

While naysayers focus on a civil war in Iraq, our troops are committed to creating a civil society in Iraq which protects American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

REMEMBER THE TRIANGLE FIRE

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

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, March 25, came and went, and not enough of us took notice of its significance. March 25, 1911, was the anniversary of the tragic Triangle Fire, an event that truly encapsulated the lengths to which industrial greed was allowed to operate at the expense of the American worker.

When the fire had subsided, 146 of the 600 Triangle factory workers were dead in New York City. Many workers jumped to their deaths from eighth, ninth and tenth floors rather than face the searing flames.

But the harsh reality of working in a sweatshop was their lives. The Triangle factory had never conducted a fire drill, had locked doors, poor sanitation, crowding, all symptoms that contributed to the high death toll.

It would be easy to believe that the Triangle Fire was a tragedy of the past, but the horrifying truth is that tragedies like Triangle are occurring throughout the world: 188 workers were killed on May 10, 1993, in Thailand when the factory of a toy company went up in flames; 52 workers were killed on November 25 of 2000 in a fire at a garment factory near Dhaka, Bangladesh. This is what happens when we try to Wal-Mart America. Think of it the next time you buy something off their shelves.

ACTION ON IMMIGRATION

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today our colleagues in the Senate begin hearings on immigration legislation. I rise to urge our colleagues in the other Chamber to follow the House's lead by passing legislation that focuses first and foremost on securing our broken border enforcement system.

Porous borders and the illegal immigration caused by them are a threat not only to our national security but to our national economic security. The Federal Government, more specifically Congress, has a duty to do everything we can to secure our borders.

Enforcement first legislation passed by the House last year was the right approach. Once we have effectively secured our border, then and only then should we focus on the other consequences of illegal immigration.

Mr. Speaker, we are a Nation of immigrants. Our Nation's greatness is built on the hopes and dreams of those

who have come here from another country. I understand that.

But above all, we are a Nation built on the rule of law. As a Nation and as a Congress, our duty is to enforce these laws and secure our borders.

REQUESTING A REFUND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, it is time we give the American people a refund, because this Congress is not giving them what they paid for. Day after day, we see headlines detailing the incompetence, mismanagement and sometimes outright corruption of our government, and yet this Congress sits idly by rubber-stamping the administration's policies.

Three years after the invasion, we are mired in an endless occupation of Iraq. Yet this Congress has approved \$480 billion without a single question of where the \$10 billion that is missing has gone and how did Halliburton continue to get its no-bid contracts.

A few days ago we learned that government investigators were able to smuggle enough radioactive material in the U.S. to make two dirty bombs. Not a single question by the administration or this Congress, because they have not provided the money for border and port security.

Since 2000, the Congress has added \$3 trillion to the national debt. Yet we didn't hear so much as a peep out of this Congress when the debt limit was raised for the fourth time in 5 years. The taxpayers bought thousands of trailers in Louisiana, and they sit empty.

Mr. Speaker, the people's House is here to serve the people, not the special interests. It is time the American people either got their money's worth or a refund. It is time for new priorities. It is time to end this rubber-stamp Congress.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM WORKING

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it appears that the more the Democrats talk down the new Medicare prescription drug program, the more the enrollments seem to go up. Democrats have been doing nothing but demagoguing and criticizing this program, yet the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced just last week that more than 27 million Medicare beneficiaries are now getting coverage and saving money on their prescription drugs.

In fact, they just announced that another 1.9 million additional beneficiaries have signed up just since February. This is wonderful news. Even the

New York Times is reporting success stories from seniors who signed up for the program and are now saving hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars on their prescriptions.

Mr. Speaker, this prescription drug benefit is doing something that most Democrats probably didn't even think would happen, maybe they didn't want to have happen: it is helping seniors; it is reducing their costs.

As nice as it would be to hear Democrats stop for a moment and actually admit that this program is a success, perhaps they should just keep up their futile demagoguery, because at this rate, we will be at 100 percent enrollment in no time at all.

REPUBLICAN RUBBER-STAMP CONGRESS REFUSES TO HOLD BUSH ACCOUNTABLE FOR KATRINA

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, gulf coast residents continue to pay the price for the Bush administration's incompetence, cronyism and failed leadership. Yet, House Republicans refuse to ask the tough questions of an administration that showed no competence during Hurricane Katrina.

The House Republican Davis report on the Katrina response is woefully incomplete. The White House was allowed to ignore congressional subpoenas, and Michael Brown's e-mails were excluded. How is that a proper investigation? Worse yet, Republicans hold no one in the Bush administration accountable.

Americans cannot afford to gamble their security on the same Bush administration team that mismanaged Katrina. The American people deserve a bipartisan independent Katrina commission, like the 9/11 Commission, to get all the answers we need to better prepare for future natural and terrorist disasters.

Hurricane Katrina should have served as a wake-up call to House Republicans about the critical need for congressional oversight. Unfortunately, they refuse to ask the tough questions.

NATIONAL MOM AND POP BUSINESS OWNERS DAY

(Ms. BEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, I am excited to rise today to support National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day. This celebration honors the husband and wife business owner teams whose work helps drive the economy and fuel job growth.

Married couples who work together to build and maintain a business assume broad responsibilities. Not only is their work important to our local and national economies, but their success is central to the well-being of their families.