

the greatness of our Nation. In only a few years, he has become a leader in our Nation's religious life, and he has met twice with President Bush.

I am proud that he is here today and was able to give this body a moving start to our day.

Imam, you have been most welcome here today and we are honored that you are with us.

SUPPORTING BAN ON PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

(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, partial-birth abortion is a horrific and heinous procedure which attacks the very dignity of women at the most fundamental level. As a mother and as an ardent human rights activist, I have fought tirelessly to ensure that all are guaranteed the most basic of human rights, the right to life. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the fundamental international document on human rights, states that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Some of my colleagues who support partial-birth abortion are the first ones to rightly advocate the prohibition of cruelty against others or even against helpless animals. But how can some cringe in horror when an animal is tortured, yet they do not think twice about the unspeakable suffering of an innocent baby being killed through this so-called medical procedure?

I urge my colleagues to finally pass the bill outlawing this act and send it to the President for his signature.

WELCOMING IMAM HASSAN QAZWINI

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

Mr. CONYERS. To my colleagues this morning, I am very delighted to entertain Imam Hassan Qazwini and seven other members from the Muslim community in Detroit and Dearborn, Michigan. He and I are very good friends and I am honored that the Islamic Center of America is located in my congressional district. I am also proud of the fact that they are building what might likely be the largest religious center for Muslims in the United States, which will be in Dearborn, Michigan, which my colleague and the dean of the House, Mr. DINGELL, and I both represent.

The important point I would leave with you in extending my welcome is that Imam Qazwini has worked tirelessly with those of us Christians, Muslims and Jews to continue a dialogue that has taken place more than a dozen times in Detroit and in the District of Columbia with the help of my former staffer, Ms. Alexia Smokler, and my

current general counsel of the Committee on the Judiciary, Burt Wides. We have worked together with Congressman DINGELL to continue the discussion that is so necessary for us to come together, understand each other's cultures and also be amazed at the similarities of concerns that we raise.

It is in that spirit that I too join in the welcome to the House of Representatives on this day to Imam Qazwini.

GOOD FISCAL NEWS

(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, good news on the fiscal front from Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Secretary of Revenue Greg Fajt said this week that State revenues for September were up 6.4 percent, higher than expected. In fact, every revenue source has reported an increase for the fiscal year. Sales tax, corporate income tax, personal income tax and even the realty transfer tax and the inheritance tax have produced unexpected dollars for the State treasury. For the entire year, the cash has come in at 2.9 percent or \$134.9 million over the estimate.

In addition, the Small Business Survival Committee has ranked Pennsylvania's tax code 17th in the Nation for its friendliness to small business. That ranking was based on being last in corporate income taxes, 10th in personal income, 21st in property taxes and 2nd lowest in bureaucrats per 100 residents.

I hope what is happening in Pennsylvania is symptomatic of what is happening in other States in our country as we seek to make Pennsylvania and America a better place to provide jobs and raise our families.

TIME FOR U.S. TO GET OUT OF IRAQ

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

Mr. KUCINICH. It is time for the United States to get out of Iraq. It is time to get the U.N. in and the U.S. out, to bring our troops home and to end this sorry exercise in preemption and unilateralism.

America can ill afford to spend \$87 billion on top of \$179 billion in support of a war which has no end, no exit, no logic and no sense. It is time to come up with a plan to get the U.N. in and the U.S. out. We must work with the world community on this.

Today the administration will tell Congress that it was deceived by Saddam Hussein into thinking that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Let this Congress not be deceived by an administration that took this Nation into a war we did not have to fight. Bring our troops home.

Vote against the \$87 billion; U.N. in and U.S. out of Iraq.

SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S WAR ON TERRORISM SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of President George W. Bush's supplemental request of \$87 billion for the war on terror. This will support our troops who were historically successful in combat and helped develop Iraq so that we can win the peace.

After World War II, America led the effort in the Marshall Plan to rebuild Germany. We prevented Germany from becoming a breeding ground for Communists and we defeated communism. Today we can redevelop Iraq and prevent it from becoming a breeding ground for terrorists and we will defeat terrorism. This funding is mutually beneficial for the people of America and Iraq.

We cannot abandon the newly freed people of Iraq and allow the terrorists to regain strength. We can either fight the terrorists overseas or on the streets of America.

I believe that every dollar of this supplemental is a weapon which will help save American lives. I encourage Members to stand firm in our promise to win the fight in the war on terror.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

IMMIGRANT WORKERS FREEDOM RIDE

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

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the hundreds, if not thousands, of workers that will be converging on Washington, D.C. today as part of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. The Freedom Riders are construction workers, cooks, farmworkers, landscapers, nurses, janitors, and even nannies. They work hard and they pay taxes. Like the Freedom Riders of 1961, today's Freedom Riders are advocating an end to unfair policies and unjust treatment. These policies deny millions a clear road to citizenship and make them vulnerable to abuses in the workplace.

We should enact laws that reflect the reality of our economy's labor needs and that recognize the important contribution of immigrants. That is why I have introduced a resolution today supporting Freedom Ride and urging President Bush and the Congress to reform our broken immigration system.

Over 2 years ago, President Bush pledged his support for an earned adjustment program for undocumented immigrants but has yet to deliver. Millions of immigrants and their families continue to live in the shadows, wanting to participate fully in American society.