

to address these global environmental issues. I assure you that I am willing to work with you to make sure that we in Congress move in that direction.

Did the gentleman from California have any concluding thoughts?

Mr. FARR of California. I just want to thank the gentleman. I would love to see the leadership, the political leadership, elected leadership and the administration, would it not be wonderful if the electricity on the President of the United States' ranch was totally generated by solar power and that the vehicles that were driven on that ranch or were used were these hybrid vehicles as other countries have had. That is the kind of leadership. We need to demonstrate by our own actions as I have at home by using solar power to generate energy in my piece of property down on the Big Sur coast. That is the kind of leadership I think that the people are asking for, is demonstrate by your own use. My wife wants to get for our next car a hybrid car. I think each one of us can do our part. But at the same time we have to look and commend those areas, as I said, like California that has really moved on a huge scale to convert 33 million people into being energy-conscious, and to being environmentally sensitive.

I want to thank the gentleman for representing our Nation's viewpoint in the global conference in South Africa. I appreciate him and our other colleagues in this House attending that.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I thank the gentleman from California. When we talk about leading by example in energy efficiency, does the gentleman from Maine have any experience?

Mr. ALLEN. I have done the same thing with a vacation property I have in Maine, which is convert to solar power. It is absolutely wonderful. We all need to take whatever steps we can. The gentleman from Oregon referred to the hybrid cars that exist. I do understand that Ford next year is going to come out with a hybrid. I have not seen it yet, but I understand they are working on one. It may be out next year. So there are going to be opportunities for the American public to save energy, save money and contribute to making this a cleaner planet.

I thank the gentleman very much for organizing this special order.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I thank the gentleman for joining me.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5319

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 5319. The record should reflect that the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) was intended to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 5319.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

THE IRAQI SITUATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FERGUSON). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I found the previous speakers' comments interesting. In part their comments were accurate, but I should point out that when we talk about the Kyoto treaty, what they should bring to the attention of the body is that when it was voted on by the United States Senate, the vote was 99-0. 99-0. That was not all Republicans, that was Democrats and Republicans combined in the United States Senate. Not one vote in favor of that so-called treaty. Why? Because that treaty unfairly assaulted the United States of America.

Obviously we as elected representatives of this country want to stand in front of this body and stand in front of the American public and commit to do things that are better. We can do a lot more to conserve, everybody in this country, in this world, can do more to conserve and, frankly, conservation right now is going to get us a lot further than my colleague's suggestion that the President of the United States convert his ranch in Texas to solar power. Conservation is the answer right now. In the long run, solar power, in the long run energy from waves, in the long run energy from other sources is what is going to be the answer, but in the short time, sitting here and condemning the United States of America as some people might do or feeling that the United States of America should hang its head low is wrong. The leading technologies in the world on environmental control, on assisting us with stopping pollution, on making coal cleaner burning and so on, without a doubt the leading technologies in the world are developed by the scientists in the United States of America. There is no other country in the world that has helped more other countries with their environmental problems, assisting them, sending them financial aid, doing anything we can to assist, than the United States of America.

The United States of America has nothing to apologize about. The United States of America is committed to do things better. But I for one am tired of seeing foreign country after foreign country after foreign country bash the United States of America. And we see it come to this floor. Some of our colleagues, while well intended, seem to get up here and become apologists for the greatest country in the history of the world. This country, the United States of America, has fought for other countries, has gone overseas more than any other country in the history of the world to fight not for American land but to fight for other people in this world.

Who do you think led the battle in Bosnia? Who do you think got communism out of Europe? You can go to example after example after example. It is the United States of America. To see some of my colleagues, or to see people stand up and continually bash the United States and put a spin on it is discouraging.

Take a look at Berkeley University. I cannot even imagine. There is an actual debate at Berkeley University on the commemoration for September 11, whether they should allow red, white and blue to be worn. Not a flag, just the colors red, white and blue, whether they should be allowed to be worn on campus because it might offend somebody. The American flag might offend somebody, so maybe we ought to take it down. Come on. Give me a break. Patriotism in this country today is still very strong. This country has got a lot more things going right for it than it does wrong. This country will stand head to head with any other nation, not just existing nations today, but look in the history of the world, and I challenge my colleagues, look in the history of the world to find one nation that has done as much as this Nation has done for the poor people in the world, for hungry people in the world, gone to the defense of many, many nations in the history of the world, educated more people than any other country in the world, educated them to a higher level than any other country in the world.

And what is the biggest export of this country that no other country can match? In fact, cumulatively, if you put all the history of the countries together in the world, they do not even come close to exporting what the United States of America exports as its biggest item. What is that item? It is freedom. The United States of America has broken the ice. It has taken the lead. It has put the footprints in the sand for freedom. And we see that some of our citizens for some reason act ashamed of being an American. The beauty of freedom is that they can always move. If the beauty of this country is so bad that you do not think it can be improved or you think that you have to continually criticize this Nation, go somewhere else.

I am one of those people that likes to look at the good things that this Nation does. Look what this Nation has done for the world in the development of medicine, in the development of vaccinations, in the fight against cancer. We can go down a list of a thousand different items. You pick the items. And amongst the very top of doing positive things, of doing good things, is the United States of America.

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Many times, many times the United States of America, when nobody else would stand up, it is the United States of America that ends up standing up. It is the United States of America that is the first one out of the foxhole, and it has not come without cost.