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The House met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CAMPBELL of California).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 13, 2006.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN CAMPBELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 31, 2006, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA) for 5 minutes.

HATE CRIMES

Mr. BACA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The topic I want to talk about this morning is hate crimes. As immigration debate has intensified, white supremists, neo-Nazis, and other racists have increased their efforts to spread the racist message. White supremists have not simply expressed racist convictions but have urged others and white Americans generally to fight back against perceived invasion of white United States by Hispanics from Mexico. The rhetoric has grown

increasingly by radicals, and their success is spreading and has been coupled with a rise in hate crimes across our country. And I state, across the country.

Police reports document a growing number of acts of violence by far right extremists against Hispanics regardless of their status as citizens, whether they are profiling them, making remarks, creating different kinds of attitude and atmosphere and hate. The Anti-Defamation League, a nonprofit that fights anti-Semitism and other biases, put out a report last month that said hateful and racist rhetoric aimed at Latino immigrants had grown to a level unprecedented in recent years.

The report detailed numerous examples of hate crimes, including two men in Tennessee who were sentenced to prison in December for shattering a window and painting Nazi symbols in a local Mexican market. Near Houston, two white teenagers were arrested in April accused of beating a Latino youth and sodomizing him with a pipe. Days later on Long Island, a white teen was accused of threatening two Latinos with a machete and a chain saw. Police say ethnic slurs were used in each case.

We must condemn these kind of acts and work to promote a unified America, work to promote a unified America. Even the President has warned us of the dangerous rhetoric being used in discussions on immigration. During his speech last month he noted, "America needs to conduct this debate on immigration in a reasonable and respective tone. We cannot build a unified country by inciting people to anger or playing on anyone's fear or exploiting the issue of immigration for political gains." And I state, exploiting it for political gains.

The white supremists are employing sophisticated techniques to spread their message over the Internet including blogs, chat rooms, and racist and violent video games. And as you can

see by the poster out here, Border Patrol, I recently heard about a racist game distributed freely on the Internet called the "Border Patrol" that encourages players to shoot at immigrants as they cross the United States, as you can see right here. These games first surfaced in the year 2002, but have come up once again and aimed at immigration debate.

The Border Patrol games. In the game the Border Patrol, Mexican Americans are incarcerated and presented with disgusting and harmful stereotypes. The game does not present them as hard-working individuals who come to this country, like any other who has come to this country before, to build better opportunity. This country is built on immigrants, and many individuals come here for that reason, not for the reason displayed in this Border Patrol display that we have out here.

People have come to contribute to our country and will continue to come to contribute to this country because they believe in America and its principles and what it stands for. Instead, you can see from the poster that Mexican American immigrants are labeled as bandoleer-wearing Mexican nationalists, tattoo-touting drug smugglers, and pregnant breeders who must be kept out at any cost.

In the second poster, as you can see out here, Border Patrol 2, as you can see by the second poster the object of the Internet game Border Patrol is to shoot Mexican immigrants as they try to cross the borders into the United States. Here, again, we are talking about hate crimes, attitudes and behavior by individuals. Here, a family is being targeted as they rush past a sign that reads, "Welcome to the United States." The sign contains the American flag in which the stars representing 50 states have been replaced with a Jewish Star of David, and a small sign that appears below that says, "Welfare Office" with an arrow.

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