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I urge the President to extend the lifesaving SeniorCare drug program in Wisconsin, and please, please, please, do not veto the children's SCHIP health care program.

There is a better way of doing things. Let's find it together, with no patient left behind.

#### DEMOCRATS' DEFEATIST SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, while our troops are on the battlefield continuing to go without critical funding needed to fulfill their missions, Democrat leaders still refuse to put forward a clean supplemental bill.

Last week, Senate Democrat Leader HARRY REID declared the Iraq war "lost." Just yesterday, a Democrat Congressman said it is the job of Congress to micromanage the war. Our military leaders should manage the war, not politicians in Washington.

Despite reports of progress by our military leaders, Democrats continue to advocate withdrawal and defeat. This puts American families at risk at home. Early withdrawal will escalate, not end, the global war on terrorism.

Our troops deserve more from the men and women elected to provide for their well-being. Members of both parties should support our troops and pass a clean supplemental bill.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### DEMOCRATS EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, this is Covering the Uninsured Week, so I wanted to take this opportunity to remind my colleagues about the 9 million children in America that live without health insurance. I also wanted to take the opportunity to remind the American people that just last month, the Democratic Congress passed a 2008 budget that includes a \$50 billion increase in funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and we did it without raising a penny of taxes. By contrast, the President submitted a budget that, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, would cut 1 million additional children out of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Thankfully for the American people, Madam Speaker, Democrats rejected the President's budget in favor of one that expands health care for children.

#### TIME TO PASS A CLEAN TROOP FUNDING BILL

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

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, the Democratic leaders have ignored the President's promise to veto legislation which loads our soldiers down with their pork-barrel spending and sets arbitrary deadlines for pulling out of Iraq. They know it is going to be vetoed, but they continue to make our troops wait.

The Commander in Chief, by their provision, would have to wait 15 days to deploy troops in certain circumstances, preventing us from having reinforcements for our soldiers in harm's way. They want to tie the hands of our generals by setting a surrender date. The first surrender date, they said, is July 1 of this year.

We don't need 535 generals in Washington commanding our troops. We need the professionals.

It is past time for the Democrats to do the right thing and pass a bill which funds our troops in harm's way. Their final drop-dead date deadline that they have set is very interesting, April 1, 2008. April Fool's day. Who are they trying to fool?

#### CONGRESS NEEDS TO PASS SUPPLEMENTAL CONFERENCE REPORT

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, the conference agreement reached between the House and the Senate on the Iraq accountability bill provides more funding than the President has asked for our troops, more for our veterans, while forging a new direction in Iraq. This bill will hold the President accountable for meeting his own military readiness standards. The Iraqi Government will also be held accountable for the first time for meeting political, economic, and security benchmarks that the administration itself has set.

This Congress must pass this legislation, because our troops have performed magnificently. The administration has failed. They have failed to hold the Iraqis accountable.

President Bush criticizes our time lines, while both Secretary Gates and General Petraeus admit there is no military solution, and Secretary Gates even called the time lines in the bill "constructive" and "helpful" in pushing the Iraqis to a solution.

Madam Speaker, this Congress has a constitutional responsibility to be accountable for war to the American public. The President will have the oppor-

tunity to sign this bill on the fourth-year anniversary of his declaration of "mission accomplished." I and the vast majority of the American people urge him to do so.

#### TROOPS NEED RESOURCES TO WIN THE WAR IMMEDIATELY

(Ms. FALLIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, Congress must immediately send our troops the resources that they need to win this war, without strings and without delay. But instead, the Democrat leadership is proposing to tie the hands of our troops and hamstringing our generals with a misguided plan to micromanage the war effort. This is just unacceptable.

The Los Angeles Times has said, "It's absurd to try and micromanage this conflict and the evolution of Iraqi society with arbitrary time lines and benchmarks." And I agree.

It is absurd to assume that this war can be planned by 535 Members of Congress instead of our generals and our Commander in Chief. War by committee is not an option. I encourage the Democrat leadership of Congress to bring forth immediately a clean bill that provides the necessary funds for our troops and leaves tactical decisions in the hands of our generals and those who are experts.

#### WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

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

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, this Saturday is Workers Memorial Day, when we mourn the loss of workers who have been killed on the job or from work-related diseases. Additionally, this year marks the 37th anniversary of the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Although there has been progress, thanks to the tireless advocacy of organized labor, many workers are still at risk. Last year, in Illinois alone, 194 occupational fatalities were recorded. Unfortunately, OSHA, under the Bush administration, has issued only one major standard in its 6-year tenure, and has either withdrawn or delayed dozens of worker protection measures.

Congress must ensure the first step of workplace safety by requiring that OSHA issue timely standards and ensure the enforcement of those standards in all areas of the workforce.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this fight, and I encourage all Members of Congress to honor our Nation's workers this Saturday.

#### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WITH A CLEAN SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)