for keeping beverages cool, some barbecue equipment, and a pair of children's shoes. That is what they found in the back of the truck. The Supreme Court said that that was right.

Now, I am here this evening talking about this because I am increasingly disturbed by these right-wing decisions that are being made by a court which places in jeopardy the civil liberties and the civil rights of every single American, because after that Supreme Court decision, the court in effect has made law. It is now the law of the land that any police officer in any community at any time can stop anybody for not wearing a seat belt and take them into custody and take their children into custody too, for that matter, apparently, and search their vehicle, simply because they were not wearing a seat belt.

It is interesting to note as I mentioned earlier it was a five to four decision. We are seeing a lot of these five to four decisions recently. The five justices included Justice Kennedy, who was appointed by President Reagan; Justice Rehnquist, appointed by President Nixon and elevated to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by President Reagan; also joining in the majority was Justice Thomas, who was appointed by President Bush, the first President Bush; and also Justice Scalia, who was appointed by President Reagan. Also, oddly enough, Justice Souter, who usually has better sense than to join these other four in these decisions, but on this particular occasion it seems perhaps his experience as a prosecutor before becoming a judge may have overcome him and he displayed the kind of bad judgment which is exemplified in this five to four Supreme Court decision.

I am worried about this also because we have seen recently that the President of the United States, Mr. Bush, the second Mr. Bush, has made it clear that he is no longer going to take recommendations from the American Bar Association with regard to justices on any of the Federal courts, that is the Federal Appeals Court, the circuit courts or the United States Supreme Court; and instead he is going to take recommendations from the Federalist Society.

I think we all ought to be deeply concerned about what is going on in our courts and about the way that this particular decision typifies or exemplifies at least the kind of bad decisions that are being made on a five to four basis in the Supreme Court of the United States.

UPDATE ON CRISIS AFFECTING KLAMATH BASIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update my colleagues in the House on the crisis affecting the people of the Klamath Basin in Oregon and California.

Yesterday I attended what was called a ''bucket brigade.'' We had buckets like these representing each of the 50 States where we took water out of the lake and symbolically handed it down a chain of people 1.2 miles long to dump it in the A-Canal that this year will have no water in it.

These are the people that were at the rally. In all my years in public office, here and in Oregon, I have never seen close to 16,000 people turn out to protest a government action, but that occurred in Klamath Falls yesterday; peaceful, civil disobedience, making the case for reforming the Endangered Species Act.

Let me tell you what people are saying. Let me share with you some of the letters and comments. This from a Vietnam veteran who earned a medal for heroism, who flies in the Klamath Basin in a crop duster: ''When the season starts up, we have just about used all our savings from the previous season. Taxes take a huge chunk out of my check. Since I have no retirement plan from work, I have to put what little I can into that. We have house payments due, food to put on the table, heating bills. I have no money left. I am going to have to start drawing from our IRA; and with penalties and interest, that is a poor option, but all I have. We are going to lose our house. We can't sell it, because everyone here is in the same boat. It is worth nothing. Help us.''

And this from a woman from Malin: ''The decision of no water for irrigation comes as a major disaster to our small communities of Malin and Merrill, Tooley Lake. The government can offer low interest loans, but who will be able to ever pay them back. Our spirit is broken. How can the government ever be trusted again? Contracts for water in the Klamath project, where, by the way, there are 1,000 farmers that will not get water this year for the first time since this project was created nearly 100 years ago, contracts for this water have been broken and our water stolen. Why would we build more storage, to have it taken away by another group? There are school football fields and city parks that will get no water this summer.''

Mr. Speaker, there have already been traffic accidents on the major highway because this area is turning into a dust bowl, and it will this summer, because the government has said it needs all the water for the suckers in Klamath Lake and for the salmon in Klamath River.

So the ''reasonable'' and ''prudent'' decision of the government, and I put those two words in quotes, is to say the ranchers and the farmers can have no water; the schools that rely on the water for their fields and the cities for their parks will have no water; the people will have no income; the people will have no livelihood.

They have no way to survive if they have no water to put on their crops, because nothing will be raised, nothing will be grown, nothing will be harvested, because the Endangered Species Act as written today makes no provision for people, for communities like Klamath Falls or Malin or Merrill or Tooley Lake.

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No, these people are left off the plate. They have no seat at the table of public policy. They are being wiped out by this decision. It is wrong. The time has come to change and amend the Endangered Species Act so that we do not make these unilateral decisions that wipe people out.

Mr. Speaker, 16,000 people in the Klamath Basin turned out yesterday to try to get the attention of the country, to get the attention of this Congress that change is needed. We can work together to have a cleaner environment, but we do not have to wipe agriculture off the map to do it. We can work together to provide for habitat for fish, but we do not have to create a dust bowl to do it. We do not have to rely on science that is now being questioned by those who have finally had an opportunity to look at it who say, maybe that science is not right.

But let me tell my colleagues, on April 6, the decision was made: the headgates will be closed and they will be closed all year. The water will not flow. It is too late to plant. The contracts will be lost. Farmers have nothing to put in the ground, and if they did, no water to make it grow.

So, we will approach this Congress for disaster relief. It is an option we wish we did not have to take; but we will, because we have no other option for this year. We will approach this Congress and vigorously fight for changes in the Endangered Species Act. This can happen to you, because it has happened to these people who fight for our country and provided for our people and farmed the land.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H. CON. RES. 83, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. NUSSLE submitted the following conference report and statement on the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 107–60)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83), establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each