

Res. 532) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1256) to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

CONGRATULATING THE MOORESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM

(Mr. ADLER of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all Burlington County residents, I rise today to congratulate the Moorestown High School girls' lacrosse team for winning their 10th straight New Jersey State Championship.

As a father of four boys, I understand the importance of having sports and extracurricular activities in a young person's life. It encourages teamwork, a sense of pride and accomplishment, and responsibility. The Moorestown High School girls lacrosse team embodies all those attributes.

Led by senior captains Karli Tobin and Alyssa Ogle, Moorestown High School beat Mountain Lakes High School 11-8. Junior Katrina Martinelli led the team in scoring with four goals and two assists, while Alyssa Ogle scored three goals, including the game winner.

Head coach Deanna Knobloch has been with the team for 18 years. Winning 10 straight championships is no easy task, and I applaud her and her assistants, KC Knobloch, Julie Catrambone, and Courtney Legath. This championship marks the 210th win over New Jersey opponents over a full 10 seasons.

Moorestown moves within one State title of tying the longest State championship winning streak. Again, congratulations to Moorestown High School girls lacrosse team, especially those seniors. I look forward to seeing you break that record.

Go Quakers.

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INTRODUCTION OF REPEAL THE STIMULUS ACT

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year the Obama administration told us the stimulus bill was the salvation to our economic woes. They predicted, if passed, unemployment would top out at 7 percent and claimed jobs would be created or saved immediately.

It was passed, but yesterday's promises are in stark contrast to what we see today—unemployment is at 9.4 percent, and just this morning CNN reported that America saw \$1.3 trillion of wealth vaporize in the first quarter of 2009.

Despite massive government spending, foreclosures continue, car dealerships are closing, layoffs continue, and the stock market and home values continue to decline. The government is borrowing money it does not have, inflating programs it does not need and making promises it cannot keep. Taxpayers don't understand why so much money is being wasted so quickly with nothing to show for it.

I understand. This week I offered a simple solution. Rescind unobligated money from the stimulus bill and save the taxpayers over \$250 billion. That's money we won't have to borrow from the Chinese. Unfortunately, the amendment failed on a party-line vote.

Today I am introducing the Repeal the Stimulus Act of 2009, and I urge my colleagues to join with me to repeal the stimulus bill and the spending schemes of the current administration and cut back on the amount of money we have to borrow from China.

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO HELP AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS STAY IN BUSINESS

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the bankruptcy filings of both GM and Chrysler are threatening local auto dealers as both companies are able to bypass State franchise laws that are designed to protect small dealerships. Shutting the doors on these small businesses will mean more job losses at a time when we can ill afford them. It's incredible to many of us here in Congress that these decisions can be justified if it isn't saving a single job and is, in fact, eliminating jobs.

That's why I'm cosponsoring legislation that was introduced this week that would protect these jobs by restoring the franchise agreement between the auto dealerships and GM and Chrysler. Mr. Speaker, this would ensure that the dealers themselves, not the government or the big automakers that are controlled by the government, are able to decide the future of their operations. Let's pass this legislation and help local entrepreneurs keep the businesses they've worked so hard to build.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SUPPORTING A SOLAR CARVE-OUT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. GIFFORDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. GIFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, our Nation today is facing many great challenges, but there are three in particular that specifically I think are of great concern to the American people: Achieving energy independence, addressing climate change and stimulating our economy. These are all significant challenges, but they also present great opportunities. As we confront these issues, we have the chance to make our world stronger, safer and more prosperous.

One of the best ways to do this is by deploying renewable energy. Renewable energy sources, especially solar, our Nation's most abundant renewable energy source, offers a real solution to these challenges I just mentioned. Our solar resource is vast, it's domestic, and it's free. It is clean, and it generates electricity without greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, the solar power industry is growing and creating good-paying jobs. For all of these reasons, solar is important to America.

This is why I'm concerned about the way that solar power is treated in the energy and climate bill that recently emerged from the Energy and Commerce Committee. I commend Chairmen WAXMAN and MARKEY and their committee colleagues for their persistence and skill in moving the legislation forward. However, I have to express my deep concern that this bill does not do nearly enough to promote solar power, one of the best solutions for our Nation's energy and climate challenges. The current Waxman-Markey legislation would establish a Federal renewable electricity standard, or RES, of 20 percent by 2020, and that's a good goal. The State of Arizona is 15 percent by 2025. However, the bill fails to establish a carve-out for any specific type of renewable like solar; and in my view, this constitutes an enormous missed opportunity. The primary reason to establish a RES is to create an assured level of demand for renewable electricity. This assured demand allows renewable technologies to increase production, learn by doing and bring their prices down. This allows them to become cost competitive with traditional energy sources. However, without carve-outs for different resources, the RES will fall short of its own potential. Instead of creating demand for all renewables, it's going to give preference to those that cost the least, and currently that is wind and biomass. Without assured demand, solar will miss out on an opportunity that the RES was designed to create. It