

Today's vote will recognize the patriotism of the people of Guam, who risked their lives to save a U.S. serviceman.

I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 1595.

#### DEMOCRATS TO COMPLETE BUDGET PROCESS THAT CONTINUES TO TAKE NATION IN NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this month the Democratic Congress will approve a final budget plan that, unlike the President's budget, will actually be balanced over the next 5 years, and we do it without raising taxes. Now the President likes to claim that his budget proposal achieves balance by 2012 and does not increase taxes, but that's simply not true. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the President's budget will still be running a \$9 billion deficit 5 years from now.

The President's broken promises don't stop there. His budget would also cost middle-class families \$247 billion in tax increases over the next 5 years under the alternative minimum tax, and \$500 billion in taxes on employer-provided health insurance.

Fortunately, Democrats rejected the President's budget. Instead, we restore fiscal integrity to our Nation, protect middle-income families from tax increases and actually reach balance by the year 2012. The American people asked us to take this Nation in a new direction, and our budget answers their call.

And by the way, Mr. Speaker, give peace a chance.

#### SENDING IRAQ SUPPLEMENTAL BILL TO PRESIDENT'S DESK—BUSH WAS WRONG TO VETO

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, 4 years ago, President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq were over. To that point, we had lost 139 soldiers. Over the last 4 years, due to the administration's incompetence and lack of planning, thousands more U.S. troops have been killed and wounded, hundreds of billions of dollars of U.S. taxpayer money has been spent, and now Iraq is consumed by a civil war that the President is asking our troops to referee.

It was way too soon for the President to declare mission accomplished, but 4 years later, the President seems content to tell our soldiers that their mission is not going to be accomplished any time soon.

By vetoing the Iraq supplemental last week, the President ignored the voices of the American people, his own military generals and this Congress. He

can no longer afford to be that stubborn. The President must work with the Congress to come up with an agreement on how to move forward. He can't believe that this Congress is going to roll over and rubber-stamp his failed policies like past Republican Congresses have done.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats refuse to allow the status quo to continue. It is time we accomplish our mission in Iraq.

#### NEW DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS PRODUCING POSITIVE RESULTS FOR ALL AMERICANS

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

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, for the last 4 months, we have taken control of the House, and we have headed in the right direction, bringing back necessary oversight of this administration and producing positive results for the American people, especially as it dealt with the special interest groups.

We got off on a quick start, passing six bills during our first 100 hours that will make college and prescription drugs more affordable and will expand economic opportunities for millions of Americans who have not received a pay raise in the last 9 years. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate to you that we will continue to do that.

We also passed the budget for 2007 that should have been done last year, striking out all earmarks and adding additional money for our veterans, \$3.6 billion.

I am pleased to also announce that we passed a supplemental that added additional money for our veterans, an additional \$1.8 billion for our war veterans. Unfortunately, the President has vetoed this piece of legislation.

We are going to continue to push forward in making sure that we have oversight over these committees.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX

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

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to inform my colleagues that the classified annex to H.R. 2082, the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008, will be available during regular committee business hours to Members only. Personal staff are requested to call ahead to extension 5-7690 to schedule a viewing for their Member of Congress. Members will be required to fill out the appropriate security paperwork to view the classified documents.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1294, THOMASINA E. JORDAN INDIAN TRIBES OF VIRGINIA FEDERAL RECOGNITION ACT OF 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 377 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 377

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1294) to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules to accompany this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived. 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 on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. During consideration of H.R. 1294 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. For purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman, my good friend from Washington, Representative HASTINGS. All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 377.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the Clerk just read, this rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1294, the Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate in the House, equally divided and controlled by the chairperson and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation provides something that has been long overdue to six Native American Tribes in Virginia.