

rise to draw attention to a fundamentally unfair competition that our Department of Defense seems intent on pursuing: the competition for the Air Force's KC-X tanker program.

One of the proposals for this solicitation will be based on an Airbus A330 aircraft. This aircraft received \$5.7 billion in government subsidies that the World Trade Organization has ruled to be in violation of the rules that the WTO nations have agreed to. In total, Airbus platforms have received over \$15 billion that the WTO has found to be illegal, agreeing with the complaint filed by the U.S. Government in 2004. These subsidies have contributed to a 40 percent decline in U.S. market share for commercial aircraft and the loss of thousands of jobs. Lockheed and McDonnell Douglas are no longer in the business.

In spite of this record, the Department of Defense stubbornly refuses to include any provision in the tanker solicitation that accounts for these subsidies. This simply isn't right.

#### THE AIR REFUELING TANKER

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, over the past several months, Airbus and their congressional allies have been pushing the Pentagon to change the requirements for the air refueling tanker so that the French company will win the contract. Just last month, the Airbus team sent the Department of Defense a clear ultimatum: If you don't change your requirements, we won't bid. The Air Force needs an air refueling tanker that meets the needs of the warfighter, not the needs of the French.

Airbus is gambling that the threat of not having a competition will force the Air Force to change their requirements, the very same requirements that were determined by the Air Force to meet the needs of the warfighter. To change them to meet the needs of the competition does not serve the interests of our fighting men and women or the Nation.

If Airbus chooses not to offer the tanker in a bid that the Air Force needs, then that's their choice, and then the decision will be an easy one for the Pentagon. After 7 years of trying to recapitalize the KC-135 tanker fleet, we know what it takes to ensure that the warfighter gets the tanker they need and the taxpayer gets the protections we need, even in a sole-source award.

Our military and American workers shouldn't have to wait any longer for the tanker they both deserve: an American tanker built by American workers at an American company.

#### WTO AIRBUS TANKER RULING

(Ms. DeLAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, after 23 straight months of job losses, we must do more to preserve and to create American jobs, and we must ensure a fair and a level playing field for U.S. manufacturers.

The World Trade Organization recently found that Airbus has been receiving illegal subsidies that violate global rules and stifle real competition in the aerospace industry. We should not reward these illegal trade practices. As such, the Pentagon should take into account this ruling when considering bids for the next generation air refueling tanker contract.

Awarding this contract to Airbus means the loss of at least 14,000 American jobs to Europe. In today's economy, we cannot afford any more job loss. We cannot continue to allow our foreign competitors an unfair economic advantage nor can we let our domestic defense manufacturing base erode as we have.

I strongly urge the Department of Defense to consider these billions of dollars in illegal European subsidies. When bidding the tanker contract, it is time to put our workers, American workers, and our security first.

#### SHAKE-A-LEG MIAMI

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the noble work of a wonderful south Florida organization, Shake-A-Leg Miami. Founded in 1982 by Harry Horgan, Shake-A-Leg Miami helps children and adults who have physical, developmental, and economic challenges. How does it do that? Through the joy of sailing.

Harry, who was paralyzed in a tragic automobile accident at the age of 22, did not let his disability keep him from his lifelong love of sailing. With optimism and determination, Harry created Shake-A-Leg Miami. Its programs have made a difference in the lives of over 10,000 individuals. For the past 25 years, Shake-A-Leg has been instrumental in empowering individuals so that they can reach their highest potential for an independent life.

My youngest daughter volunteered at Shake-A-Leg, and the experience for both participants and volunteers is life-changing. Shake-A-Leg is a remarkable organization whose contributions have made the lives of countless children more fulfilling. I am honored to have such a fine organization in my congressional district.

#### UNFAIR AIRBUS COMPETITION

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

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, we cannot allow a great injustice to the American worker, to the American warfighter and to the American taxpayer, which would happen if a contract for the Air Force tanker goes to the Airbus contractor without taking into consideration these massive illegal subsidies that the Airbus competitor has received.

We have decided and we have determined, the U.S. Government, that Airbus has received multibillion dollars of illegal subsidies, which have allowed them to develop a tanker with which they now have to bid against an American contractor, the Boeing Company.

We are calling upon the administration to do the right thing, which is in the contracting process, and figure into the respective bids the amount of the illegal subsidies that the Airbus company has received. And they can do that by having the countervailing duty section of the U.S. Department of Trade Representative determine the amount of that illegal subsidy. When that illegal subsidy is added to the Airbus bid, the right thing will happen, and we will have American jobs.

□ 1915

#### WHITE HOUSE TRESPASSERS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in a purported letter to the editor, Alicia Church states, "I don't understand why the White House is so upset about two party crashers . . . Is it appropriate and politically correct to call them party crashers just because they trespassed?"

"Does that make them criminals? Isn't that discrimination? Shouldn't they be rewarded for such bold and brave behavior? Maybe they were just trying to feed their family? Isn't it more appropriate to call them undocumented guests? Just because they weren't officially invited guests doesn't mean they should be treated like criminals.

"Maybe they should get free health care, free housing, free legal services, and free White House green cards so next time they can enter legally. And they should be able to bring all of their relatives and family members, too.

"How can anyone be mad at them just because they crossed over some arbitrary man-made border? They were only doing things that regularly invited guests didn't want to do, like hang out with Vice President BIDEN. How can the White House punish these poor, oppressed, undocumented visitors?"

Madam Speaker, how ironic; the government panics about two White House trespassers while the thousands who illegally trespass across our borders are completely ignored.

And that's just the way it is.