

Today, the minority leader finds nothing wrong with sticking her hand in the Social Security cookie jar. In a recent interview she said, "There is nothing wrong with Social Security lending money with the prospect of returning it." Prospect of returning it? That is not good enough. It is that kind of thinking that has gotten us into our current trouble.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly why Americans should be able to put part of their Social Security money in a personal account with their name on it.

Raiding the Social Security trust fund is not a solution. It is irresponsible, and it pushes the consequences to our children and grandchildren, consequences that we should fix now.

NO PLACE LIKE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Words of Thomas Jefferson in our Declaration of Independence.

As we end this evening tonight, Mr. Speaker, at midnight, and we go into the July Fourth weekend, we must remember these words of the Declaration of Independence and know that liberty has always cost, as we should remember the words of President Kennedy when he said, "Let every Nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and success of liberty."

We are involved in a war against terrorism. We have lost over 1,700 Americans in this war; but we must remember, Mr. Speaker, that we must be vigilant. We must remember the words of Ronald Reagan, that "those people who cry peace, peace, do not understand that there can be no peace as long as there is one American somewhere dying for the rest of us."

So this July Fourth weekend, we must fly the flag, wear the red, white and blue, and thank the good Lord that there is no place like the United States of America.

TREATMENT OF ENEMY COMBATANTS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, there have continued to be reckless, anti-American comments made by some who even work in this very Capitol building.

The truth has been emerging more recently of our soldiers' incredibly hospitable treatment of our enemies.

Though there is still some rhetoric denouncing our amazingly humane treatment of combatants, others have begun to change their comments, congratulating our servicemembers on their progress since they were called Nazis and cruel.

The fact is, our treatment has not had to progress. Our servicemembers were never Nazis, were not cruel. Their humane treatment of evil combatants who throw urine and fecal matter or semen and spit on them has been unparalleled in combatant history. The constant demonizing of our servicemembers has been played and replayed by our enemies abroad and has done more damage to us, our servicemembers, and our reputation than any isolated members themselves may have done.

Some liberals have worried about what might happen in the future to American POWs because of our treatment at Guantanamo. Let me give a quick reminder. They killed thousands of people on 9/11, innocent people. They took people they captured and took hostage, put them on their knees with blindfolds, and sawed and cut off their heads. These are not nice people. They have not been nice before anybody ever heard of Guantanamo. Quit beating yourselves up. We have got to learn that we are in a battle for our lives against evil men who do not admire weakness among their enemies.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. FRANK R. WOLF TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 11, 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 30, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRANK R. WOLF or, if he is not available to perform this duty, the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 11, 2005.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena, issued by a Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of California, for documents.

After consulting with counsel, I have determined that compliance with the Subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM,
Member of Congress.

VACATING FILING OF REPORT ON H.R. 1158

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the filing of the report by the Committee on Science to accompany H.R. 1158, and the referral thereof to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, are vacated.

There was no objection.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

January 7, 2005:

H.R. 241. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

March 25, 2005.

H.R. 1160. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

March 31, 2005.

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

April 15, 2005.

H.R. 1134. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

April 29, 2005.

H.R. 787. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse".

May 5, 2005.

H.J. Res. 19. An act providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 20. An act providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

May 11, 2005.

H.R. 1268. An act making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

May 31, 2005.

H.R. 2566. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

June 17, 2005.

H.R. 1760. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building".