any project he led, were two of his most honorable attributes.

My deepest sympathies go out to Senator COVERDELL's family, colleagues, and his staff during this most difficult time.

Senator COVERDELL and his genuine love for our great Nation will be missed by colleague and friend alike.

□

EYES ON CAMP DAVID: LAND FOR PEACE

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

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, our eyes are on Camp David, and the focus is on various details, 90 percent, 92 percent, this or that concession. And I think it is important for us to take a step back and to look at the entire panoply.

The discussion is land for peace. This is the first time in recorded history when the land for peace equation has meant that the country that has won the wars has been asked to concede land.

Mr. Speaker, never has there been such extraordinary love of peace as we see in the people of Israel, willing to make concessions after they have won four wars of defense. We should also note that half the Jewish population of Israel are themselves refugees from Arab states, from Yemen and Iran and from other Islamic countries. There is not even the slightest discussion that these Jewish refugees will receive any compensation. We must admire Israel's love of peace.

□

REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, as we know, this Congress has accomplished much, and it should be proud of what it has done. We said we wanted to preserve and protect Social Security and Medicare, and we have. We stopped the raid on Social Security that had been going on for decades. And we made the system stronger by passing legislation locking away 100 percent of the Social Security surplus for Social Security, not for any other spending.

Republicans said we would eliminate the deficit and pay down the debt, and we have. In fact, under the Republican budget, we will pay off the entire $3.5 trillion publicly held debt. When Americans across this land said they wanted us to eliminate the marriage tax, we ignored protests from the Clinton-Gore administration, and we passed a bill that makes married couples equal with singles in the eyes of the IRS.

Let us work together in a bipartisan manner on behalf of all Americans to protect and preserve Social Security and accomplish these other goals.

CONSIDERING LEGISLATION HELPING AMERICAN FAMILIES SAVE FOR RETIREMENT

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

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, today we are going to consider legislation that will help American families save for retirement. This has never been more important than now, because baby boomers are getting along in their career years and projections are that they will live longer than ever.

The Democrats will offer a substitute, which will add to the underlying legislation, a new savings incentive for middle- and modest-income households. It will be a tax credit for savings committed and will function much like an employer match on traditional 401(k) plans. If you contribute at the qualifying income level, $2,000, to an IRA, the Federal Government will provide a tax credit for $1,000 that can be added to that savings strategy.

□ 1015

This Democrat substitute, I hope, will enjoy the support of both parties. It goes directly to middle and modest income levels, those that are having most difficulty in saving for retirement.

□

PROTECT AMERICAN JOBS AND THE CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, the price of gasoline in my home State of Michigan is currently the highest in the country: still nearly $1.90 for a gallon of regular. Yet if $2.00 a gallon is troubling, just consider the impact of implementing the administration's flawed Kyoto Treaty. Tack on at least another 65 cents a gallon and double, double, the energy costs of powering our homes and our factories. Compound this with the loss of as many as 3.2 million American jobs, and we see what this treaty really entails.

The fate of the American economy would be placed in the hands of those nations who do not have to comply with the dictates of the treaty but yet are the biggest offenders. Vice President GORE blatantly disregarded unanimous Senate advice in 1997 and volunteered American taxpayers to the Kyoto Protocol. Three years have now passed and still the advice and the consent of the Senate, as mandated by the Constitution, has not been sought on this misguided treaty.

We already pay too much for our energy supplies. We cannot afford to further insult the American worker with this damaged and unratified treaty.

□

REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, we must be doing a good job when our friends on the other side of the aisle are racing to take credit for our accomplishments. To set the record straight, it was a Republican Congress that provided the fiscal discipline needed to balance the budget for the first time in a generation.

We passed the first broad-based tax cut in 16 years and returned more dollars back to the American taxpayers. We are continuing to find ways to eliminate unfair taxes that penalize hard-working Americans.

This Congress has worked to abolish the earnings limit for our Nation's seniors, repeal the burdensome death tax, and has extended incentives for hard-working Americans to save and invest in the future.

This week the House will again vote to reduce the unfair marriage penalty tax which punishes couples just for being married. We have proven our commitment to secure a better future for every American.

□

THE FAMILY UNIT IS WHAT MAKES AMERICA STRONG

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that the strength of our country can be measured by the strength of our families, and it is true that the family is our smallest unit of government. So when families are doing well, we all do well. It is in the family that we pass on the virtues and the knowledge to build a great Nation. We know that when Mom and Dad can care for their children, their kids do better in school. They are less likely to get into drugs and more likely to reach their goals.

Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have passed legislation to make American families stronger. It is called marriage penalty tax relief. With this help, moms and dads can spend more time building strong families and a stronger Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the President to sign the marriage penalty tax relief, and together we will build a better America.

□

AMERICA'S MILITARY, THE BEST IN THE WORLD

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, throughout my years in public service I have had the pleasure of meeting and becoming acquainted with many of the fine men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Their strength has allowed America to be an agent for change and courage. They have helped