

Because where you have research and development you have manufacturing, and vice versa.

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Of course, we need to strengthen and rebuild this country by investing in our infrastructure. It puts people to work, and it is what we need to do.

Smart cuts make sense, but so do smart investments, and infrastructure is a good way to go.

Mr. GARAMENDI. I am going to pick up right on the issues that you raised. These are the essential elements of a manufacturing strategy. So if we are going to make it in America, we need to make things in America and these are the essential things.

You talk about trade policy. We cannot continue just to give it all away and just expect to be importers of cheap products made elsewhere. So we need good trade policies that position America's manufacturing sector to be competitive.

We speak specifically here of China, a lot of issues involved in China, currency; and it goes on and on. But this is one of the areas where we must stand firmly or else we will lose it because somebody else is going to make it and ship it here.

Unfairly, taxes. The tax policy of the Nation needs to encourage manufacturing. I want to give two examples that were part of the Democratic agenda, and these are now in law. Last year, as part of our program, we provided a tax break for American manufacturers who invested in capital equipment. We said, don't worry about depreciation. You invest in capital equipment, that is grow your manufacturing capacity and you could write off against your taxes in 1 year, that investment. That's a tax policy.

The second tax policy we said is it's not right for American corporations to get a tax break when they offshore jobs. We said enough of that. No more, you are going to do that. On both of these policies, our Republican colleagues refuse to join us. So presumably they want to continue giving corporations tax breaks when they send jobs offshore, and they don't care whether American companies invest here in the United States with capital equipment.

Energy, crucial, crucial. We cannot any longer put our future to risk on international oil markets. We are seeing it today, the extraordinary rise in the cost of gasoline and diesel, energy policy, energy independence, advanced biofuels, conservation, electric cars, all of those things.

Labor, you talked about labor. Again, it was the labor movement that created the middle class in America by standing firm and saying the workers of America need to share in the great wealth of America. We have seen the decline of labor, and we have seen the equal decline of the middle class. They go together.

Labor, fair labor rules, what's going on in the Midwest, Wisconsin, your

State of Ohio, other States, is wrong. The labor movement and collective bargaining is crucial to America's middle class because that gives the foundation, education policy.

What in the world are our Republican colleagues thinking about when they cut education funding? If we are going to compete, we need a well-educated workforce, and you can't do it on the cheap. It requires an investment.

I use intellectual property here; we could just as easily use the word "research." It is from the research that the new products are created. It's in those new products that the great profits are, and it's where we must protect the research.

Again, my Republican colleagues, why are you reducing the research budget for America? Why are you doing that, when, in fact, that's where the future industries come from? Don't, don't cut there.

And, finally, infrastructure, the foundation upon which everything moves, including thought.

We used to think of infrastructure being roads, streets, water systems, sanitation systems, yes. And now it's the intellectual infrastructure, the intellectual highway. All of that infrastructure is crucial if we fail to invest. By the way, in terms of the Net highway, access to the Net, the United States falls behind virtually every other industrialized country in the world and in many cases behind developing countries.

This is a Make it in America strategy. These are the elements: trade policy, tax policy, energy policy, labor policy, education, research, intellectual property and infrastructure. This is the Democratic agenda. This is what we are putting forth. This is what we will fight for because this is how you build the American middle class, by making it in America.

I want to thank my colleagues Ms. SUTTON; Mr. CLARKE, who was here earlier; our minority leader. We use the words minority whip now. You were our majority leader just a few months ago, and you will once again be because this agenda, the Make it in America, is the American solution to our economy and to our economic growth and to rebuilding the great American middle class.

I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN ADLER

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. REED). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LANCE) is recognized for 17 minutes.

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening in a very sad moment for the people of the State of New Jersey. I want to thank Congressman PALLONE for joining with me this evening, as well as other Members of the House, as we pay tribute to our colleague, John Adler, who served in this House in the

last Congress, an extremely close personal friend of mine, he and I having served 17 years together in the New Jersey legislature.

Mr. Speaker, before I deliver my remarks, we are honored this evening to be joined by the minority whip, the former majority leader, who certainly knew Congressman Adler well.

I yield to the distinguished minority whip, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. I thank my friend for yielding.

I did not know that he was taking a Special Order, but I was here on the floor, went over to say hello to my dear friend and he indicated this Special Order was being taken for John Adler.

John Adler died too young. John Adler contributed extraordinarily to his family, to his community, to his State and to his Nation.

He served here too short a time. He was full of energy and of ideas, of intellect, of integrity; and he became a good friend in a short period of time. And I counted him as one of the assets of this Congress, not a Democratic asset or a Republican asset, but someone who cared about his country and who wanted to see it adopt policies that were productive for its people.

It is appropriate that we remember this too short a life that, notwithstanding its brevity, was filled with great productivity, service and commitment. I appreciate the fact that the members of the New Jersey delegation have allowed me to join them, Mr. Speaker, in paying tribute to this great American.

I want to say to his family, I called Shelley the other day and didn't get her but left a message, four children are missing their father tonight, a loving wife, whom I got to know as well, missing her husband. While our loss is certainly not as personal or as keen as their loss, we share that loss in a very real sense.

Not only have we lost an American public servant; we have lost a friend and a colleague. For that we will say a prayer for his family, and we will be there for his family whenever they need us.

So I thank the gentleman from New Jersey, my friend Mr. LANCE, for giving me this time to join him and Mr. PALLONE and Mr. HOLT in paying tribute to this wonderful human being whom we had the privilege of serving with, for too brief a time.

Mr. LANCE. Thank you very much, Mr. HOYER.

Mr. Speaker, I have known John Adler for 20 years.

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He entered the New Jersey State Senate in January 1992, having been the only Democratic candidate to win an open seat that year, defeating an incumbent in what was not a strong year for the Democratic Party, his party. It was a strong year for my party, the Republican Party. And so he came to Trenton as a phenomenon.

He was a very young man. He was born in 1959, so he would have been 32 years old when he became a member of the State Senate. I had been elected to an unexpired term in the General Assembly the year before, and I served in the 1990s in the General Assembly, the lower house of our legislature, and he served continually in our upper house, in our State Senate, having first been elected in 1991 and then reelected in 1993, 1997, 2001, 2003 and 2007.

He rose to a position of prominence in the New Jersey Senate. He eventually chaired the State Senate Judiciary Committee, which is an extremely important responsibility in the structure of our government in New Jersey. And he was always interested in public policy. The year before he was elected to the State Senate, he had run as an underdog in a congressional race. And although he did not win that race, I think that many took note of his candidacy, and I think that propelled him into our State Senate.

I moved from the lower house of the New Jersey legislature to the State Senate in the election of 2001 when we became direct colleagues, and we worked together on many different issues. And he always worked in a collegial and extremely competent fashion.

Indeed, we sat next to each other for a period of time of our service in the State Senate, divided only by the center aisle. To those who know our State Capitol in Trenton, the State Senate chamber is a very small room. It was designed originally for 21 members, one State Senator from each of our 21 counties, and when the State Senate was increased in population in the 1960s, based upon the principle of one person one vote, to 40 members, it became a place where it's really quite overcrowded. And so we really sat extremely close to each other in this small chamber of the State Senate.

John Adler's career in the legislature was one of distinction—for example, prohibiting smoking in indoor public places and workplaces. He also sponsored an act promoting lower vehicle emissions and an antipredatory lending act to protect consumers from unfair credit practices. And based on that and many other accomplishments when he came here, he was appointed to the Financial Services Committee, the committee to which I was appointed, as well, and so we became colleagues not only here in this Chamber, the House of Representatives, the people's House across the United States, but we became colleagues on the Financial Services Committee.

John was not raised in circumstances of affluence. He lost his father when he was a young man, and for him and his mother, it was a struggle. And yet despite that, he went to Harvard. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1981, and from Harvard Law School in 1984. He was an excellent student. And at Harvard, he met the person who became his wife, Shelley, someone whom

I know and who is known by my wife, Heidi, and we consider ourselves to be friends with the entire Adler family.

And together, John and Shelley brought into this world four wonderful sons, Jeff, Alex, Andrew and Oliver, all of whom I know. Jeff is at Harvard at the moment, Alex is at Cornell, and they have two younger brothers. And tonight on this sad day, the day when John's funeral took place at Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill, we remember prayerfully his wife, Shelley, and their beautiful sons, Jeff, Alex, Andrew and Oliver.

In 2008, there were two open seats in the House of Representatives in New Jersey due to retirements: Jim Saxton in District 3 and Mike Ferguson in District 7. And John succeeded Jim Saxton, as I had the honor of succeeding Mike Ferguson. So we were the only freshmen in the class of 2008 from New Jersey. And I think that we shared that bond as, of course, every member of a freshman class shares a particular and special bond.

Certainly, it is exciting for someone to move from a State legislative chamber here to the House of Representatives, and I think we shared that excitement, for example, when we went together to the Harvard seminar that took place for new members, and of course the orientation that takes place here and when we would bump into each other in the Hall here during orientation sometimes we thought, what were we doing here? It was an exciting time for both of us.

John Adler was a person of enormous wit, a very dry, subtle, and sophisticated wit. And it really pierced the veil of much of what occurs in public life and in political life where in so many instances we take ourselves too seriously. That was not Congressman Adler.

He had been involved over the course of his life in many different charitable activities. He served on the Cherry Hill Township Council before he went to the State legislature, the boards of the Camden County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Food Bank of South Jersey, the Virtua West Jersey Health and Hospital Foundation, and the Camden County Advisory Board on Children. And certainly his respect for the political process is something that we should all recall, especially those of us who had the honor of serving with him in Trenton and in Washington.

I believe that those who serve in public life do so out of a sense of responsibility. John Adler could have made a great fortune in the practice of law given his native intelligence, given his academic training and given his ability as a speaker. He chose to be involved in public life in Cherry Hill, a great suburban community in Camden County in southern New Jersey, in the State legislature, where he was very much involved in making sure that the judges who were appointed to office in New Jersey were men and women of ability. We have a system in New Jersey, Mr.

Speaker, where our judges are appointed, not elected; appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. And as chairman of the State Senate Judiciary Committee, John was intimately involved in that.

The district he served was an interesting district. The only Camden County community in the district is his hometown of Cherry Hill, and he served vast portions of neighboring counties, Burlington County and Ocean County. And to those who are not familiar with the geography of the State of New Jersey, places in Ocean County are among the most beautiful beaches anywhere, not only in this country but in the entire world. And I know that he had a commitment to protecting our environment.

John Adler's life was ended by a bacterial infection in his heart at age 51. His father had died in his late 40s also based upon a heart condition. So perhaps John Adler had a weakened heart. But he had a very strong heart in his views on public policy, in his views on helping the people whom he represented, first in a municipal governing body for many distinguished years in our State senate, and in the 111th Congress, where he was my colleague and my friend. And where we, too, alone, were the freshmen from the State of New Jersey.

I'm pleased to yield to Congressman HOLT.

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. LANCE) and my other colleague from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) for setting aside this time.

Too young, too soon, not fair, not explicable in a larger sense. It is with great sadness that we come to the floor tonight to honor the life of a fine colleague and a friend, a dedicated public servant to the State of New Jersey, John Adler.

John was dedicated to the service of the people of New Jersey. His devotion to New Jersey led him to run for and win a congressional seat in 2008, as you heard from our colleague, Mr. LANCE. While John ultimately was not returned to this body for this session of Congress, his legacy of public service will indeed live on. No doubt he would have continued to find ways to improve the lives of New Jerseyans.

Sharing not only a State but also a hallway in the Longworth Office Building with John, I had an opportunity to get to know him fairly well. He was a wonderful colleague. I will miss, as we all will, his cheerful demeanor and wonderful sense of humor that he brought to all of his work. A sense of humor, a good spirit in good times and in bad. And I will miss his wisdom and his sharp political insight and his policy knowledge.

Today, during a memorial at his funeral in New Jersey, there were several comments made, and I would like to read a few. His law school roommate

and best man commented that John Adler really did believe that worrying was just a waste of time. He believed that any setback was an opportunity for something good to happen.

Friends remembered that after he had been defeated but Congress was still in session for another 2 months, he continued diligently to work here in Congress. As they said, he wanted to make sure that he made it to all of the caucus meetings on time. He wanted to continue to make the right votes for the people of New Jersey.

His brother-in-law commented that playing knowledge games against John was like playing against Google. He recalled John's near-brush with "Jeopardy" fame that fizzled after the former Congressman paid, out of his own pocket, to fly for a taping to the television program. He made it to the makeup room, and one of the functionaries asked in a formal sense whether John knew anyone who worked for ABC. And John said, Well, yes, he thought one of his law school classmates had taken a job with a station. And the producers said that was it; he couldn't participate.

Said his brother-in-law: You mean you flew all the way out to California on your own dime? Why on Earth would you tell them that? And John replied, because I didn't want to lie.

Shelley, John's wife, is an accomplished, lovely person. And there is every indication that their sons are as bright and public spirited as their parents. This is a real loss for many of us, as well as for the people of New Jersey.

I ask that the Members of the House join me in extending our sympathy and condolences to John's family and friends and his many admirers.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOHN ADLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 17 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker; and I want to continue making this tribute and joining my colleagues, Congressman LANCE and Congressman HOLT, in this tribute this evening to John Adler, a good friend and one of our colleagues.

I don't want to repeat some of the things that my colleagues have already said, but I would like to talk a little bit about some instances of my own life that also involved John.

I think Mr. LANCE mentioned how difficult his political life was in the sense that he was always running in areas that were primarily or historically Republican. When he was elected to the State senate back in the early 1990s, he won in an upset against an incumbent. Of course, when he ran for the congressional seat which adjoins mine in the south in Ocean County, he was very much running against the odds. That seat had been held by Con-

gressman Saxton, who was also a good friend for many years, and was Republican as far back as anyone can remember. And he still won. I think he won by 51 or 52 percent of the vote. He just always faced challenges like that.

It was mentioned when he was growing up that his father died also of a heart condition at a young age, I think 47 years old; and I don't even know if John was in high school at that time. He would often talk on the campaign trail about growing up and having to depend on Social Security benefits, and he was able to relate to people because of his upbringing, those who were struggling and those who had a hard time because maybe they had lost a father or didn't have a parent or grew up in circumstances where they didn't have much money.

I think that the energy and the willingness to always take on the fight very much characterized John. As was mentioned, he really was one of the smartest people that I have ever met. I remember on another occasion when we were at a campaign event and I was introducing him, and I mentioned he graduated undergraduate from Harvard University and then went on to Harvard law school and how impressed I was with that. After the event was over, he came up to me and said, Frank, don't mention I went to Harvard; I have to be humble. And that certainly doesn't indicate any kind of humility if you mention Harvard. Not that he wasn't proud of it, he certainly was, and he had reason to be.

But he always wanted to relate to the average person, to the middle class person, to the little guy because that was his upbringing. That is what he was really all about. That is why he wanted to come to Congress.

As Mr. LANCE mentioned, anybody who graduates from Harvard undergraduate and law school could easily spend the rest of their life making money and doing well financially, but he decided he wanted to go into politics. He wanted to help people. And even if it meant he had to run in a district and work hard and raise a lot of money to campaign in order to win, he was determined to do that because he really believed that that is what life is all about, giving back, giving to the public, giving back to his country.

I want to just mention a couple of other things that I thought were kind of interesting. John would always talk about his family. I don't know how long it takes to go back and forth to where he lived in Cherry Hill exactly, probably a couple of hours, maybe a little more, but he was always determined to go back and forth as much as possible. Even when he was here, in order to make sure that he was able to help his family and not spend a lot of money, he would spend the night in his office because he wanted to make sure that he had enough money to pay for his family.

He always talked about his kids; he talked about their education. He was

so proud of the fact of where they were going to college and talked to me many times about them and their education and wanted to go back home so he could go to an athletic event with them or just be with them and his wife, Shelley.

The one thing that everyone comments about is not only John's humility but also his sense of humor. I have to tell you that many times I would come to the floor and sometimes I always remember him over in that set of chairs or standing up in that part of the House floor. I would always come up to him and ask him if he wanted to do a 1-minute Special Order or if he wanted to do this or that. I was always nagging him to do different things. And sometimes he would do, and sometimes he wouldn't; but he would always tell a joke. He always would make me laugh.

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I have to be honest that oftentimes after a long day here in the House of Representatives, that's really what you need. You need someone to tell a joke or to make you laugh with his wit, with his sense of humor. It was a very special thing. I'm not sure that I can really describe it well.

Also, on the campaign trail, JON RUNYAN, his successor in Congress, was here speaking the other night. You couldn't help when you saw John Adler and JON RUNYAN together, Jon is this huge guy, a football player, big, tall, and, of course, John Adler was so slight. He always exercised. I don't even know how much he weighed, but he was very slight. The contrast between them was sort of interesting. John would always poke fun at that as well, the fact that he was a slight guy and that JON RUNYAN was such a big guy as a football player.

I heard Mr. LANCE talk about Ocean County and John representing Ocean County. I can't help but mention one aspect of that, and that is the fact that when he first was running in Ocean County, because I used to represent it at one time, he would remark to me about how beautiful it was, how wonderful the beaches were, and he was very concerned to preserve the quality of the beaches, the quality of the ocean, and also protect the industries that used them, particularly the fishing industry. There was an organization called the Recreational Fishing Alliance that was very supportive of John because he was very concerned about the fishing industry. It was historically part of Ocean County and part of New Jersey going back to even Colonial times, and that he felt he had a special role to play in trying to protect the industry.

They appreciated it. Fishermen, maybe unlike some people, they can kind of see whether you're really on their side and whether you really are truly supportive of them and understand their concerns. They understood that John did, and they really appreciated all the help that he gave them.