

CORPORATE CRIMINALS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, when one is an executive of a large corporation, one has a job that carries tremendous responsibility. Ford Motors, Chevron, Texaco, and IBM have more employees than many countries have citizens. Wal-Mart, EXXON, and General Motors have annual budgets larger than the gross domestic products of many nations.

When the executives of Enron, which was America's fifth largest company, cooked the books, the victims of their crime are not just a few people from Houston. Americans everywhere suffer, some severely. When the executives of WorldCom, which was America's 42nd largest employer, used tricky accounting to fool investors, everybody suffers, too.

When a mugger in a back alley sticks us up at gunpoint and takes our wallets, that is bad. But is it not worse when a man in a thousand dollar suit steals millions of dollars from people who are counting on his honesty to help them keep their jobs or to retire?

Yesterday, the House voted for a new law to severely punish corporate crooks for their crimes. We should conference with the other body immediately so we can send a bill to the President as soon as possible.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR AMERICA'S SENIORS

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, let me start and indicate how important it is for us to not forget our seniors when it comes to prescription drug coverage.

Our seniors right now represent 34 percent of the prescriptions that are dished out every single year.

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Out of every dollar, 42 cents represents the amount of money that they dish out. Forty-two percent. Despite that, it is expected that sales and benefits of pharmaceutical companies will be over 18 percent. So at the expense of our seniors, the pharmaceutical companies continue to make these huge profits.

It is up to us to make sure we do what we can to make sure that we allow that opportunity for our seniors to have accessibility and be able to have affordable coverage when it comes to prescription drug coverage.

We know that those same pharmaceutical companies sell those prescriptions elsewhere, throughout the world and throughout Europe, at lower prices. These are the same products that are sold to our seniors here at higher prices. So it is up to us to push forward a prescription drug coverage

and allow Medicare to cover the prescriptions.

HONORING A GREAT AMERICAN

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me today to be able to honor an American war hero, First Lieutenant James Flowers, Jr. He enlisted as a private in the Texas National Guard in 1930, and from there worked his way up the military ladder and on July 10, 1944, Flowers was a platoon leader when he volunteered his four tanks to help an infantry battalion encircled by Germans.

His unit encountered enemy fire, and from there Flowers endured what can only be described as hell on earth. While 1 minute cannot do his sacrifices justice, please know this man embodies duty, honor, and country.

First, his right foot was blown away by enemy fire. While waiting for relief, he lost his left leg below the knee. After two nights of desperately needing medical attention and lying severely injured, Americans finally came to the rescue.

Nominated for the Medal of Honor, he was awarded four medals for his bravery and valor.

While some would be hardened and angry after this unspeakable kind of tragedy, Flowers persevered. After being discharged, he attended SMU and began working in the prosthetics department of the VA. He moved to the Dallas VA where he established the first prosthetics treatment center in the Nation.

Flowers has given so much to this country in his area of expertise. He exemplifies our greatest generation. God bless him and God bless our servicemen and women around the world.

AMERICANS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE COUNTRY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, last night this House was kept in session to a ridiculously late hour because there was a divide on the Republican side of the aisle over our Interior bill, where we are supposed to be finding the money to keep our parks open with enough bathrooms and visitor centers and parking spaces to accommodate a growing American public.

They were mad because they said there was not enough money. Well, let me contend where they should look for the money. They should not look for the money in the Committee on Appropriations. They should go back to the tax committee and figure out who they gave the money to.

Richey Rich is going to make \$20 million this year in our country. And if we

look at the buy-out packages that they permitted to the chief executive officers in this country and the tax breaks alone in the Bush tax bill, the tax bill to Richey Rich will amount to \$712,800 this year because his marginal rate was reduced to 3.6 percent. We might say, gosh, he is only going to make \$19.8 million this year, at the same time as we struggle for pennies and are forced to increase fees at our national parks across this country.

The answer is not inside the Subcommittee on Interior, the answer is to go back to the tax committee and make every single American contribute to the betterment of this Republic.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ATTACK ON KASHMIRI CIVILIANS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I condemn Saturday's terrorist attack in Kashmir that killed 28 people. This attack was just another reminder to the Kashmiri Pandit community that Hindus are still being targeted by Islamic militants in order to drive them from the Indian state of Kashmir. This was cold-blooded murder of civilian men, women, and children, who were innocently listening to a radio sports event at a tea stall.

More than 400,000 Hindus in Kashmir have been forced from their homes due to targeted attacks of Islamic militants. For many years, Pakistan's military worked together with its intelligence agency, the ISI, to coordinate attacks against civilians in Kashmir. These very same forces helped in creating the Taliban and al Qaeda.

Pakistan must stop the movement of al Qaeda members from the northwestern part of Pakistan into the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Pakistan must also shut down its terrorist camps, remove the influence of extremist religious clerics from government affairs, and make generous peace offerings to India. Only then can a dialogue between India and Pakistan take place.

CONGRESS MUST PLAY A ROLE IN ANY POSSIBLE ATTACK ON IRAQ

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is worth considering the headlines regarding Iraq in the last week. From United Press International: "U.S. Plans Massive Invasion of Iraq." From Associated Press: "U.S. Says Iraq Would Target Troops." From United Press: "According to officials who spoke to UPI, three dates are being discussed as possible times to launch the attack. The first would be before the