

represents a positive step in that direction. It is important to note that PURPA is a mandate, regardless of its intent. It substitutes government intervention where the marketplace should dictate. Furthermore, PURPA has not jump-started the renewable energy generation industry as was the act's intent—only 6 percent of PURPA generated power comes from nonrenewables.

Nonetheless, there are other important concerns surrounding the repeal of PURPA. It is important to note that, just as I support deregulation through the repeal of PURPA, I also support the notion of more comprehensive Federal deregulation legislation that would provide for greater and freer competition in power generation.

I truly understand the concerns of those in opposition to my bill—I recognize that their industry has come about largely because of PURPA. I also recognize that not all PURPA generators abuse the system. In fact, a Georgia-Pacific plant located in my district generates its own power from the plant's waste, but sells none back into the system. In this instance, PURPA encouraged innovation and self-sufficiency, a notion that I strongly believe in: It is the American way. But the American way does not rely on a mandate; it dictates deregulation over regulation.

House Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman DAN SCHAEFER has indicated that he intends to hold a series of hearings on the variety of issues involved in electricity deregulation and reform. I support his efforts and look forward to the opportunity to finally address these important issues.

Indeed, by introducing this legislation today, I believe that I am helping to initiate debate, not only on this important issue, but on the whole gamut of issues surrounding the regulation of the electric generation industry. I am anxious to work with Chairman SCHAEFER, Chairman BLILEY, the House Committee on Commerce, and all other interested parties as Congress moves forward with its comprehensive examination of this industry.

Everyone will agree that we must begin to explore a move toward an electricity industry that is based on competition, market force, and lower prices for ratepayers. This is certainly my objective as I introduce this necessary first piece of electricity reform legislation.

VOTE AGAINST H.R. 1833

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mrs. MALONEY] is recognized for 2 minutes.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, in the interests of good health care and good public policy, I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 1833. In the first 6 months of the 104th Congress, 12 antichoice bills passed. This one, H.R. 1833, is by far the worst.

The bottom line is, H.R. 1833 represents an unprecedented politically motivated intrusion into the practice of sound and acceptable clinical medicine.

Here are the facts choice opponents purposely ignore. Abortion in late term pregnancy is rare, very rare. Only four one-hundredths of a 1 percent of abortions are performed at 26 weeks. H.R. 1833 provides no exceptions for cases in which the procedure would be necessary to preserve a woman's health or life. The bill presents a direct constitutional challenge to Roe versus Wade.

If facts do not convince you, maybe this family's story will. Vickie Smith, a mother of two children, ended a wanted pregnancy because the fetus had abnormalities incompatible with life. A large part of its brain was formed outside the skull. Because Vickie went through the safest procedure available, she was able to have more children. She is now expecting her third child. With the safest procedure known, Vickie could have become infertile or could have died.

In the interests of good health and public policy, please vote against H.R. 1833. Do not allow an already cruel situation to be politicized. It is bad public policy and bad medicine.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning business, pursuant to clause 12, rule 1, the House will stand in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

From the beginning of time, O God, Your benediction of grace has not changed; through the steadfast heritage of righteous people, Your blessed work has been accomplished; through Your faithful and abiding word, we have been enriched and the meaning of life has been proclaimed, and through Your love we have been forgiven and redeemed and made new. On this new day we offer our thanksgivings for the bounty of Your blessings to us and to all people. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

JOIN THE EFFORT

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, today is Halloween—the Democrat's favorite day. All this year Democrats have made a concerted effort to scare people. They have tried to scare children with school lunch horror stories. They have tried to scare seniors with their Medicare tales from the crypt. And they have tried to scare the poor with EITC ghost stories.

Democrats have lost the battle of ideas, plain and simple. The only weapon they have is distortion and fear. They have no mandate. They have no positive message of hope. And the only way they can influence policy is to scare the wits out of the American people.

Madam Speaker, fear is not a hallmark of sound political leadership and scaring people is what bullies do.

I challenge our friends on the other side to stop the horror stories, take off your masks, and join our effort to save Medicare, reform welfare, cut taxes on families, and balance the budget.

TRICK OR TREAT

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I think it is appropriate here on Halloween to be focused on trick or treat. Today we have an opportunity to do that on the question of reforming this Congress and the issue of gifts and lobby reform, whether there will be more tricks for the public and more treats for the Members of this Congress. Since the opening of this Congress, our Republican colleagues have had repeated opportunities to join us in the type of bipartisan reform of lobby and gift ban that has occurred across the rotunda in the U.S. Senate. Thus far, whether it was on day 1 of this

Congress, whether it was on June 20, whether it was on June 22, or whether it was on September 6, our Republican colleagues have thus, with the exception of I think two of them, refused to join us in that kind of bipartisan clean-up. What better day than Halloween to say it is time to stop tricking the American people and stop taking treats from the lobby. It is time to get about cleaning up this House and doing the business of the American people.

PRESIDENTIAL TRICK OR TREAT?

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, tonight is Halloween and Americans want to know if they will get a trick or treat from their President.

The President has told Americans that he wants these four things in the Federal budget:

No. 1, a plan that will balance the Federal budget in 7 years.

No. 2, a plan that will save Medicare from bankruptcy.

No. 3, a plan that will end welfare as we know it.

No. 4, a plan that will cut taxes for families and reduce the capital gains tax to spur job creation and economic growth.

Madam Speaker, the President has never presented such a plan. But the House and the Senate have passed and will shortly send to the President a budget reconciliation plan that will achieve all four of the President's goals.

The question is: Will the President trick Americans and veto the only budget plan that will achieve his goals or will the President treat Americans and just sign the balanced budget?

Madam Speaker, Americans want to know what their President will give them this Halloween, trick or treat.

YESTERDAY'S VOTE ON BOSNIAN RESOLUTION A MISTAKE

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

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, the vote that we took yesterday on Bosnia, even though it was overwhelming, was a mistake. It undermined the American President, and it undermined America's position as the leader of the free world. I think we will live to regret it.

If you talk the talk, you have got to be willing to walk the walk. We have poured billions of dollars into NATO to protect the integrity of Europe's borders, to promote democracy, and to make good on our vow after the holocaust of World War II that it would never happen again. The Bosnian war is a reflection of the fact that we have allowed it to happen again. If it happens here, it can happen in other places.

The fact is that the war in Bosnia occurred because of a violation of

Bosnia's borders by Serbia's invasion with soldiers and armaments. The fact is that the massacre of Bosnian Moslems is the worst holocaust to occur in Europe since World War II. The fact is that America needs to be a leader in securing peace in that area of the world and in fact throughout the world, and we cannot assume that mantle of world leadership if we deliberately prevent our President from acting responsibly and effectively.

KEEPING PROMISES

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Madam Speaker, approximately a year ago, the American people spoke loud and clear when they elected a Republican majority in Congress for the first time in 40 years. They wanted us to come to Washington and keep our promises to cut spending and reform the way Washington works. We have kept our promises.

We have passed a balanced budget. We have passed real welfare reform. We have passed tax cuts for middle class families and small businesses, and we have downsized the huge Federal bureaucracy.

Madam Speaker, the new Republican majority has kept our promises we made last year. We have delivered what the people want. Now it is time for President Clinton to keep his campaign promises, too.

STEALING ALL BUT THE FAMILY JEWELS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, documents now reveal that Alan Greenspan misled us, the Bush White House used phony numbers. NAFTA is Halloween all right, inside out. It is a trick. Certainly not a treat.

The news that breaks today might be good for the South if you think about it. You already lost in the first 9 months of this year 100,000 textile jobs. Fruit of the Loom is laying off 3,200 people and moving to Mexico.

I have heard about people stealing your pants. This is the first time somebody has stolen our goochies, ladies and gentleman.

While Congress is debating 4-year deals, 5-year deals, 7-year deals, I predict in 1999 Congress will be debating a 10-year deal. The reason is very simple. America will never balance the budget, let alone pay one dime off on this massive debt without jobs. As long as the good-paying jobs are going overseas, we will continue to lose our pants.

Thank God it could have been worse. They could have stolen our family jewels.

CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN ALL YEAR

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, as many other colleagues of mine who come to this well have noted, today is in fact Halloween. In listening to the Clinton liberals here on the other side talk over the past several months, I have come to the conclusion that they have really been trying to celebrate Halloween all year long.

Madam Speaker, it really makes for perverse verse. Because when we talk about Medicare, the liberals howl about Medicare; and when we speak of Medicaid, the liberals moan of Medifraid; and when we pass the Balanced Budget Act, the liberals scream, "Give us your tax dollars, Jack;" and when we discuss welfare reform, the liberals bitterly cry, "Oh, please keep the norm."

Madam Speaker, the liberals have tried their fear tactics, and they have cried wolf once too often. The American people want us to balance the budget, reform welfare, and preserve and protect Medicare and Medicaid.

Madam Speaker, let us get serious. Friends, join us and let us give the American people what they really want.

104TH CONGRESS SCARIEST ON HALLOWEEN

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

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, the scariest things this Halloween are the tricks and treats being doled out by the Republican-led Congress. The problem is that the American people get all the tricks, while lobbyists get all the treats.

When lobbyists come knocking on the doors of this House there are plenty of GOP goodies to go around. If you come dressed as a golfer—you will be treated to a gift ban bill that does not ban lobbyist-paid golf trips.

If you come dressed as a corporate big-wig or millionaire—you will be treated to more than your share of the Republican's \$245 billion tax cut. And, if you come dressed as a doctor—you will be treated to 3 billion dollars' worth of goodies in the GOP Medicare bill.

But, if you come dressed as a senior citizen, a student or a veteran, a working man or woman, there are no treats, only tricks. The scariest thing this Halloween may just be the 104th Congress.

GO BIG RED

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