

jobs. The recent rise in our economy's production reflects the largest surge in utility output in 16 years, and the outlook for our country's growth is sitting well with consumers. The latest Consumer Sentiment Index rose in July as Americans become more and more upbeat about the economy.

Tax cuts proposed by President Bush have helped the economy grow at an annualized pace of more than 3 percent for the last 2 years. The last time the economy performed this well was more than 2 decades ago.

In order to maintain a robust economy, we must work with the President to pass legislation that promotes economic growth, including making his tax cuts permanent, restraining government spending, reducing unnecessary regulation, strengthening retirement security and expanding trade.

There is more work to be done, and we must no longer allow some Democrats to stand in the way of job creation.

#### THE COST OF CAFTA TO U.S. TAXPAYERS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Central American Free Trade Agreement would cost U.S. taxpayers \$500 million over the next 10 years, according to estimates released this week by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. The CBO, the arm of Congress that estimates the cost of legislation, also found that revenues to the U.S. Treasury would fall by \$4.4 billion over the same 10-year period, \$440 million a year.

CAFTA will not just drive up a trade deficit that has gone from \$38 billion to \$618 billion in a dozen years; it will not just cause more job loss, we have lost 3 million manufacturing jobs in this country in the last 5 years; it is also going to cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. One more big reason to vote no on the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

#### RHETORIC IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is hot outside, and we must cool off the rhetoric in this House.

We have had another bombing in London, and yet Members of this House are talking about bombing Muslim holy places. Members are quoted in the press as talking about shooting people in the press who are investigating the Karl Rove incident.

This issue is now on the front page of the Washington Post, just like Watergate was, and there is no place for that

kind of inflammatory rhetoric in this House or by the membership of this House.

The Speaker should make it clear that Members have a major impact on the public when they talk in that kind of language. We do not want to be seen to encourage it or in any way say it is all right. Those kinds of things from a Member of Congress are clearly out of place.

I include for printing in the RECORD a story from the Editor & Publisher of a Member of Congress and what has been said in the press today. This must not continue.

REP. KING SAYS RUSSERT AND OTHERS IN MEDIA SHOULD 'BE SHOT,' NOT KARL ROVE

(By E&P Staff)

NEW YORK.—From the transcript of an interview on Tuesday night on MSNBC's "Scarborough Country," between host Joe Scarborough and Congressman PETER KING, a Republican from New York, on the Plame case and the possible leak of the CIA agents name by White House aide Karl Rove.

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Scarborough: The last thing you want to do at a time of war is reveal the identity of undercover CIA agents.

King: No. Joe Wilson, she recommended—his wife recommended him for this. He said the vice president recommended him. To me, she took it off the table. Once she allowed him to go ahead and say that, write his op-ed in "The New York Times," to have Tim Russert give him a full hour on "Meet the Press," saying that he was sent there as a representative of the vice president, when she knew, she knew herself that she was the one that recommended him for it, she allowed that lie to go forward involving the vice president of the United States, the president of the United States, then to me she should be the last one in the world who has any right to complain.

And Joe Wilson has no right to complain. And I think people like Tim Russert and the others, who gave this guy such a free ride and all the media, they're the ones to be shot, not Karl Rove.

Listen, maybe Karl Rove was not perfect. We live in an imperfect world. And I give him credit for having the guts.

And I really—tell you, Republicans are running for cover. They should be out attacking Joe Wilson. We should throw this back at them with all the nonsense that has been said about George Bush and all the lies that have come out.

Scarborough: Well \* \* \*

King: Let's at least stand by the guy. He was trying to set the record straight for historical purposes and to save American lives. And if Joe Wilson's wife was that upset, she should have come out and said that her husband was a liar, when he was.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### REASONS TO VOTE NO ON CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today at 10 o'clock I had the pleasure of being with my good friend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) as we attended an interfaith alliance meeting of religious leaders across this Nation and outside of America, really, because they were from the five Central American countries that are in the CAFTA agreement.

It was quite an impressive ceremony. We had religious leaders that care about justice and freedom and opportunities, and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and I had a chance to speak. I will tell you that these religious leaders from across this Nation, as well as from the Central American countries, are opposed to CAFTA. I am opposed to CAFTA.

Let me say this: We all agree that we need to have trade relationships with these five Central American countries, but this is not the right agreement. I was so impressed, and I am sure my friend the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) will speak pretty soon about this, that these people were so committed to justice and fairness and opportunity, not just for those in Central America, but those here in America.

I think about my home State of North Carolina. We passed NAFTA, which Ross Perot said of in the 1991 debates, "You know, when we talk about all this NAFTA for Mexico, we are talking about jobs being sucked out of America."

I will tell you truthfully, in my home State of North Carolina, since 1993 we have lost over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. I know people in my State of North Carolina that have never been able to replace those jobs with the same salary and with the same benefits.

This agreement that is going to be brought to the floor next week is a flawed agreement. We need to send it back to be revisited and redrawn, quite frankly.

But I want to say just in the next couple of minutes that today was such an experience. These people, they want to have justice for American citizens and workers and also those in the five Central American countries. This agreement does not do it.

I can honestly tell you that we only have maybe 25, maybe 26 Republicans that are going to vote no on CAFTA, and it is not that we are against trying to help those in Central America, and we want to help the American workers at the same time, but this agreement is so, so flawed that it will not help those.

What really got to me today when I was listening to these people from Central America, they had to have a translator. A couple of them were ministers and there was one priest from the Central American countries, and two of them had to have translators. They were speaking in English, obviously, for those who cannot speak Spanish. But what they were saying is what are we going to do to the workers making