

that defense spending has declined over the last 20 years.

Sequestration represents a \$1.2 trillion cut. Half of the \$1.2 trillion comes from the defense budget. I do not believe that half of these cuts should come from 15.1 percent of the budget.

Additionally, sequestration will affect all areas of our national economy. It is projected that sequestration could cost 1 million American jobs and cause the unemployment rate to rise by an entire percentage point. We should pass the bill by Armed Services Committee Chairman BUCK MCKEON, which addresses the issue without tax increases.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations, Mary and Jerry Howard of Lexington, South Carolina, on your 50th anniversary.

ABORTION RIGHTS FOR THE WOMEN OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, my request to testify was summarily refused on a bill to be marked up tomorrow to deny only women in my district, the District of Columbia, the right to an abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy as guaranteed by *Roe v. Wade*. So I testify for 1 minute today.

TRENT FRANKS, the chairman and sponsor of H.R. 3803 must have thought that one unfairness deserves another. The bill is of a piece with Republican attacks all year—to deny contraceptives in health insurance, and to defund Planned Parenthood.

The bill is unprincipled, or it would not apply only to the District of Columbia. Its bogus science is matched by the absence of a need. Recent figures show almost three-quarters of abortions in the District occurred under 10 weeks of pregnancy, only one past 21 weeks.

LISA JACKSON AND PRESIDENT OBAMA WAGE WAR ON ASTHMATICS

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this year, a common over-the-counter emergency asthma inhaler was forced off the pharmacy shelves due to an international treaty agreement. Now, patients who suffer from asthma and who find themselves awake at 2 a.m. with unexpected attacks and who don't have access to immediate inhalers, well, they've got a problem. It used to be a problem they could solve with a quick trip down to the 24-hour pharmacy. Now they have to go to the emergency room.

Although a replacement inhaler has been before the FDA's approval board,

they've taken no action. When the ban on the available over-the-counter inhaler went into effect, most people expected the replacement would be available with no disruption, but this has not been the case. Because of the FDA's intransigence, our patients have nowhere to go.

I don't know why the FDA has not acted. I've asked them. They won't tell me. There is a simple solution:

The Environmental Protection Agency has within its authority the ability to waive the ban on the over-the-counter inhaler, allowing existing stock to be sold. Yet, despite multiple letters to the EPA and to President Obama and despite questions during committee hearings, they remain unresponsive.

Why has the EPA not approved the waiver? Again, you'll have to ask them. They are not telling me.

The minuscule number of chlorofluorocarbons that exists in the over-the-counter inhaler will have negligible affects on our ozone layer, especially considering the limited supply left.

The EPA should be on the side of the patients. Lisa Jackson and President Obama need to stop this senseless war on asthmatics.

IN HONOR OF STAFF SERGEANT RICARDO SEIJA, AN AMERICAN HERO

(Ms. CASTOR of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero who is being laid to rest back home in Tampa, Florida, today. Staff Sergeant Ricardo Seija was killed on Sunday, July 8, when his armored vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Seija was 31 years old.

Known as Ricky, Sergeant Seija was a graduate of Leto High School. He joined the Army in 2000 and was assigned to the 978th Military Police Company, 93rd Military Police Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas.

His mother, Ignacia, said, "Since he was a child, he wanted to defend his country. He very much loved liberty. He wanted a free country without war, without problems."

"Ricky died like a hero, fighting for his country," she said, "not just for his country but for all of us who live in America. He loved this country very much."

He is survived by his wife, Sunny; son, Ricardo; his mother and father, Ignacia and Ricardo Seija of Tampa; and two older brothers, Jose and Eduardo.

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I salute Staff Sergeant Seija for his service and for his ultimate sacrifice to our great country, and I ask that all Americans recognize this remarkable patriot.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Ms. FOXX. As the Nation sits beneath 41 straight months of unemployment above 8 percent, it remains painfully clear that the President's policies have failed and have made our economy worse. "Painful" is, indeed, the operative word.

As we slog through the worst unemployment crisis since the Great Depression, Americans continue to ask, "Where are the jobs?"

More than 23 million of our fellow Americans are unemployed. Almost 500,000 net jobs have evaporated since the President's so-called "stimulus" was enacted, and entrepreneurship—that cornerstone of the American Dream—has reached a 17-year low. This is President Obama's record, and these facts do not lie.

House Republicans have a plan for America's job creators to help get our Nation back to work. Dozens of bipartisan bills have passed the House and are sitting on HARRY REID's doorstep. It is time he and the Democratic-controlled Senate put the American people before politics and pass these bills.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. ANNA SCHWARTZ

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Last month, the United States lost one of its most preeminent economic minds.

Anna J. Schwartz, perhaps the most pioneering economist in her generation, passed away at the age of 96. Dr. Schwartz had a considerable impact on how academics and others think about monetary policy.

She was best known for coauthoring, along with Milton Friedman, "A Monetary History of the United States." The book's thesis attributed the worst depth of the Great Depression to the Federal Reserve's restricting the supply of money when it should have expanded it. Its conclusions revolutionized our understanding of that era.

"Anna did all of the work, and I got most of the recognition," Friedman observed, who received the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1976.

I ask the House to join me in paying tribute to this most inspiring woman and in expressing both our gratitude and condolences to her family.

THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 112-124)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message