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#### LONE STAR VOICE—MAC GARRISON

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the gunning down of the Houston police officer by an illegal who shot him in the back has sparked new immigration safety concerns. Although the "open borders crowd" doesn't want to talk about it, normal citizens are speaking the truth anyway. Mac Garrison of Kingwood, Texas writes, "The murder of Houston Police Officer Rodney Johnson must serve as a wakeup call to all concerned citizens regarding the huge problem of illegal immigration.

"Our borders are nonexistent, our language is deteriorating, and our culture is melting away.

"Those that come here illegally, simply by the nature of their first act on American soil, breaking the law, have no respect for our laws and our social structure. Anarchy seems to rule the day now.

"The Federal Government has failed miserably to protect the border. And local law enforcement agencies are being denied the ability to work closely with other Federal agencies to stop this problem.

"We as a law abiding society must demand more accountability of elected leaders and our citizens. Now, more than ever is the time to get extremely serious about putting a complete halt to illegal immigration before more lives are lost and before our country is completely financially and morally bankrupt."

Mr. Speaker, Mac Garrison speaks for many Americans.

And that's just the way it is.

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#### REGARDING IRAQI OIL REVENUES

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, in March of 2003, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz said: We are dealing with a country, Iraq, that can really finance its own reconstruction, and relatively soon.

Well, I guess 3 years doesn't count as relatively soon. According to a new report by the Iraqi Special Inspector General, the Iraqi oil industry lost \$16 billion because of violence, theft, and corruption. In fact, 3 years after Secretary Wolfowitz's confident predictions, Iraq is actually paying billions of dollars to import refined petro-

leum. Iraq is importing refined petroleum products.

In the words of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, "stuff happens."

Maybe if this Congress had questioned Wolfowitz on his calculations a little closer, maybe if the President had given the commanders on the ground the troops they needed, maybe if this Congress had conducted and sought accountability into Iraq's reconstruction, we wouldn't be dealing with quite so much "stuff." But I guess under Republican leadership, you end up with the leadership you have, not the one you want.

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#### TAX RELIEF/SMALL BUSINESS

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the false argument by the Democrats that the tax relief this Republican Congress has provided the American people during the last 5 years isn't helpful.

Democrats are vowing to repeal these tax cuts and are running around with a terribly false sound bite that tax cuts are for the rich.

So I ask them: Do only rich people have children? Because we increased the tax credit to \$1,000 per child for every American family.

So I ask them: Do only rich people get married? Because we fixed a major flaw that punished every American married couple by charging them higher taxes for filing jointly.

And I ask them: Do rich people have a family income of \$14,000 a year? Because it was for them that we created an income range, a new 10 percent tax bracket to specifically cut their tax rates. It cuts taxes for 6.1 million low-income taxpayers in New York alone.

Finally, I ask them: Are you labeling every small business owner in America as rich? Because we on the Small Business Committee worked very hard to ensure the majority of these tax cuts specifically helps small businesses.

When I walk down the main streets of Hudson Valley and visit the small businesses, the owners tell me they are certainly not rich. They tell me they need tax cuts to pay their workers, to serve their customers, and create new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the truth is in the numbers. The Treasury Department shows that a family of four, making \$50,000 a year, would experience a 132 percent tax increase in 2011 if Congress repealed these tax cuts.

Let's remain a Congress that votes in favor of the taxpayer.

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#### TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. KUCINICH. A war based on lies. An administration lost in ideological

fantasies, stubbornly ignoring the best advice of military commanders. Getting ready for the next war. A President who refuses to see a situation collapsing around 130,000 young men and women he sent into battle. A global war on terror has become a war of errors, undermining our security around the world and here at home. A national security state has emerged, and America is immersed in lying, spying, and dying.

It is time for a new direction. It is time for a new direction in international relations, achieving security through cooperation. It is time for a new direction here at home in health care, Medicare for all. It is time for a new direction in job creation and infrastructure bill. It is time for a new direction.

We are homeward bound, America. We are coming home. We are coming back to take care of things that matter to people here at home, jobs and health care and education. Time for a new direction.

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#### FOOTY'S BUBBLES AND BONES GALA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize south Florida Y-100 radio station, and especially John Kross, known to our south Florida community as "Footy," for this year's sixth annual Anti-Drug Bubbles and Bones Gala. Proceeds benefit Here's Help, a private, nonprofit, comprehensive rehabilitation agency that caters to inner-city youth with substance dependency and addiction.

In my congressional district, programs such as these have been instrumental in saving the lives of many teenagers and young adults by helping them cope with their addictions.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Footy on this wonderful drug rehab program. This event will provide assistance to so many young people in need to make sure that they one day can live in a Nation where drug and alcohol addictions are no longer a fact of their lives.

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#### AMERICANS WANT A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans are shutting down the debate in Congress today. They don't want the American people to hear anything other than Republican press releases. They have nothing else to show and offer the American people.

November will be a referendum on the President's failed diplomacy, disastrous war in Iraq, and governing America by telling the American people to be afraid.

Now, maybe Aesop was wrong 3,000 years ago in his fable. Maybe you can

shout, "Wolf, wolf, wolf," and win an election. But you can't stifle democracy and cling to power. The American people have had enough.

The Republican leadership believes that they are going to have the last word today, but, fortunately, on November 7, the American people are going to choose a new direction. They don't want any more of this. They have watched it, they have given the President support, they have given him leeway, and what have they gotten? A war that is making more unsafe our world, and Americans want a new direction. They are going to get it on November 7.

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#### GOP PREPARES TO LEAVE WITHOUT HOLDING ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE ON IRAQ

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, despite countless assurances from the President that we are safer now than we were before 9/11, this past week we learned the truth: The world is more dangerous today than it was pre-9/11, and the war in Iraq is the main reason why.

This weekend on "60 Minutes," Bob Woodward will report that our intelligence agencies predict that 2007 is going to be more deadly for American troops than 2006. That is a dire prediction considering that insurgent attacks against our troops are now occurring every 15 minutes.

These reports from our intelligence agencies should serve as a wake-up call to House Republicans who for 3 years have sat on the sidelines neglecting their oversight responsibility of the war in Iraq.

How bad do things have to get in Iraq before this Republican do-nothing Congress actually takes action? When will they finally begin asking questions? When will they finally begin to hold Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the President's War Cabinet accountable for their incompetence?

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a Congress that will take its oversight responsibilities seriously. It is time for a change here in Congress, and it is coming this November.

#### WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5441, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3930, MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4772, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 1054 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1054

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

SEC. 2. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (S. 3930) to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 3. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4772) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before us today will provide for consideration of three measures of vital importance to our Nation: The conference report for Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006 and the Military Commissions Act of 2006. This rule will enable the House to consider these bills and complete this important work on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this rule and the underlying legislation. These three bills address some of our Nation's most pressing priorities. First, the Homeland Security

Appropriations Conference Report funds our most important Federal programs aimed at securing the Nation against terrorist attacks. It provides \$34.8 billion for the operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security in fiscal year 2007, an increase of \$2.3 billion over fiscal year 2006 and \$2.7 billion above the President's request.

The conference agreement aggressively addresses our most critical homeland security needs, including border and immigration security; nuclear detection; port, cargo and container security; transportation security; natural disaster preparedness and response; and support to State and local first responders.

This legislation secures our homeland first and foremost by protecting our borders and revitalizing immigration enforcement, because border security is homeland security. It provides over \$21 billion for border protection, immigration enforcement and related activities. It includes an increase of \$2.1 billion over funding in 2006. This includes \$5.2 billion for the Secure Border Initiative and additional funding to support technology, personnel and infrastructure to prevent terrorists and other criminals from exploiting our borders and immigration system.

Among other security-enhancing measures, this funding includes \$2.77 billion for Border Patrol, adding 1,500 new Border Patrol agents, for a total of 14,800. It includes \$1.2 billion for border fencing, vehicle barriers, technology and infrastructure; \$4.2 billion for immigration and customs enforcement; \$1.38 billion for Immigration and Custody Enforcement custody operations, adding 6,700 detention beds, for a total of 27,500; and \$28.2 million to assist State and local efforts to enforce immigration laws.

This conference report also recognizes the need to enhance port, container and cargo security by providing the funds necessary to secure our ports and inbound cargo in order to prevent terrorists and criminals from exploiting the international commerce system.

It supports our first responders by paying attention to the needs of high-threat areas, firefighters and emergency management. It supports ongoing efforts to enhance the current inventory of our Nation's critical infrastructures, develop secure communication systems with Federal, State and local entities, and it continues to work with the private sector to implement protective measures around the Nation's infrastructure.

This agreement continues ongoing efforts to enhance security for all modes of transportation, including ports, rails and aviation with a focus on developing and installing next-generation technology to inspect cargo, baggage and passengers. And it supports traditional missions, such as drug interdiction, law enforcement, maritime safety and Presidential protection.