

Republicans this week are going to cut those taxes and let Americans keep more of the fruit of their labors.

#### ARE WE TAKING CARE OF OUR NATION'S CHILDREN?

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, 22 percent of our Nation's children live below the poverty line—22 percent. That is the largest percentage of any developed country. So what are we doing about that? Are we acting in a bipartisan way to make sure that we take care of our Nation's children? No.

In this reconciliation package this week, we are cutting Head Start programs by \$137 million, kicking children out of existing programs; and this is a program that President Ronald Reagan sought to increase funding for.

At the same time, lobbyists are arguing very successfully for more funding for B-2 bombers that the Defense Department does not even want, and we are cutting children out of Head Start programs.

Mr. Speaker, this is coldhearted, this is short-sighted, and I hope that we work together in a bipartisan way to take care of our Nation's children, 22 percent of which live below the poverty line.

#### THE ASSAULT ON CHILDREN

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, last week, it was the assault on the elderly. This week, as budget reconciliation comes to the floor of the House, the assault is on children.

Let me talk for a moment, Mr. Speaker, about my home State of Pennsylvania. The Republican Medicaid plan would eliminate coverage for as many as 114,892 Pennsylvania children and 4.4 million children nationwide. We are also going to cut in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh infant mortality programs by 52 percent.

We have heard a lot about tax credits. That is nonrefundable. How many people who have two or four children at the end of the year owe \$1,000 or \$2,000? Actually, when they eliminate the earned income tax credit, families with two or more children in Pennsylvania will face an average tax increase of \$448 under the Republican plan.

This plan will deny Head Start to 6,000 children across Pennsylvania and 180,000 children nationwide. It will deny 45,000 Pennsylvania students basic and advanced skills in 1996 by cutting title I. The cuts just keep on coming, Mr. Speaker.

#### THE MEDICARE BILL WILL COST SENIORS MORE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have been saying for some time on the floor that the Medicare bill which passed the House last week, the Republican-sponsored Medicare bill, would cost seniors a lot more. They would have to pay more in order to get less quality care.

I was therefore amazed when I found out that when the bill came up, a rule that was adopted in this House in which the Republican leadership boasted about requiring a three-fifths vote majority to raise any taxes was waived when the Medicare bill came to the floor last week. That was a recognition of the fact that this bill had major tax increases, doubled premiums for part B for physicians' care, eliminated the guarantee that certain low-income seniors have their Medicaid part B paid for and also implemented a means test which required seniors to pay more.

There is no question in my mind that what that Medicare bill did was charge a lot more to seniors in order to finance this tax cut that is coming up this week, a \$245 billion tax cut that is going to be going mainly to wealthy Americans.

#### THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT ACTION

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Clinton was caught in the act of selling another huge whopper to the American people. This time Bill Clinton told an audience of fat cat Democrat contributors that he thinks his 1993 tax increases were a mistake.

He then attempted to hide behind his mother by saying he forgot her advice about making a speech after 7 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I have not forgotten my mother's advice. My mother told me to go to Washington and cut taxes, save Medicare, reform welfare, and balance the budget. My momma wouldn't care how tired I was or about the time of day. My mother and my constituents gave me a clear agenda that I will not back away from. No more excuses, no more inside-the-beltway gimmicks. The American people want action and they want Congress and the President to do the right thing for America's future—even if it means working late at night.

#### GO BRAVES

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Ted Turner has done it again. Turn on

your TV. Turn on almost any channel. You can't miss it. The Atlanta Braves are back—back in the World Series—to claim what is theirs.

Not since the Yankees of old has a baseball team stood so tall for so long. Bobby Cox has built a team for the ages—a team for destiny. Maddux. Glavine. Smoltz. Avery. Wohlers. The Murderer's Row of the 1990's—the pitchers no team wants to face.

The defense of Belliard, Lemke, and Grissom—the power of Justice, Klesko, Jones, and McGriff—they inspired Atlanta to forget the strike, to believe.

So I say to my friends from Ohio—get ready to rock and roll.

It's two and "Oh" and two to go. The Braves will not be denied. They cannot go back, they must not go back, they will not go back. Go Braves, Go Braves, Go Braves.

#### NEW MAJORITY WILL DELIVER TAX CUTS

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, this week the new majority will deliver on the tax cuts we promised during the last election. We will provide much needed relief to overburdened families.

In 1948, the average American family with children paid only 3 percent of their income to the government. Today, that same family pays 24.5 percent. In fact, the average family pays more in taxes than it does on food, clothing, and housing combined.

Our \$500-per-child family tax credit will provide relief to more than 35 million American families. For families with two children, that's \$1,000 that is now in their hands—not the government's.

In addition, the \$500-per-child tax credit will eliminate the tax burden for 4.7 million families.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans deserve a tax cut. President Clinton believed this when he was a candidate. This week, Republicans will deliver.

#### WHERE IS THE BILL?

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

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, we are going to vote on reconciliation this week, and the last speaker in the well said that they are going to keep their contract provisions and give everybody a tax break. Well, here is a draft of the reconciliation bill. It is 1,563 pages. On page 1,563 title 19 says, contract tax provisions, text to be supplied. Text to be supplied.

They do not have a bill. We will never see the bill, but they are going to expect every one of us, 435, to vote on it come Thursday, a bill we have never seen.

Mr. Speaker, we know from the past 10 months what the Republican plan

will do. It will eliminate Medicaid coverage for over 69,000 children in Michigan. We know it will jeopardize the immunization program for children in Michigan. We know that over 600,000 children in Michigan will have their taxes raised by an average of \$380 by the year 2002. We know that they deny Head Start over 7,000 children in Michigan. We know that there are nutrition programs that will be cut in this reconciliation package.

Before we vote, I hope we get the whole text of the reconciliation bill and not just false promises.

#### PRESIDENT RAISES TAXES TOO MUCH

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

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, the President has finally confirmed what Republicans have been saying all along—that he raised taxes too much. While speaking in Houston at a fundraiser he stated that a lot of people think “I raised their taxes too much. It might surprise you to know that I think I raised them too much too.”

Republicans promised tax cuts last year and this week we plan to vote on a budget package that will include a tax cut totaling \$245 billion dollars.

We are offering a \$500-per-child tax credit which will eliminate taxes for families making less than \$25,000. We reduce capital gains taxes by 50 percent. We reduce the tax burden on our Nations seniors by repealing the 1993 Clinton tax increase over the next 7 years.

Everyday it is more clear that Republicans want to lead this Nation into the next century, while the President and Democrats can only offer rhetoric, scare tactics, and flip-flops.

#### DEDICATED EDUCATORS

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

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform you and all of my colleagues of a special event taking place beginning this evening and for the balance of the week.

Our Page School is being visited by a validation team from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. This visitation occurs once every 10 years, and a favorable report is critical to the reaccreditation of the school. I know Dr. Knautz, the principal of the Page School, and his very able staff have spent a year in preparation, and I am confident the school will be recognized for its continued excellence.

As chairman of the Page board, I want to acknowledge the dedication of these educators who are serving on the validation team. The chairperson is Ms. Maureen K. Newman of Great

Neck, NY. She is ably assisted by Mr. James M. Skeens of Randallstown, MD, Mrs. Kathryn Draper of Centreville, MD, Mr. Robert C. Williams of Edgewood, MD, and Mr. Don Mieczkowski of Sandy Spring, MD.

#### CORRECTIONS CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is the day for the call of the Corrections Calendar. Without objection, the first bill on the calendar will be called last.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will call the second bill on the Corrections Calendar.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING SAFETY AND ECONOMIC RELIEF ACT OF 1995

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 117) to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to prevent persons having drug or alcohol use problems from occupying dwelling units in public housing projects designated for occupancy by elderly families, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 117

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Senior Citizens Housing Safety Act of 1995”.

##### SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY IN PUBLIC HOUSING DESIGNATED FOR ELDERLY FAMILIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Notwithstanding any other provision of law” and inserting “Subject only to the provisions of this subsection”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, except as provided in paragraph (5)” before the period at the end; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY IN PROJECTS FOR ELDERLY FAMILIES.—

“(A) OCCUPANCY LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a dwelling unit in a project (or portion of a project) that is designated under paragraph (1) for occupancy by only elderly families or by only elderly and disabled families shall not be occupied by—

“(i) any person with disabilities who is not an elderly person and whose history of use of alcohol or drugs constitutes a disability; or

“(ii) any person who is not an elderly person and whose history of use of alcohol or drugs provides reasonable cause for the agency to believe that the occupancy by such person may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants.

“(B) REQUIRED STATEMENT.—A public housing agency may not make a dwelling unit in such a project available for occupancy to any person or family who is not an elderly family, unless the agency acquires from the person or family a signed statement that no person who will be occupying the unit—

“(i) uses (or has a history of use of) alcohol, or

“(ii) uses (or has a history of use of) drugs, that would interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants.”.

(b) LEASE PROVISIONS.—Section 6(l) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(l)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) provide that any occupancy in violation of the provisions of section 7(a)(5)(A) or the furnishing of any false or misleading information pursuant to section 7(a)(5)(B) shall be cause for termination of tenancy; and”.

##### SEC. 3. EVICTION OF NONELDERLY TENANTS HAVING DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE PROBLEMS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING DESIGNATED FOR ELDERLY FAMILIES.

Section 7(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 is amended to read as follows:

“(c) STANDARDS REGARDING EVICTIONS.—

“(1) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), any tenant who is lawfully residing in a dwelling unit in a public housing project may not be evicted or otherwise required to vacate such unit because of the designation of the project (or a portion of the project) pursuant to this section or because of any action taken by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or any public housing agency pursuant to this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENT TO EVICT NONELDERLY TENANTS HAVING DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE PROBLEMS IN HOUSING DESIGNATED FOR ELDERLY FAMILIES.—The public housing agency administering a project (or portion of a project) described in subsection (a)(5)(A) shall evict any person whose occupancy in the project (or portion of the project) violates subsection (a)(5)(A).

“(3) REQUIREMENT TO EVICT NONELDERLY TENANTS FOR 3 INSTANCES OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITY INVOLVING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.—With respect to a project (or portion of a project) described in subsection (a)(5)(A), the public housing agency administering the project shall evict any person who is not an elderly person and who, during occupancy in the project (or portion thereof), engages on 3 separate occasions (occurring after the date of the enactment of the Senior Citizens Housing Safety Act) in any activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants and involves the use of alcohol or drugs.

“(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) requiring eviction of a person may not be construed to require a public housing agency to evict any other persons who occupy the same dwelling unit as the person required to be evicted.”.

##### SEC. 4. STANDARDS FOR LEASE TERMINATION AND EXPEDITED GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.

Section 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (k), in the first sentence of the matter following paragraph (6), by striking “criminal” in the first place it appears; and

(2) in subsection (l)(5), by striking “criminal” the first place it appears.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The Clerk will report the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following: