

table in advance of the poster. This created some confusion because it was claimed by Ms. Aron and members of her group that it looked like it was their letterhead that was being used to make this point, because now that it was an 8-by-11 piece of paper, it looked like it was a Xerox of their letterhead. I think most people who will look at this document will know that this is not any type of alleged forgery but is in fact a demonstration of how this money laundering scheme works.

Now, my staff ended up answering questions about who prepared the document. We immediately told people when asked at the subcommittee hearing, this is a document that we have prepared, based on research in our subcommittee on how the taxpayer dollars are used. And I apologized later that night to Ms. Aron for any confusion with the use of their letterhead. But nonetheless, the attacks continue because they do not want the American taxpayer to see how their money is being used.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GIBBONS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. HAYWORTH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HAYWORTH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I have to say I was amazed to hear the gentleman from Michigan who previously spoke to actually admit that the Republican leadership is using the debt ceiling as leverage in a political way. The effect on the economy, as was mentioned previously by the gentleman from Connecticut, is incredible. To think that the Government might go into default in order to achieve a political purpose on the part of the Republican leadership is incredible to me.

I do not think that the voters last November, when they went to the polls, thought that they were voting to put the Federal Government in debt, into default. I was just reading from American history, remember when I was in grade school, how proud we are that over the history of the American Republic we have never defaulted on our debts and how important it was to just get our financial act together from the beginning of the United States to make sure that we would not default on our debts. Here is a Member of this

body saying that the debt ceiling is being used as leverage in order to accomplish a political purpose. To me it is shocking. I cannot believe that he actually admitted that that is the case.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PALLONE. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, is the stated goal of the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] to bring about a balanced budget or to bring about political gain with the President of the United States? It is, in my judgment, to bring about a balanced budget. Nothing else has worked.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, the point of the matter is that the gentleman from Michigan admitted that he was using the debt ceiling and the possibility of default for political purposes. Even if that political purpose is that somehow he sees in the long run that he is going to balance the budget, the effect of the Government possibly going into default and what that would mean for the economy, what it would mean for the millions of people who would see their interest rates rise and their mortgages have to go up, to me it is just totally irresponsible.

I think that he points out the truth. That is exactly what the Speaker is threatening to do, to let the Government default in order to bully the President into signing his budget bill. I think it is totally uncalled for. At least the gentleman from Michigan was willing to admit it, but it is shocking to me that that is in fact the case.

I wanted to speak, if I could, about the budget bill. As a member of the conference, the bottom line is the House and the Senate, of course, passed different budget bills and now have to get together, and there is a conference for that purpose to try to get the two versions together.

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One of the things that I wanted to mention as a conferee, as a person who is going to be part of that conference, is that if it is very possible and, I think to some extent, the Senate is already recognizing it is very possible, to essentially take this budget and minimize the tax cuts for the wealthy and the tax increases on the low- and middle-income working families in order to restore Medicare and Medicaid to programs that continue to provide quality health care. The problem I have right now is that this Republican budget bill essentially is destroying Medicare and Medicaid health care programs for the elderly and also for poor people in this country in order to pay for a tax cut for the wealthy. Medicare is cut \$270 billion; Medicaid, \$270 billion. Medicaid, about \$180 billion, and yet we have a tax cut that primarily goes to wealthy Americans that is \$245 billion.

So, if in conference or if at some time later, after the President vetoes the bill, we actually were to decrease

that tax cut and take back the tax cut from many of the wealthy Americans, we can put more money into Medicare and into Medicaid so that they are continually viable programs, and that is what needs to be done, that is what hopefully this conference will manage to do or ultimately will be accomplished when the President vetoes the bill and it comes back.

I wanted to mention two points, if I could, as part of this Medicare and Medicaid debate. There has already been an effort on the part of the Senate, and if you look at the Senate bill versus the House bill in two areas that I think are very beneficial if we can get these changes, one is that the Senate-passed provisions continue to apply Federal nursing home standards unlike the House bill, and secondly, the Senate-passed provisions require continued Medicaid coverage for low-income pregnant women and children and for disabled persons.

One of the worst aspects of this House bill is that in fact what it does is to take away standards for nursing homes. Essentially what it means is that the nursing homes are up to the will of the State if the State, of New Jersey for example, decides that it does not want to have any kind of standards for nursing home care.

So I am hopeful that, when we get to conference, we can at least address those issues, trying to bring back the nursing home standards and trying to provide some guaranteed coverage for the disabled, for pregnant women, and also for children.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLARD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DURBIN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. SHADEGG] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SHADEGG addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

QUESTIONS FOR COLIN POWELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleague, "LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART,

my colleague from Florida, what a week; huh? What a day."

Mr. Speaker, I only have 5 minutes tonight. I could have spoken about one of the greatest pro-life victories in the last 20 years, at least since I was sworn in on January 4, 1977. I could speak about this excellent victory, the very last vote tonight where we have locked in permanently a ban on any redefining of the American family. I could talk about some battles I have been having with the liberal press of late trying to distort my flying record in the Air Force. I wish I had flown helicopters, but Newsweek is wrong. I flew jet fighters, and I wish I had done both, but I did not, and I did not crash one airplane, let alone four, and we are working out some sort of an apology or retraction with Newsweek as we speak. The Hill, one of our little local papers here, accused me of an ethnic slur that is really disgusting. If it were not at the end of the year with every precious minute for legislative time on the House floor, I would take an hour. You freshmen should know this, Robert of Maryland. One-hour point of personal privilege, not if they attack you on radio or television; it is an old law, two centuries old. If you are attacked in writing and it slurs your character, you can stand up at any point in the day and say, "Mr. Speaker, I have a point of personal privilege." Everything comes to a screeching halt and you get 1 hour to defend your honor, and in an age devoid of heroes, when honor does not seem to count for much in many pursuits of life, honor is everything we have in public life.

But I am not going to talk about any of that. I want to talk about what Haley Barbour, chairman of the Republican Party, did. He sent me a free copy of U.S. News & World Report on top of the one the U.S. News puts in our office anyways. Thank you, Mort Zuckerman, and it says on the cover: Republican National Committee, Haley Barbour, chairman. Every time you start to worry about how we are doing, the Republicans, I want you to remember how they are doing.

So, I lifted up this little Haley card, and it says the Democrats, is the party over? They know they are in trouble, and it is even worse than they think. And here is a little donkey sitting on a gravestone. I remember when they did this to the Republican Party after Goldwater brought us down to 143 only on our side, the lowest since the Depression, and then Nixon, Lord rest his flawed career and wonderful soul, he brought us down to 143 the year I came, in 1977. We were 143, 144 2 years before that, and they wrote the Republican Party off.

So, is the party of Jefferson, the great American patriot who said, "The least government is the best government," over? Is the party of Andy Jackson, who redefined the Presidency and is one of the most ignored great Presidents of our time, is his party over? I do not think so. Maybe the part

of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and flirtation with socialism is over, but before we write off the Democrats, I have a way to save the Democratic Party and to save the two-party system, and here it is:

Mr. Speaker, did you read George Will's column in Sunday's paper, 22 questions for Colin Powell? Well, I have 22 more questions that I am going to submit for the RECORD tonight for Colin Powell because guess what? My pal, Colin, No I recommended him to George Bush in 1988 in writing—thank you, right in the nick of time—in writing that I want George Bush to pick Colin Powell. I did not know if Dan Quayle was on a short or a long list, but I wanted him to pick Colin Powell, and that was 7 years ago. And Colin knows I think well of him, but I found out from his strange answers to a lot of questions and volunteering that he is a Rockefeller Republican, he is a Democrat, and he would make a superb Democrat of character and integrity. If Colin Powell would declare as a Democrat against Bill Clinton in New Hampshire, he would whip him good. He would save the party of Jefferson and Jackson. The American people would have one wonderful choice 1 year from this week on the 5th of November in 1996, and the two-party system would be saved. But by Colin Powell, a moderate Democrat of great character, coming into the Republican process, mucking it up, he emboldens Pat Buchanan, he unleashes all these other multimillionaires, the billionaire Ross Perot gets energized and goes like a bull in the China closet destroying the whole process, and look what this very same article says:

Writing off the Democrats; is the party over? Powell counts the days and strokes the Democrats. He has already said he could be either one. It says that Richard Armitage, my pal and Colin Powell's close friend, called the Democratic Leadership Council, what is left of their moderate wing, to congratulate them on their approach to affirmative action.

What is going on here? Colin, if you are listening, and I understand you are watching some of the Presidential debates, I hope you are taking notes. Here are 22 questions for you, Colin. I will see how many I can get through before the hammer gets down.

The list of 22 questions for Colin Powell in its entirety is as follows:

TWENTY-TWO QUESTIONS FOR COLIN POWELL

1. General, do you oppose the use of U.S. ground troops in Bosnia?
2. Should the debt ceiling be raised without a specific plan to balance the federal budget?
3. Should the \$500 child-tax credit be a part of this year's budgetary plans to help ease the financial pressures on the American family?
4. Should the Consumer Price Index be lowered in order to reduce payments to federal beneficiaries?
5. Should agricultural policy be fundamentally changed in order to adhere more to free market principles?
6. Should capital gains tax cuts be made?

7. Should U.S. troops ever be placed under foreign/U.N. command officers and NCOs and if yes, should Congress place strict limits on such command and control arrangements?

8. Should women be allowed into combat? Can they opt out on eve of deployment where raping and torture of POWs is common practice?

9. Why didn't you resign as Chairman of the JCS in protest over President Clinton's policy of lifting the ban against homosexuals in the military or the equally offensive cancellation of the regularly scheduled pay raise for active duty soldiers?

10. After supporting the Bush Base Force Plan, why did you then support the Clinton Bottom-Up Review defense plan which, by some accounts, is under funded by as much as \$150 billion?

11. What would you do with regards to the growing threat of ballistic missiles including specific programs such as Navy upper-tier and the 24 year old ABM Treaty with the melted down Evil Empire?

12. Should foreign aid to the former Soviet Union (including our DoD funding) be conditioned to ensure Russia actually dismantles offensive nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons programs?

13. Should dual-purpose technology be transferred to communist China while China proceeds with a dramatic military buildup?

14. Should human rights and democratic principles be heavily considered in granting Most-Favored-Nation trading status to totalitarian nations like China or Vietnam? Should we keep sanctions against Fidel Castro's oppressive regime in Cuba.

15. Should the United States have diplomatically recognized Vietnam while questions remain unanswered by the communists in Vietnam about what they know concerning Americans still listed as POW/MIA, such as extensive Politburo and Central Committee records?

16. Should Clinton have been allowed to financially bail-out Mexico without congressional approval or oversight?

17. Should the nations of Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak Republics be allowed into NATO? If so, when? Why not Poland in 1996?

18. Should Chile be allowed to join as a member of NAFTA?

19. Should partial-birth abortions be outlawed? And except for life-of-the mother, what about banning all abortions in military facilities?

20. Should groups that receive federal money be allowed to lobby Congress for further funding, i.e. the AARP?

21. How should the U.S. better protect its sovereign borders to illegal immigration and enforce U.S. laws?

22. Should Hillary Clinton be subpoenaed to testify in regard to her phone conversations with Maggie Williams and Susan Thomases the morning of July 22, 1993 the day that Bernard Nussbaum blocked investigators from properly searching Vince Foster's office?

P.S. Can you tap your friends in the National Security Community for believable cost figures on Haiti and Bosnia through September 30, 1995?

Mr. Speaker, the others I submit for the RECORD, and I will take an hour special order tomorrow. Read all of George Will's 22, my 22, and hope that Colin Powell will give us some answers before the debate in Florida on the 18th where I hope the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART], will introduce me.