

a daily basis as we declare, once again, war on meth.

#### TAX CODE IS UNAMERICAN

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Tax Code is unAmerican. It is also so big it would give King Kong a hernia.

But the bad stuff is evident. The Tax Code rewards dependency, subsidizes illegitimacy, kills jobs, and chases companies overseas.

Now, if that is not enough to overload your hard drives, check this out: Experts say that the Tax Code is needed because it modifies economic behavior.

Beam me up.

If the Founders wanted to modify economic behavior, they would have contracted with Sigmund Freud to write the Tax Code.

I yield back the ego, the id, and the super ego of our kinky Tax Code.

#### WE NEED TO WAGE WAR AGAINST METH

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year an illegal meth amphetamine lab exploded on the 12th floor in a hotel in downtown Reno.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for a bill which my colleague the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) just spoke about and will be introducing today. His Working and Reacting Against Methamphetamine Act will wage a full scale and meaningful war against the methamphetamine epidemic that has spread throughout America.

Mr. Speaker, last year, 1999, 44 States reported close to 6,000 meth lab seizures. Obviously, this is a growing problem that we must address.

The War Against Methamphetamine Act will increase the penalties for producing both amphetamine and methamphetamine. The bill will also provide law enforcement officials with the necessary tools and resources to effectively combat the meth epidemic.

We need to protect our children from the latest drug epidemic located in our open backyards. I encourage our colleagues to support the War Against Meth Act and its multifaceted approach to closing down meth labs nationwide.

#### WAR AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE ACT

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

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the War

Against Methamphetamine Act introduced by my colleague the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT).

We have all heard the staggering numbers related to meth labs across the country. The most troubling figure, in my mind, is the number of children that have been found at the lab seizure sites, 1,252 children at the sites.

This legislation increases penalties related to amphetamine and creates new and additional penalties for the production of these dangerous drugs. This bill also establishes a national center that would be created in conjunction and coordination with the Drug Enforcement Agency, the L.A. Clearinghouse, and the El Paso Intelligence Center, which is, by the way, located in my district.

The National Center will collect, analyze, and distribute all seizure information sent in by law enforcement officials across the country. This National Center will allow law enforcement officials across the country to instantly access vital information on these kinds of seizures.

I urge all my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and support our local law enforcement.

#### WILL PRESIDENT AL GORE PARDON PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON?

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in an editorial in today's Washington Post, we hear once again that the new Independent Counsel Robert Ray is serious about indicting the President after he leaves office.

The Post says that, "A plausible indictment of Mr. Clinton, who has never publicly acknowledged the extent of his wrongdoing, could surely be drawn."

It goes on to say, "Some opponents of impeachment argued during the congressional proceedings that Mr. Clinton's susceptibility to criminal prosecution after his term in office was a powerful reason not to remove him."

And the Post editorial continues in talking about disbarment and a \$90,000 fine, arguing in the end that Mr. Ray should exercise restraint.

Mr. Speaker, to me there is a more important question. The Associated Press reported yesterday the administration announced that the President will not pardon himself. But if the Vice President is successful in his bid to succeed his boss, would he then turn around and pardon him?

The real question is, will President AL GORE pardon President Bill Clinton? I think he owes it to the American people to explain.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind all Members that

it is not in order to address the personality of the President or the Vice President of the United States.

#### FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS PARAMOUNT TO OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

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

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield to my friend, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD).

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would just make the point that, whether Republican or Democrat, a theme that our country is built on is the idea of free and fair elections. And if what is going on in Peru right now is able to stand, then the Fujimori government in Peru will be built on unfree and unfair elections.

Indeed, a lot of controversy is going on right now about a young boy and whether he should or should not go back to Castro because of freedom. If we look at what is going on, again, in Peru, a cancer will start to grow that America should be no part of.

So I would say that, if what stands, we need to look at stripping aid from the supplemental, we need to look at blocking aid with the drug war, we need to look at blocking access to international financial institutions. Because free and fair elections are paramount to our system of government and to governments throughout Central and South America.

#### PASS H.R. 1070 BY THIS MOTHER'S DAY

(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. Mr. Speaker, despite education on preventive measures and early detection, the rate of cancer among women has continued to increase at an alarming rate. Every 64 minutes a woman is diagnosed with reproductive tract cancer. And just today, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Our colleague, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK), shared with us how she is among the fortunate who can afford life-saving treatment after her diagnosis.

We have encouraged low-income mothers and daughters to have mammogram screenings and early detection measures. But when these medical tests show an unfavorable diagnosis, who is there to ensure that they receive the life-saving treatment they so desperately need?

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's low-income women living with breast cancer cannot wait any longer. H.R. 1070 gives the States an optional Medicaid benefit

to provide treatment to low-income women screened and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the CDC early detection program.

Mother's Day is May 14, and the most valuable gift that Congress can give American women is a fighting chance at beating cancer. I hope that my colleagues will work for passage of H.R. 1070 by this Mother's Day.

#### REUNIFICATION OF FATHER AND SON

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what I believe the American people would like to see as we move through this week is a simple reunification of a father and a son, Elian Gonzalez and Juan Miguel Gonzalez, without force, without violence, bringing the two families together, emphasizing the importance of family, helping us as the American people reaffirm our values that father and son belong together.

I hope we, as Members of the United States Congress, whose jurisdiction is not in play at this time, and appropriately so, will encourage the reunification of father and son, something that Americans have believed throughout the centuries.

#### WAR AGAINST METHAMPHETAMINE ACT

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

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the War Against Methamphetamine Act introduced today by our colleague from California (Mr. CALVERT).

In the upper Midwest in Iowa, there has simply been an explosion of methamphetamines that is affecting our young people, our families, our communities, and being the most destructive element that we have seen in many, many years.

There are four legs to fighting this problem. One is for interdiction, another enforcement, education, and then treatment. What this bill does is gives us the tools to help with enforcement by increasing penalties for those selling, by making sure that we are able to track people who are making the drugs, and by increasing penalties to those who are causing tremendous environmental damage with the labs that are being put in place to make this horrible drug.

This is a great measure to move us forward in this great battle, and I would hope the entire House will join in supporting this measure.

1015

#### TAX CODE

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, our economy is important, and we need sound policy, not soundbites. As the tax due date approaches, what we are getting is soundbites, and perhaps the worst is what is going on in the Committee on Ways and Means this week where they are considering a proposal to delegate rewriting the Tax Code to a commission, not to Members of Congress, who are supposed to report that code out on July 4, 2004, and then our Internal Revenue Code would, by the terms of this bill, expire by the end of 2004. This means our economy will be in total disarray. Who would invest in municipal bonds if they do not know if the advantages of investing in them will be swept away? Who will start an R&D tax project if the credit is going to be swept away or might be? And who would count on fiscal responsibility in a society that is going to give its Congress just a few months to rewrite the entire Tax Code after it hears from a commission?

What we see instead is an elaborate ruse that prevents us from reforming the Tax Code one section at a time.

#### ALZHEIMER'S/OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce remarkable news from the great State of Oklahoma. Today, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation will announce a breakthrough discovery in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Researchers at OMRF discovered the enzyme which is found in our brains and which scientists believe is directly responsible for the Alzheimer's disease.

Not only did Oklahoma researchers pinpoint the cause of Alzheimer's disease, they have also designed a way to stop it. If this breakthrough can successfully be transformed into a drug, Alzheimer's could become a manageable disease, like high blood pressure, diabetes, not the terminal disease we know now. This discovery will have a profound impact, since 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's and another 19 million members of their families suffer along with them.

I hope one day my kids can view Alzheimer's the same way my generation views polio, a terrible disease that was conquered with scientific advances. Basic research forms the building blocks of science and medicine and this type of breakthrough clearly illustrates why the Federal Government's investment in basic research is invaluable. Again, I am excited to report this and the many coming announcements

of good news from the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

#### METHAMPHETAMINES

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of legislation introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), my colleague from the Inland Empire. As a cosponsor of the bill, I join him in the war against meth labs. This bill increases penalties for drug criminals and puts them out of business. Meth labs create harm to a lot of our children and our communities. It contaminates drinking water. It contaminates the soil in our area.

There are more than 2,500 meth labs in the Inland Empire. That means children living at home exposed to chemicals with drug dealers, your children playing next to meth labs. Your spouses or your loved ones are at risk. That means 13 lab fires and explosions in San Bernardino County last year. That means homes blowing up and police being placed at risk. This is why the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department supports this bill. It is time to say no to drugs. Support this bill.

#### BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT ACT

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

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. This legislation provides States the option of providing Medicaid coverage to uninsured, low-income women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer as part of a screening process by the Centers for Disease Control.

While the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program helps identify women with breast or cervical cancer, it does not provide any coverage or any treatment. These women patients not only face a terrifying battle with cancer but they also must find ways to pay for the care they need. H.R. 1070 rectifies this problem by helping low-income women get the medical treatment they need. The bill is vital to help save the lives of women throughout our Nation. It would make the best gift Congress could offer if we were to pass H.R. 1070 by Mother's Day. I am pleased that this legislation soon will be considered on the floor of the House. It is a good bill and will do the job. I ask my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### TAX RELIEF

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