

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today as the United Nations Cairo Plus 5 Prep Conference on Population and Development is going on in New York, our young women around the world are under attack. At Cairo Plus 5, it is the U.S. delegation which is suggesting that any future document should delete virtually all references to parental rights when it comes to a girl's adolescent sexuality; that is right, the U.S. delegation.

It is interesting that this is the same week during which we in Congress will address parental rights domestically as we consider the important Child Custody Protection Act.

As we speak, young women and their parents around the world face the threat of yet another another government-knows-best strategy that has more potential to destroy families.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the countries of the world who still hold to the importance of parents in critical decisions will reject this propaganda and exploitation of paternity from the U.S. representatives by ensuring and protecting their care-giving parents with the rights inherent in that role.

#### AMERICA HAS ANOTHER RECORD TRADE DEFICIT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, for the third straight month America has another record trade deficit. China and Japan are now taking \$130 billion a year out of our economy. China and Japan are taking \$130 billion a year out of our economy, and no one in Washington is even paying any attention.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. While Congress worries about the Balkans, Asia, Africa, and the Mideast, Congress is ignoring the good old U.S.A. I believe that is a recipe for disaster. I yield back what jobs we have left.

#### LAWMAKERS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF THE FOUNDERS OF OUR NATION

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, no matter the issue, no matter the arguments, there is one principle which undergirds the proceedings in this House Chamber and one principle which we should rise to uphold. It is enshrined forever in the three opening words of the living document that we swear allegiance to, our Constitution, as our Founders had the great and good sense to use the words, "We, the people."

President Lincoln offered validation of that perspective over 100 years later when he spoke in Gettysburg of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Mr. Speaker, today, shortly, as we take up legislation on this floor, we will consider measures to help provide for those who have provided for our common defense. Whether the issue is veterans' health care, health care for all Americans, or our fiscal responsibility, we would do well to be guided by the words of our Founders.

#### AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES SHOULD DO MORE TO PROTECT THE SERBIAN POPULATION IN KOSOVO

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

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed at the failure of the United States and our allies to do a better job of protecting the Serbian population of Kosovo. I think we had a strong moral right to go to the aid of the Albanian population of that place. We did it because we wanted to protect innocent people from being persecuted based on their ethnicity.

No doubt there are Serbs who deserve to be prosecuted because of their actions, but no people deserves to be mistreated because of their ethnicity. We took over the province militarily. We did so for good reasons. But along with taking it over comes an obligation to protect innocent people.

I understand it is difficult. I understand this is not the primary task which military people have been trained for. We will not fully do it until we get a police force in there. I understand things happened very rapidly before there could be complete preparation.

The fact is, we have a strong moral obligation. As strong as our moral obligation was to protect the Albanian Kosovars, so do we have a moral obligation to protect the great mass of Serbian people. We are not doing nearly as good a job about that as we should.

#### FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AN INCREDIBLE STORY OF NICE GUYS FINISHING FIRST

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

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, from San Antonio, we have an incredible story of nice guys finishing first. This past weekend the torch of basketball greatness was passed from the Chicago Bulls to the San Antonio Spurs.

The Spurs are now the NBA champions. They are an unusual bunch for our time: selfless, no hot dogs, no hams on the team, just hard-working men who demonstrated the highest form of character. They are gentlemen who set good examples for our young people. They showed that you can play great offense, great defense, and also be a great person.

To owners Julianna and Peter Holt, to Coach Gregg Popovich, to the starting lineup of Sean Elliott, Mario Elie, Tim Duncan, David Robinson, and the little general who made the big shot, Avery Johnson, congratulations on blowing away the New York Knicks to become the new World Champions.

You've given us, the long-time fans of South Texas, an experience we will cherish forever.

#### THE SOCIAL SECURITY "LOCKBOX"

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, we passed in the House a very, very significant bill. It had to do with the lockbox. What it did is it put the social security money basically off-budget so that we would not continue to do as we have done in the past, which is combine social security money with general purpose spending.

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We passed that out of the House. We had a good debate on it. There was disagreement here and there, but we passed it. The will of the House was to move it forward. But now the Senate, which we appropriately address as "the other body," but it is the other body, they will not move on that.

It is very important to my grandmother, to your grandmother, to your parents, that we quit mixing Social Security proceeds with general operating revenues. There is not a business in America that is allowed to mix its pension plan with its operating expenses. It is now time for the other body to vote on this bill, which the President supports, and let us protect the retirement of our grandparents and parents.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Members are reminded not to refer in debate to action or inaction by the other body.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 25, 1999.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on June 25, 1999 at 1:34 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a copy of an Executive Order entitled, Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act.