

These legislators from our country and from seven countries in Central America and Latin America understand that this CAFTA protects drug companies while harming the sick and the poor. They understand this CAFTA protects the world's largest corporations while hurting small businesses and working families. They understand this trade agreement protects huge industries while undermining the environment.

They understand that they want and have called for a CAFTA that lifts workers up and raises living standards, a CAFTA that protects people the same way it protects property rights and the drug industry, a CAFTA that allows HIV patients access to affordable, life-saving drugs.

They understand, most importantly, that CAFTA was negotiated by a select few to benefit only a select few, not the masses of people in our country and the other six CAFTA countries.

It is past time to renegotiate a trade agreement that works for all citizen of all seven CAFTA Nations.

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

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

SMART SECURITY AND THE BRIDGE TO NOWHERE

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the Defense appropriations bill that will be on the House floor tomorrow contains \$45 billion in emergency bridge funding to pay for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This money is called bridge funding because it will bridge the funding gap between the most recent \$79 billion supplemental spending bill for Iraq, which Congress passed in February, and the next one, sometime this fall.

This bridge fund is like a bridge to nowhere. The latest \$45 billion for the war in Iraq is just the Bush administration's latest grab into the big congressional money bag, the Defense appropriations bill, because it is virtually hidden in a huge \$400 billion Defense appropriations bill. This is outrageous.

An additional \$45 billion for the war in Iraq is a staggering amount. This bridge fund comes on top of the emergency supplemental bill that was approved a mere 4-months ago, allocating another \$79 billion for the war, bringing the costs of the war to over \$200 billion before this new \$45 billion expenditure.

The bridge fund represents the fifth time Congress will fund the war in Iraq without hearings, without oversight and without accountability.

\$45 billion is not insignificant. It is several billion dollars more than the President requested for homeland security funding for fiscal year 2006. In fact, it is more than the President has requested for homeland security in any year since the Department of Homeland Security was established in the year 2001.

It would be one thing if the President actually had a plan to bring our troops home, but after more than 2 years and over 1,700 American troops being killed, he still has not come to the table with a plan. Mr. Speaker, since the President will not come up with a plan for Iraq, we will have to. It will have to come from the Congress.

This unpopular war is a lose-lose. It is America's very presence in Iraq that unites the strong insurgency, a whole new generation of terrorists, whose common bond is their hatred for the United States and its aggressive militarism.

Once we have a plan in place to end the war, we can begin the long process of helping Iraq rebuild its failing physical and economic infrastructure, and we can accomplish this while we are at the same time preventing future wars through SMART security.

SMART security, which has the support of 50 Members of Congress is a Sensible, Multilateral, American Response to Terrorism for the 21st Century, and it will help us address the threats we face as a Nation.

SMART security will ensure America's security by reaching out and engaging the Iraqi people. Instead of rushing off to war for the wrong reasons, SMART security encourages the United States to work with other Nations to address the most pressing global issues.

Not every international problem has militaries, and that is why SMART security will prevent terrorism, by addressing the very conditions which give rise to terrorism: poverty, despair, resource scarcity and lack of education.

This is the best way to encourage democracy in countries like Iraq, not through wars, not through the barrel of a gun, not through ways that cause thousands of unnecessary deaths and costs billions and billions of dollars.

The Bush administration needs to get smart about Iraq, and take a long, hard look at the effects of our policies there. We can end the war, we can bring our troops home, and we can do it by creating a plan to bring them home.

The U.S. soldiers who are serving in Iraq deserve nothing less. Bringing the troops home will help secure Iraq. It will save the lives of thousands of Americans, and it is time that we do not put any other excuses in front of us because we must start this process, and we must start it today.

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 addressed the House. His remarks will

appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

VENDING MACHINE SAFETY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the introduction of a bill that I dropped in yesterday, the Vending Machine Safety Act of 2005. This is a bill I introduced three Congresses ago due to its importance in protecting our children.

Imagine going on a routine grocery shopping trip with your child, Mr. Speaker. While shopping, you suddenly notice that your child is missing. This is every parent's nightmare. Last month, this nightmare became a frightening reality for a mother in Indiana. However, in this incident, there was a twist.

Her 3-year-old child was found trapped in a crane vending machine that he had crawled into. Without safety measures and immediate access to the owner, the machine held the young boy captive until the local fire department was brought in to release him.

While this event was not life-threatening, about one-third of vending machine injuries reported since 1978 have been. In the interest of protecting both children and adults, it is the reason I introduced the Vending Machine Safety Act.

This Vending Machine Safety Act of 2005 directs the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue a consumer product safety standard for the manufacturing and installation of all vending machines. Whether in signage or further protective measures, the Consumer Product Safety Commission will report on how best to ensure the safety uses of these vending machines that are both cost-effective for manufacturers and protect the stores from liability.

Since 1990, 43 vending machine injuries have been reported to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Almost 60 percent of these vending injuries involved minors, and almost 35 percent of the injuries were children under 10. While some vending machine manufacturers may place warnings on their machines, most do not.

The need to protect our children from further vending machine related injuries is clear. I ask my colleagues to support the Vending Machine Safety Act of 2005.

HENRY HYDE UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.