

vulnerable patients will be able to choose their own doctors.

Yes, it bans the little parrots that are given to our doctors who say, "Don't give them any care to them; see them only for 10 minutes."

Do you know what the Republicans do? They do not allow you to choose your own doctor. They send women out of the hospital before 48 hours after they have had a mastectomy; and, yes, they keep asking you to pay for those high, high prescription drugs.

Americans want a real Patient's Bill of Rights, not the whiplash that comes quickly and hurts long. Support the Democratic Patient's Bill of Rights and get real health care reform, real managed care reform for America.

AMERICA VULNERABLE TO FOREIGN MISSILE ATTACK

(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, the Preamble to the United States Constitution states that the Federal Government shall have the responsibility to provide for the common defense. Protecting our national security is, in fact, the first duty and the primary obligation of the President, our commander-in-chief.

But America is vulnerable today, vulnerable to a missile attack from abroad. It is a shame that it has taken nuclear blasts in India and Pakistan to convince American leaders that the time to act is now.

Many Americans are unaware of this, but if a missile were fired at an American city, the United States would be defenseless against it. This is a shocking realization when you consider that there are many nations that have the capability of reaching American soil with long-range nuclear missiles.

The potential threat to every child in America demands that we take decisive action to protect ourselves from the uncertainty that exists in the world today. It is time to honor our obligation to the Constitution and to the American people by building a missile defense system. No less than the security of our Nation and the safety of our children is at stake.

KEEPING WHAT IS ALREADY YOURS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this Congress intends to focus like a laser beam on an issue of particular importance to families. It's called tax cuts. Many Americans are moving ahead in these economic good times, but some families are having trouble making ends meet.

While the liberals believe that the way to improve the standard of living

of hard-pressed working families is to propose more job training programs and more Washington-directed education programs, the same ones which have failed miserably in the past, Republicans have a much better idea. Republicans want to help ordinary working families by letting them keep more of their own money. No need for theory or hopes that some day these Federal training programs will trickle down to real people. No, the Republicans can help families make ends meet, save for that first home or pay off those credit cards by giving them a tax cut.

Actually, the government would not be giving them anything. It would mean that the government would let people keep more of their own hard-earned money.

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TEACHING MORALS AND VALUES

(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, once in America, parents imparted their values and morals to their children. Today, it is out with parents, in with computers. Some even liken it to a Tower of Babel in each family room.

Check this out. Last month a woman gave birth on the Internet; and today two teenagers announced, through their attorney, no less, that they will surrender their virginity live on the Internet. Unbelievable. What is next? A late-term abortion? How about an online sacrifice to Satan, folks?

Beam-me-up.com.

I say it is time for these computer companies to shove their software up their hard drives live on the Internet.

One last thing, on a serious note. I believe America is in sad shape when computers begin to replace parents in passing down our morals and values.

I yield back any common sense left in the country.

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY RESTORATION ACT

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

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act, which repeals those sections of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 authorizing an establishment of Federal standards for birth certificates and drivers' licenses.

This obscure provision, which was part of a major piece of legislation passed at the end of the 104th Congress, represents a major power grab by the Federal Government and a threat to the liberties of every American, for it would transform State drivers' licenses into national ID cards.

If this scheme is not stopped, no American will be able to get a job, open

a bank account, apply for Social Security or Medicare, exercise their second amendment rights, or even take an airplane flight until they can produce a State driver's license that is the equivalent of conforming to Federal specifications. Under the 1996 Kennedy-Kassebaum health care reform law, Americans may be forced to present a federally approved driver's license before consulting their doctors for medical treatment.

My fellow colleagues, make no doubt about this, this is a national I.D. card. We do not need it. Please join me in an effort to stop it.

PLEDGE TO FULLY FUND THE E-RATE PROGRAM

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to alert my colleagues to the growing threat to the E-rate program. This key provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 makes sure that our Nation's poorest children do not get left behind along the information superhighway by providing telecommunications services at a discounted cost to poor and rural schools and libraries.

To date, more than 30,000 applications for the program have been received, including over 200 in my district. As part of the Telecommunications Act, long distance companies agree to support the E-rate program through their contributions to the Universal Service Fund. In exchange, the industry has reaped billions of dollars in lower access charges and expanded market share. Now they want to renege on the deal.

Today I am calling on my colleagues to pledge their commitment to seeing that the E-rate program is fully funded. To pull the plug on full funding of the E-rate program is to further exacerbate the great digital divide between the haves and have-nots and will leave our children unprepared to move into the new millennium. Let us not let that happen.

SIGN EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT INTO LAW

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, the Republican-led House voted overwhelmingly for Education Savings Accounts to give every American family the power to improve the educational choices for their children. Not every family today can afford a home computer or the SAT prep course, but through IRA-style Education Savings Accounts, Republicans hope to make these education expenses more available to children.

Who is in a better position to use this money to help improve our Nation's