its longstanding commitment to running a customer service-centered business. This company has transported goods and materials to North Carolina businesses since 1907 and is the oldest carrier in the State.

In the 100 years since its founding, Holland has built a strong reputation as a company that its customers can depend on to provide high-quality service without having to worry about getting shortchanged. Not many companies reach such a 100-year benchmark. In fact, it is doubtful that when Holland Transfer Company began with a team of horses and a single wagon that its founder, S.R. Holland, envisioned a company that today is a major part of the Statesville community.

Today, Holland Transfer embodies Christian values as part of its company character. These values are an integral part of what has made Holland Transfer successful for 100 years. I wish this fine company and all its employees all the best and many more years of doing business the right way. It is businesses like Holland Transfer that make this country great.

IRAN AND LATIN AMERICA

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

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to put the spotlight on an ominous trend in our region. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad may have left New York, but he remains close by. From the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Ahmadinejad flew to Bolivia and then

to his friend, Hugo Chavez, in Venezuela.

Ahmadinejad, with his hate-filled rhetoric and his funding of global terror, is too close for comfort. I rise to urge our friends in Latin America to refuse the Iranian president's advances and see him for what he is: a bully who disregards international will and who ignores our efforts against terrorism.

The 1994 bombing of the Argentine Jewish Community Center shows that the Iranian presence in Latin America has been dangerous in the past. This week, Argentina called on the U.N. General Assembly to urge Iran to more fully cooperate with the investigation so that justice can finally be served for this heinous act of terrorism.

Coming from south Florida where I live, when something happens in Latin America, we feel it. My district has many economic and familial ties to Latin America. Our friends in Latin America have been our partners in fighting terrorism, and we look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial partnership with these countries to make our areas safe and more secure.

ARE YOU PUSHING OR PULLING BACK THERE?

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

Mr. AKIN. When I traveled in rural Missouri a number of years ago, I had a favorite truck stop. And on the wall among the things they sold was a picture of a little John Deere green wagon with yellow wheels, had a bail of hay, and it looked like a wheel was sort of stuck on a bump. And there was a little kid with Oshkosh overalls pushing on it, and another kid with the tongue, and he is looking over his shoulder, and in the caption, "Are you pushing or are you pulling back there?" And that picture kind of comes to mind when I think of our Democrat leadership.

We have got 130,000 troops in the field and they have already declared defeat; and I am kind of wondering, are you pushing or pulling back there?

And then we have unanimous consent for General Petraeus, and before he can deliver the report that the Democrats asked to have delivered, they are savaging him in the New York Times as "General Betray Us." And I am thinking, are you pushing or pulling back there?

And now we are talking about affording all kinds of special rights to terrorists that are in jail. It makes me think one more time: By golly, guys, are you pushing or pulling back there?

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Yesterday, there was a resolution before the House

which I voted for, and the reason I voted for it was because it stated it expresses our appreciation, talking about General Petraeus, for his personal sacrifices and those of his family, as well as the sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces and their families.

I too had a husband who served in the Armed Forces, and I was a family member, and so I supported that. But here is where I have trouble. It went on to attack MoveOn.org, saying such unwarranted attacks should be strongly condemned by Republicans and Democrats alike in the House.

I, too, would like to improve the tone here in this House. I would like to see civility. But they forgot to mention something in that resolution. They forgot to condemn the Swift Boating; they forgot to condemn the comments against Senator Max Cleland and other veterans who served this country honorably as well.

I wait for a new resolution that condemns behavior on both sides of the aisle attacking all veterans from all political persuasions. Until then, I support free speech.

BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(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, I rise today to recognize the Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina and to thank them for their service in raising public awareness of brain injuries. Leaders of this cause have been my longtime friends Lyman and JoAnne Whitehead of Irmo.

An estimated 1.4 million Americans sustain a brain injury yearly. In particular, many of our brave men and women serving in the central front of Iraq and Afghanistan have experienced some form of traumatic brain injury. It is vital that we do all that we can to address our veterans just as we address the needs of civilians living with this condition.

The Brain Injury Alliance is helping to lead the way in informing the public of the dangers of this complex injury and what can be done to help individuals rehabilitate. Their public awareness campaign uses different forms of media and community outreach to ensure that citizens are well educated on this issue. Thousands of individuals and their families will surely benefit from this thoughtful assistance.

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

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday there was a continuing resolution with a motion to recommit that attacked

MoveOn.org. I voted against that motion to recommit, and I did it because it attacked the first amendment.

There is a tradition in the House that we address the conduct and not speech, speech which is protected by the first amendment, that flag, and the Constitution, the Bill of Rights.

Now, when we start to attack speech and don't attack other speech, by implication we approve of the other speech. This House by not attacking Don Imus for his statements about African American women, this House by not attacking the individuals who questioned Max Cleland's citizenship or his honor, this House that did not condemn Rush Limbaugh and his statements about Senator HAGEL and Michael J. Fox, or Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson who question people who are gay and lesbian and feminists for the attacks or Katrina.

When we attack one group for speech and don't attack others, by implication we approve the other's speech, and that is wrong, and that is why the motion to recommit was wrong, and it is a dangerous precedent.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN BRUCE HAMMOND AND THE TWILIGHT WISH FOUNDATION

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Bruce Hammond came to Washington, DC yesterday. He traveled here with the Twilight Wish Foundation to have his lifetime desire to see the World War II Memorial granted.

Bruce Hammond was an 18-year-old drafted right out of high school in 1944. He served honorably in the United States Army in Europe. Hammond, from Cleveland, Texas, had his wish fulfilled through the Twilight Wish Foundation. The mission of this foundation is to demonstrate care and respect for seniors in America. It grants wishes for seniors on fixed incomes who are below the poverty level. Some wishes are as simple as supplying a hearing aid.

Hammond wanted to see our country's tribute to World War II veterans. Corporal Hammond spent most of yesterday at the Memorial with his sons in solemn tribute and reflection of his buddies back in World War II.

I commend the Twilight Foundation for working to honor our seniors, and we shall always remember our Greatest Generation and their sacrifice and service to this country.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING DEDICATION OF JUDGE ARNOLD COURTHOUSE

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

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here today with my colleague

from Arkansas to honor and remember a fellow Arkansan who dedicated his life to serving the public and upholding justice across our great Nation. Texarkana native Judge Richard Arnold spent his lifetime in the court system, from the U.S. District Court to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, where he rose to be chief judge in 1992. Judge Arnold even ran for Congress for the seat which I now hold, Arkansas Fourth Congressional District, before he began his distinguished legal career in the Federal court system.

I am proud that the new United States Federal Courthouse in Little Rock, Arkansas, which will be dedicated tomorrow, will be forever named the Richard Sheppard Arnold United States Courthouse. Judge Arnold was admired for his fairness and will be forever remembered as a dedicated public servant who cared deeply about his family, his work, his State, and his country. I am honored to deliver these remarks as a tribute to his life and career.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Time and again, the brave men and women of the United States Air Force have answered the call of duty to serve and protect this great Nation. It's because of them that we have the best Air Force in the world, and they will continue to expand that legacy of true excellence and air dominance.

As a 29-year Air Force veteran, it's my honor to congratulate them on 60 years of exemplary service and wish them many more years of air superiority to come.

They all are shining examples of "service before self," one core motto of the Air Force. They protect the safety and security of all U.S. citizens.

As they say in our song, "Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force."

God bless all the men and women of the United States Air Force. I salute you.

GLOBAL WARMING

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, this week the world convened at the United Nations to combat climate change, but President Bush stayed away.

While the rest of the world knows that carbon dioxide threatens the planet, this administration can't even decide if it endangers the planet.

President Bush's response is not action, but talk. Instead of stopping the pollution, he starts a filibuster.

President Bush has decided to host a conversation to discuss his aspiration for procrastination on global warming until he leaves office. It is time for America to save the planet from another 50 years of red, white and blue CO₂. It is time for America to use its technological genius to launch a new future of clean power, new jobs, and lower cost.

We have no choice. The ice is melting. The coral is dying. The forests are burning, and 30 percent of all species are in danger of extinction.

President Bush, it is time to stop the empty rhetoric and to start saving the planet.

CLEAR ACT UPDATE

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I introduced the Charlie Norwood CLEAR Act, which targets violent criminal aliens and gives local law enforcement the tools they need to get them off the street. This legislation now has bipartisan support and has 140 sponsors, cosponsors; and we are adding to that.

Last week I conducted a telephone town hall, and the overwhelming majority of the callers on that phone call demanded that Congress take action, take some action, not just talk about removing criminal aliens, but take action to get them off the street. This bill accomplishes that goal.

Mr. Speaker, as we hear about the events that have taken place since September 11, Fort Dix, Newark, and in Arizona recently, we know it is needed. So I encourage my colleagues, cosponsor the CLEAR Act, H.R. 3494. Support ridding our streets and our communities of criminal aliens and absconders.

PRIORITIES

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Defense Secretary Gates requested 43 billion more dollars for the war in Iraq, 43 billion more dollars to support the President's plan for more of the same. We have spent \$400 billion in 4 years on the war in Iraq.

For 41 days of the cost of the war, 10 million children would get health care. For 1 month for the cost of the war, 7½ million children would get health care. For 1 week of the cost of the war, 2½ million children would get health care.

While billions have gone unaccounted for in Iraq, and the administration has shown no willingness to do what is necessary to crack down on the waste, fraud and abuse in Iraq, the President calls health care for American children excessive spending.