

Now. Well, I do not happen to think we should, and, by the way, I am not advocating that we bulldoze all the forests and all of the rain forests. By the way, what you would do then is plant young trees. It is young trees and plants that are young that soak in the carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. That is what you want for a better balance of CO₂ and oxygen in the planet. But I would not advocate that. But I do not believe in the global warming theory.

Interestingly enough, many global warming people also oppose nuclear power. Making sure we put the power of the atom to work in producing electricity would have a tremendous impact in lowering CO₂. Are you going to find them out here advocating that? No way. Instead, what they are advocating are stricter controls on the amount of money that is invested in businesses in this country, the amount of money that is invested in manufacturing facilities, and restricting the kind of activity that we can do industrially in this country. And who does that hurt? It hurts ordinary working people who want to have working class jobs. That is who it hurts. They are willing to do that. Their own theory would suggest they said bulldoze down all of the forests and all of the swamps and rain forests we have.

Do not hold your breath looking for those people to be consistent. Instead, what you can do is watch them come to the well day after day condemning George W. Bush for not going along with the global warming treaty, and being very nebulous about exactly what that means. He supposedly is doing nothing.

George Bush was 100 percent right in rejecting the Kyoto Protocol and demanding further scientific research before any drastic government policies are put into place. The most frightening element of the global warming debate is that intelligent people backed up by so-called experts are willing to give up the American way of life, and, yes, put into place regulations and taxes that would lower our standing of living.

Global warming advocates would have us give authority to unelected international officials. And all of this to me, I do not care if they call them international environmental bureaucrats or just international officials, if they have not been elected, I do not want them making decisions over my life. If these global warming fanatics have their way, Americans are going to be targeted as the bad guys.

If you ever listen to these arguments, whether it is Daschle or other global warming advocates, it is always the American people that put more pollutants into the air. No, that argument does not hold. In fact, what every person in the world puts into the air is only a minor, a minor, contribution to what global warming is all about. But, yet, the American people are trying to be stampeded by this campaign.

Now, I have seen campaigns like this before. I have seen people trying to scare people on various issues since I was a little kid. How many people remember when cranberries were supposedly going to cause cancer, and then all of a sudden the cranberry business for 2 years went to hell. People went bankrupt because our people were frightened into believing cranberries caused cancer. That is when I was a little kid.

Guess what? People are drinking cranberry juice. There are so many cranberries being consumed in our country, I cannot believe it.

Then there were cyclamates in soda. That was going to cause cancer. It cost our soda pop industry billions of dollars that evaporated. They put the cyclamates in, it was something to keep people from gaining weight.

Canada never took the cyclamates out. Then 10 years ago, after billions of dollars of cost they mandated in our business, that means there are fewer people employed, that comes right out of the general welfare of our people, that we do not have that wealth to make our lives better, guess what? The FDA said, guess what? We are sorry, the cyclamates do not cause cancer after all.

We also remember a very well-known movie star that convinced us only a few years ago that alar in apples caused cancer. Well, I am sorry, after about a year that actress was found to be wrong. But what happened in that year? Apple farmers suffered tremendous losses. Many families lost their whole life savings. They went out of business.

When we buy on total theories that are haywire and unscientific theories, there is an effect to this. There is a cause and effect. We buy on to things that are not scientifically proven, they are trying to scare us. Just like they are trying to scare the kids in my Congressional District about dirty air. That is the cleanest air we have had in decades, but if we buy on to those theories and get frightened, it will impact in a negative way.

Now, with the cranberries and the cyclamates and the alar, it just hurt various farmers. But if we buy on to the global warming theory, it is going to hurt all of us. It is going to bring down our standard of living.

Thank God we have a President of the United States that is willing to say this does not hold water; we need a lot more scientific research before we make such decisions; I am not going to go along with this global warming Kyoto Protocol. I commend him for that, and I would hope that the American people understand his wisdom and his courage and that he is standing there to protect us and to protect our standard of living.

With that, I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing that George W. Bush is doing this kind of job and that he is a good man, and wish him well.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KIRK). The Chair will remind all Members that in order to preserve comity between the two chambers, Members will refrain from making personal references to Senators.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FROST (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 12:30 p.m. today on account of official business.

Mr. HANSEN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. KELLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for after 1:00 p.m. today on account of family reasons.

Mr. MCINNIS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family reasons.

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Thursday, July 26, before 3:00 p.m. on account of attending a family funeral.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. WATT of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. SUNUNU (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a memorial service for his uncle.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. INSLEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STEARNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OBERSTAR, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.