

G.W. Hall & Son, Maryland
 Gachina Landscape Management, California
 Gallegos Corporation, Colorado
 Gangemi Landscaping, New Jersey
 Garden Gate Landscaping, Maryland
 The Garden Greenhouse & Nursery, New Jersey
 The Garden of Gethsemane Nursery & Landscaping, Texas
 Garden State Irrigation, New Jersey
 Gardeners' Guild, California
 Gardens Beautiful Garden Centers, Wisconsin
 Garner's Northwest, Washington
 Garrick-Santo Landscape, Massachusetts
 Gateway National Golf Links, Illinois
 Gatlinburg Sky Lift, Tennessee
 GDK Leasing Inc., Florida
 Gear Garden Center, Ohio
 Geissler Tree Farms, Pennsylvania
 GEL Inc, Utah
 Genesis Lawn & Landscape Management, Arkansas
 Gentle Giant Moving Co., Massachusetts
 Giambrocco Greenhouses, Colorado
 Ginkgo Landscape Group, Illinois
 GLV Construction, New York
 The Good Earth Construction, Arkansas
 Good Labor, Alabama
 Goodwin Proturf, Kansas
 Gosman's Culloden House, New York
 Gosman's Restaurant, New York
 Gothic Grounds Management, California
 GPS Enterprises, Texas
 Graham & Rollins, Virginia
 Grand Hotel, Michigan
 The Grand Lodge Crested Butte, Colorado
 Grand Marais Hotel Company, Minnesota
 Grand Oaks Hotel, Missouri
 Grand Teton Lodge Company, Wyoming
 Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Michigan
 GrandScapes, Michigan
 Grandscape Landscape & Design, New Jersey
 Lighthouse Inn, Massachusetts
 Lilac Tree Hotel & Spa, Michigan
 Lindy's Seafood Inc., Maryland
 Lindy's Taxi, New York
 Lipinski Landscape & Irrigation, New Jersey
 Lipinski Snow Services, New Jersey
 The Little Nell, Colorado
 Live Oak Landscape Contractors, New Jersey
 Living Water Landscaping & Irrigation, New Mexico
 LMC, Texas
 LMI Landscapes, Colorado
 LMI Landscapes, Florida
 LMI Landscapes, Texas
 LMS Guam, Guam
 The Lodge at Mountaineer Square, Colorado
 The Lodge of Four Seasons, Missouri
 Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Arizona
 Longhorn Landscape Lighting & Holiday Decor, Texas
 Lonnett Lawn & Landscape Maintenance Service, Pennsylvania
 Loon Mountain, New Hampshire
 Loyet Landscape Maintenance, Missouri
 LSW Show Horses, Vermont
 LT Rental Services, New York
 Luciano & Son, Massachusetts
 Lueders Environmental, Massachusetts
 Lynch Landscaping, Maine
 Lyons Sandstone, Colorado
 M. Atkins Inc, Colorado
 M & M Mowing, Colorado
 Madison Planting & Design Group, Mississippi
 Magic Gardens Landscape Contractors, New Jersey
 Magma Industrial Co, Georgia
 Magnolia Landscaping, New Jersey
 Maid to Clean, Michigan
 Main Street Inn & Suites, Michigan

Mainscape, North Carolina
 Mandoki Hospitality Group, Alabama
 Mango Design, Utah
 Mark Kuppe & Associates, Michigan
 Mariani Landscape, Illinois
 Marriott International, Inc.
 Martin Associates, Illinois
 Martin Property Maintenance, Texas
 Marvin Windows and Doors, Minnesota
 Massengale Grounds Management, Louisiana
 Maurer Landscapes, Ohio
 McCarthy's Landscaping & Irrigation, Massachusetts
 McFall & Berry Landscape Mgt, Maryland
 MCL, LLC, Virginia
 McGinty Bros., Inc. Lawn & Tree Care, Illinois
 McKenna Construction, New York
 Metco Landscape, Colorado
 Meticulous Landscaping, New Jersey
 Metivier Inn, Michigan
 Michael Bellantoni, Inc., New York
 Michigan Peddler, Michigan
 Michigan Vacation Rentals, Michigan
 Mickey's Carting, New York
 Microtel Inn & Suites, Dixon, California
 Midwest Landscapes, Minnesota
 Milberger's Landscaping, Texas
 Mike Ward Landscaping, Ohio
 Millieu Design, Illinois
 Miller Landscape, Georgia
 Mission Point Resort, Michigan
 Mohonk Mountain House, New York
 Molenaar Greenhouse, Pennsylvania
 Montauk Bake Shoppe, New York
 Montauk Bike Shop, New York
 Montauk Carriage House, New York
 Montauk Clothing Co., New York
 Montauk IGA, New York
 Montauk Inlet Seafood, New York
 Montauk Lighthouse Laundromat, New York
 Montauk Manor, New York
 Montauk Motel, New York
 Montauk Soundview, New York
 Montauk Sweatshirt Co., New York
 Montauk Taxi, New York
 Montauk Yacht Club, New York
 Moon Nurseries of Maryland
 Moon Site Management, Pennsylvania
 Moore Landscapes, Illinois
 Morin's Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance, New Hampshire
 Morin's Landscaping, New Hampshire
 Morton's Landscape Development Company, Ohio
 Mortellaro's Nursery, Texas
 Motivati Seafoods, Louisiana
 Mount Washington Resort, New Hampshire
 Moyer Home Turf Advantage, Pennsylvania
 MPS LLC, Louisiana
 MTK Cafe, New York
 Murdick's Fudge, Michigan
 Myer Hotels, Missouri
 Myers Family Enterprises, North Carolina
 Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, Florida
 National Filter Service, Virginia
 Native Land Design, Texas
 Natorp's, Ohio
 Nature View Landscape, New Jersey
 Nature Works Landscapes, Massachusetts
 Naturescape, Ohio
 Naylor Landscape Management, Michigan
 NB Enterprises, Texas
 NCN, Inc, Washington
 Neave Landscaping, New York
 NETAJI, LLC, Georgia
 New Castle Hotels & Resorts
 Newcon Inc, North Carolina
 Newcrest Management, Texas
 The Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina, Rhode Island
 Newport Village Homeowners Association, Oklahoma
 Newton Construction, Texas

This letter is signed by over 1,300 organizations and small businesses from

every State in the union supporting this H-2B returning worker program.

H-2B workers offer short-term help. They cannot and do not stay in the United States. More importantly, the H-2B program contains strong provisions to ensure American workers have the first right to work.

Without an extension of the returning worker program, small and seasonal businesses will face significant labor shortages this year. If small businesses lose their ability to hire seasonal, nonimmigrant labor, full-time American jobs are at stake and may be lost.

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

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WATSON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

GOLD, SILVER, COPPER AND THE PERU FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to review a recent vote that was held here in this Congress regarding the so-called Peru Free Trade Agreement, and to encourage the American people to read the fine print and to pay attention to the connection between that Peru vote and the value of the U.S. dollar and some hidden forces that may have been responsible for bringing that vote on Peru to the forefront now. Because people in my district were saying, why vote on Peru now? Why vote on another NAFTA-like accord on trade when our balance of trade is so seriously out of whack? Let me mention for the RECORD, and I will place these articles in the RECORD this evening; Peru is the world's third largest producer of copper, zinc and tin. It is the biggest producer of silver, and is the fifth largest producer of gold. In fact, Peru has the largest gold mine in this hemisphere owned by an American company.

Many workers in the mines in Peru went on strike. Over 6,300 workers took their lives in their hands the Monday before the vote trying to send a message to the people of the United States and this Congress that they are treated unfairly, the wages they earn, conditions under which they work, their ability to share in profits, the ability to have decent pensions; all of those were very important issues. Their

voices were hardly heard. It does not mean that they were not speaking truth to power; it means that certain ears here in Washington may have been closed, but they still spoke to us.

Mr. Speaker, the dollar continues its downward spiral. In fact, we know the value of our dollar has fallen by nearly a quarter against a trade-weighted basket of currencies. And while that dollar is falling, other commodities in the market are growing in value. And guess what those are. Metals. Metals are constituting a very large share of where people are moving assets because the dollar is losing its value. In fact, the U.S. Mint just directed that the American people aren't supposed to be melting down pennies for the copper content in them.

The Economist pointed out that in 2002 the euro was worth 86 cents; today, it buys \$1.48. We know our credit markets are troubled. Credit Suisse predicted that gold would top \$1,000 an ounce by 2012. There are big interests at stake in deals like this deal that was just passed in this House for Peru, and gold and silver and copper have a lot to do with it.

In an article entitled, "Miner Player" last month in the Economist, it reported, "The net profits of mining companies rose from \$4 billion in 2002 to \$67 billion in 2006." They're doing very well, thank you, but they are not sharing in that extraordinary increase in wealth with their own citizens. In fact, the export of these precious metals accounts for over half of Peru's export earnings, over half from mines owned by companies in this country. Are you beginning to get the picture?

The overall profitability of these concerns, which was negative in 1998, is now four times the 7 percent average of growth for the top 500 companies, and the dominant U.S. import from Peru is? Gold, constituting 24 percent of their exports in 2006.

So, when the miners of Peru, who work under godforsaken, horrendous conditions, tried to get our attention, this Congress turned its back. You hardly heard anything in the debate, but they were standing tall in their villages all across Peru. In fact, what's happening to the peasants in Peru is they're being shoved off their land because there might be gold underneath it. And they're crying out to us. Will anyone, for heaven's sake, will anyone here in this country hear them?

The article that was published on Monday before the vote indicated that Peru's Labor Ministry ordered the miners to go back to work or they would lose their jobs. And we were told that, oh, don't worry about the vote on Peru because labor conditions in Peru are just terrific. Well, the article that came out from Bloomberg News Service on November 6 indicated that, in fact, the government had declared the mining strike illegal.

We weren't listening to them. It's really tragic that when an agreement comes before us like this, we do not lis-

ten to those who are the least among us and speak truth to power.

I place all these articles in the RECORD this evening.

PERU TO DECLARE MINES STRIKE ILLEGAL,
PINILLA SAYS
(By Alex Emery)

Nov. 6 (Bloomberg).—Peru's government will declare a two-day national mining strike illegal today, forcing miners to return to work or lose their jobs, Labor Minister Susana Pinilla said.

The strike, which seeks to pressure companies to improve pensions, profit-sharing and rights for subcontracted workers, is "politically motivated," Pinilla told Lima-based CPN Radio.

"Union leaders have a different stance that has nothing to do with worker vindication," Pinilla said. "They have led workers into an illegal strike where they could lose their jobs."

Strikes this year, including a five-day national walkout by Peruvian miners in May, have cut copper output in Peru, Chile and Mexico, helping to spur a 17 percent rally in the price of the metal. Peru is the world's third-largest producer of copper, zinc and tin, the biggest of silver and fifth-largest of gold.

The stoppage in Peru has affected mines owned by companies including Southern Copper Corp., Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Newmont Mining Corp. and Doe Run Resources Corp.

Workers also are on strike at mines run by Cia. De Minas Buenaventura SA, tin miner Minsur SA, Shougang Hierroperu's iron mine and zinc producers Cia. Minera Raura SA and Cia. Minera Santa Luisa, according to Mining Federation spokesman Cirilo Yarihuaman.

TALKS PLANNED

Southern Copper's Peruvian mines, where 20 percent of workers went on strike, don't expect production losses, parent Grupo Mexico said in a filing to the Mexican Stock Exchange.

National metals output hasn't been cut and only 6,300 workers, or 5.3 percent of Peru's miners, are on strike, Pinilla said. The Mining Federation put the number at 45,000.

Union leaders planned to hold talks with Cabinet chief Jorge del Castillo and the president of Congress, Luis Gonzales Posada, to pass laws granting miners a 10 percent share of profits, up from the current 8 percent, and eight-hour shifts instead of the 12 hours imposed at many mines, Yarihuaman said.

The federation, which represents 70 unions and 28,000 miners, also wants 85,000 subcontracted workers put on company payrolls.

Copper futures for December delivery rose 3.95 cents, or 1.2 percent, to \$3.3415 a pound on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Zinc rose \$95, or 3.5 percent, to \$2,820 a metric ton in London trading, and tin rose \$345, or 2.1 percent, to \$17,095 a ton.

Silver for December delivery rose 59.5 cents, or 4 percent, to \$15.38 an ounce. Gold for December delivery rose \$12.60, or 1.6 percent, to \$823.40 an ounce.

"The strike in Latin America is quite supportive to prices," Dan Smith, an analyst at Standard Chartered Plc in London, said today by phone.

PROTESTERS RETURN TO WORK AND END NATIONAL MINING STRIKE IN PERU

Peru's Labor Ministry announced today that mining workers had returned to work and ended the strike they began on Monday, November 5.

The Labor Ministry attributed workers' surrender to the fact that the strike had been declared illegal and that workers had been told they could lose their jobs if they left their workplaces for more than three days.

Peru's Labor Minister, Susana Pinilla announced on Monday that Peru's National Federation of Mining, Metallurgy and Steel Workers had not formally filed any complaints and that there weren't any issues which had to be resolved. She added that strikes and protests were rights workers had when there were formal requests pending.

Pinilla clarified that Peru's Labor Ministry had not received any formal complaints and would therefore consider the strike illegal. She suggested that workers find better ways to negotiate their demands.

Minera Yanacocha, Latin America's largest gold mine, run by reported that the 109 workers, which had taken part in the strike, had returned to work. This was also the case in mining companies such as Chungar, Morococha and Sociedad Minera El Brocal.

According to the Mining Federation, workers from Casapalca had also abandoned the strike and returned to work. Pinilla stated that the strike had not had a significant impact on mining production, explaining that just over 5 percent (6,300) of workers had taken part in the strike.

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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HONORING THE LIFE OF SALLY SMITH, FOUNDER OF THE LAB SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, with great sadness, I come to the floor today to honor a great American by the name of Sally Smith who passed away just days ago.

Sally Smith, during her time here amongst us, was a great American and left a footprint on this country in the area of education like no other in the past.

Sally Smith ran and actually founded with her husband the Lab School of Washington. And for someone who has been not only involved in the Lab School, but has a daughter that attends the Lab School, I had an opportunity to learn more about Mrs. Sally Smith and what she did in the very early days at the Washington Lab School.

Mrs. Smith and the faculty at the Lab School have done an excellent job in protecting and nurturing all of the young people with learning differences at the Lab School, here in Washington and in Baltimore.

On Saturday, December 1, 2007, Mrs. Smith died at the age of 78. Born on May 7, 1929, Mrs. Smith was a native of