

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER). The time of the gentleman has expired.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I make a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, is the gentleman allowed to make allegations, false allegations about another Member on the floor of the House during this time?

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, if I may address this, these are not false allegations.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate a ruling.

Mr. MCHENRY. I am reporting what ABC News reported.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. MCHENRY. This is reported in the press.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all Members to refrain from arraigning official reference to the conduct of other Members. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, it is in reference to a reported incident that is covered by ABC News.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's time has expired.

SMART SECURITY AND THE TSUNAMI OF PEACE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, those watching C-SPAN right now probably are wondering what they are watching. They probably think it is a circus. But they are pretty familiar with the 5-minute speeches that Members of Congress deliver each day after the House of Representatives wraps up its legislative session.

Some critics and political opponents may claim that these nightly speeches serve little purpose, and sometimes they do serve little purpose. It is hard to accomplish much in 5-minute increments, they say.

But because half of the American people are not being represented by the Bush administration's shameful and threatening foreign policy, and half the American people are not receiving the representation they deserve from the Republicans in Congress, those who cower to the President's every demand when it comes to funding the illegal, ill advised and dangerous war in Iraq, I come here nightly so that I can discuss that very issue, the issue of the war in Iraq. That issue says to me that we need to change the way we think about foreign policy if we hope our country will survive the threat of global terrorism from fanatical groups like al Qaeda.

That is why next week I will reintroduce the SMART Security Resolution

for the 21st Century, legislation that provides a positive alternative to the Bush doctrine of unilateralism and preemptive war. SMART Security addresses the threat of terrorism and nuclear security by augmenting and encouraging diplomatic efforts with other nations.

We need to address the threats we face through international cooperation, not war, because the military option does not solve our problems.

Only by promoting an effective national security strategy that is based on conflict prevention, diplomacy, multilateralism, and nonproliferation can we truly secure America for the future, while at the same time holding on to the liberties and values that make this country so very great.

Many of my House colleagues have stood with me in urging a new and smarter American foreign policy. Fifty Members of Congress cosponsored the SMART Security resolution during the 108th Congress, and my staff and I will work to ensure that this number increases in the 109th Congress.

But Members of Congress are not alone in this effort. Many of my constituents get it too. I am incredibly privileged to serve as the voice in Congress for the people of Marin and Sonoma counties, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge, which comprises California's 6th Congressional District.

My constituents get democracy as well as anyone else in the country. In last November's election, for example, a record 89½ percent of registered voters turned out to vote in California's 6th district; 91.1 percent turned out in my hometown of Petaluma, California.

That is why I quote them, and I want to quote Marge Piaggio, who lives in Fairfax, California. She called my office earlier this month to say that what the world needs is, and I am quoting her pretty liberally here, but she said what the world needs is a "peace tsunami." The tsunami analogy might sound like an odd idea at first, but I think Marge is on to something. It is about time, she said, and I agree with her, that we washed over the war machine and cleaned up our political system.

Of course Congress will need the help and the support of citizens of the United States in this effort. And another one of my constituents, Jean Walz of Santa Rosa, wrote because she realizes that there is an important role that she and others like herself can play in helping to end the war in Iraq.

In reference to my nightly 5-minute speeches, Jean wrote the following in an e-mail, and I quote her: "If you can do this each night, so can I. I will send an evening missive each and every night to my local elected representatives to please stop this war in Iraq."

Everyone in this country, Mr. Speaker, who opposes the Bush administration's dangerous current path can emulate Jean Walz's heroic efforts to influence her local representatives. Then we will have peace in the United States between ourselves and other countries.

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

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Hampshire?

There was no objection.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and to commend the Armenian Caucus co-chairs, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), for again encouraging their colleagues to remember this solemn occasion.

April 24 marked the beginning of this systematic and deliberate campaign of genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915. Over the next 8 years, 1.5 million Armenians were tortured and murdered, and more than half a million were forced from their homeland into exile.

The U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire during the genocide vividly documented the massacre of the Armenians by stating: "I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this. The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared to the sufferings of the Armenian race in 1915."

As this crime against humanity was being committed, the United States led the world in attempting to end the slaughter and to save those who survived. American intervention prevented the full realization of the Ottoman Empire's genocidal plan, and U.S. humanitarian assistance was extended to those who survived.

While the U.S. record on the Armenian genocide is the most expansive in the detail of its coverage of the events of 1915 to 1918, the official records of many other countries, Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and Russia corroborate the evidence gathered by U.S. diplomats.

Therefore, it is important for our government to reaffirm its own record on the Armenian genocide and to assure that the relevant historical

records are preserved. By keeping memories alive through history, we will prevent other instances of inhumanity from occurring.

As an ardent supporter of New Hampshire's Armenian community, I would like to pay particular respect to hard-working individuals within my State. Mr. Mike Manoian and Mr. John Aranosian have long advocated on behalf of the Armenian-American citizens in New Hampshire, and their efforts have resulted in the increased awareness and understanding of Armenian interests. I applaud that dedicated work and greatly appreciate their strong commitment. As a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I will continue to encourage my colleagues to honor the memory of those Armenians who suffered and perished nearly a century ago.

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

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSCHWITZ

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

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, in January I attended the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland. This month and over the next several weeks, the world will pause and reflect on the 60th anniversary of the liberation of so many Holocaust death camps and, in fact, the drawing to a close of the Holocaust.

Every day the memory of the Holocaust diminishes as survivors find their eternal rest. And that is why it is so profoundly important that we teach the lessons of the Holocaust to our young people, to generations who become more and more removed and more and more distant from that gruesome experience.

I recently received a poem from a very bright young woman who met with a survivor from Auschwitz named Josephina Prins. I want to read this poem on the floor of the House because it shows just how powerful that experience was, bridging the divide of genera-

tions and making one of histories most unfathomable tragedies real for a 13-year-old girl named Ophelia Snyder. The poem is entitled "The Miracle, Josephina Prins."

They called you a number,
A thing.
They called you an animal.
You were a star.
You were a Jew.
They treated you like a smudge,
Like an object.
You are a person just like us.
Prick your finger.
What comes out?
Ask a friend.
What comes out?
Red blood.
We are all the same.
Then why,
Why did you seem so different?
Why are you not treated the same?
Are you not flesh?
Are you not blood?
Does your heart not beat?
Are we not the same?
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You are special.
But then you are the same.
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P-R-I-N-S.
Let that name live forever.
Even in the darkest night.
Let those letters shine with the hope of others.

Let her memories live forever.

Let her life inspire.
Let others remember.
And let us never forget.
P-R-I-N-S.

Josephine Prins.
The Jewel.
The Jew.
A miracle.
By the girl who met the miracle.
Ophelia B. Snyder.

Ms. Snyder is 13 years old, but she teaches lessons that are, in fact, eternal.

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

(Mr. PORTMAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to assume the time of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

DEFINITION OF HYPOCRISY

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, Webster's Dictionary defines hypocrisy as a false pretension to personal qualities or principles not actually possessed.

Politicize is defined as to make the subject a political discussion or dispute. Progress is defined as moving forward, advancing, developing.

Now, of those three words, I can pick out two that occur regularly in this Chamber as the minority party perfects its blocking maneuvers. Unfortunately, it is not progress.

Let us talk about hypocrisy. Four Members of the minority party took the same trip with the foreign agent that the Democrats keep crowing that the majority leader took. Another Member of the minority party filed travel papers clearly stating that a lobbyist paid for her trip, but then corrected the papers after reporters asked about them and chalked it up to human error.

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Yet the minority leader continues to insist that the ethics problems her party has trumped up is a Republican issue. I think that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, lest their own walls begin to crack.

The minority leader's staff has not properly disclosed their own travel 12 times. A Democrat member of the ethics committee reported that a registered lobbyist paid for a trip she took to Puerto Rico. Two other Democrats did not even disclose that they went on the same trip. The minority whip took ten trips paid for by private parties that he never disclosed.

If you listen closely, you will hear the tinkling clatter of cracked glass falling on the ground outside the minority leader's office.

It is regrettable that the shameless hypocrisy of the liberal wing of the minority party in this Chamber chose to politicize the ethics committee. The reasons for doing this are simple: The liberal wing of the minority party knows that they have no agenda, no ideas, and frankly no leadership. So they are striking out against a successful majority leader who has brought forth an agenda, continues to offer ideas, and continues to lead his party.

The liberal wing of the minority party, still stinging from their losses in November, especially in the great State of Texas, are going after the majority leader. He must be doing something right to account for all the vitriolic slander aimed at him.

The liberal wing of the minority party had to create a distraction in hopes that the country would not notice that the Republicans were busy passing bipartisan legislation to create jobs, to help small businesses, to strengthen our borders, and craft a comprehensive energy policy.

So what do we do now?

The minority party will not let the ethics committee meet so the majority leader can clear his name. For the good of the House, the ethics process has to be above partisan politics. The Republicans have been willing throughout these long months of blustering from the obstructionist party to work towards a solution for the ethics committee to do its work.