

by balancing the budget, saving Medicare, reforming welfare, and cutting people's taxes. Support the future—tell the President to get behind the Republican Balanced Budget Act.

GINGRICH-DOLE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, this is day two of the Gingrich-Dole Government shutdown. The next time Speaker GINGRICH stands in front of the TV cameras, I hope the press will ask him a few questions.

Speaker GINGRICH, if your Government shutdown sent 800,000 Federal employees home without pay, why do you keep drawing your congressional paycheck?

Speaker GINGRICH, if your Government shutdown stops checks for the widows of American veterans, why should your congressional paycheck keep coming?

If we turned off the TV cameras and the machine printing congressional paychecks, this Gingrich gridlock would end in 5 minutes.

Tomorrow, in the Subcommittee on District of Columbia of the Committee on Appropriations, my congressional colleagues will have an opportunity to vote on my proposal: No budget, no pay. It stops congressional paychecks when there is a Government shutdown or a default on the national debt. Mr. GINGRICH should put his paycheck on the line, not everybody else's.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS SCARING SENIORS

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

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the liberal Democrats would rather scare seniors than make good public policy. The evidence of pure political gamesmanship is clear and convincing. Listen to what the liberal Democrats are calling for today. They want to lower Medicare premiums. Have they lost their minds?

Mr. Speaker, Medicare is going bankrupt, and they want to increase the cost of the Medicare trust fund. The Federal Government is almost \$5 trillion in debt, Medicare is going bankrupt, and liberal Democrats want to increase the spending of the Federal Government. It is little wonder we owe \$5 trillion.

Mr. Speaker, we will save Medicare from bankruptcy. We are making the hard choices we were elected to make, and ladies and gentlemen, we will stand our ground. We will stand our ground and fight for the future of our children and our grandchildren.

NO MORE GAMES

(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, I rise today to ask Speaker GINGRICH to present to the American people a clean, honest continuing resolution. No tricks, no gimmicks for Gingriches, just an honest government bill to keep the Government functioning.

Many of our financial problems are because congressional leaders have used the budget to make major legislative policy changes that only serves to compound our budget problems. In an honest budget, there is no place for Medicare premium increases, or in an honest budget, there is no place to cut student college loan programs.

Mr. Speaker, give this Congress and the American people an honest, clean budget. No more games with the budget; no more tricks on the American people; no more, Speaker GINGRICH. Give us a clean, honest budget.

COMMITMENT TO A BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. BUNN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, right now the Federal Government is in the process of shutting down. All nonessential services have been stopped temporarily while we wait for President Clinton to come to the table to seriously negotiate with Congress. While the President is busy golfing and playing other games the American people, Federal employees are not getting paid.

The President's plan may be par for the course, but it doesn't balance the budget and it isn't good enough.

The President still gets paid during this shutdown, he has nothing to lose. He doesn't understand how committed Congress is about balancing the budget. It is time for us to show the President and the American people just how serious we are about balancing the budget.

Under H.R. 2351 our salaries will be stopped if we fail to resolve our budget impasse. This bill will hold us accountable for our actions, something that the President is unable and unwilling to do.

The President once promised the American people that he would balance the budget in 5 years. Obviously he wasn't serious about doing that, it was just another campaign promise. Let's show the American people how committed we are to ensuring that our kids don't have to shoulder the debt we have incurred, let's pass H.R. 2351.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of time.

GI'S ON THE BORDER

(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, I would like to talk about balancing the budget. There are 4 million illegal immigrants that have walked across our border, and the INS wants to build a big fence. Now, would you walk across the border illegally if you got free food, free housing, free health care, and free education? I think you would too. To boot, you do not have to pay one single dime of tax.

I say, Mr. Speaker, we have GI's falling out of chairs on arm rests overseas, and we have people illegally crossing our borders. Why do we not support H.R. 4387, put a few GI's and a couple of Jeeps on the border, maybe we will help to even balance our budget. Think about it.

HUMOROUS STUDY IN HYPOCRISY

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

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, this past week since the Government has been shut down it has been a very humorous study in hypocrisy watching the President of the United States and his minions here in Congress. They say they want to protect seniors, but talk is cheap.

Let us look at the record. Yesterday they voted to allow the President and Robert Rubin to raid the Social Security trust fund. A few years ago every one of them voted to raise taxes on Social Security recipients to 85 percent, and they did that without a single Republican vote supporting that. They voted in 1993 to raise taxes through the roof for working seniors and lower the level to \$11,000.

They have ignored the President's own trustees who have told us that Medicare is going bankrupt. Instead, they want to close their eyes and demagogue the issue, and they say, let us go ahead and let Rubin raid the trust fund. We can trust Bill Clinton.

Well, in 1992, was it not Bill Clinton who promised a middle class tax cut, and when he had a chance to define his budget priorities, the next year he passed the largest tax increase in the history of this country. In 1992, he promised to balance the budget in 5 years, and yet the deficit continued to soar.

REPUBLICAN PLAN TOO EXTREME

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

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, Mr. GINGRICH and Senator DOLE have shut the Government down so that they can get a tax cut to the richest 1 percent of Americans. The extreme program they

have undertaken has stopped Government. Two hundred and forty-five billion dollars in Medicare cuts, \$170 billion from Medicaid, an assault on the environment, student loans, the Endangered Species Act, the Arctic National Refuge.

Mr. Speaker, every part of the program is too extreme, and that is why Government has come to a halt. It cannot get through the House and Senate, so they are trying to blackmail the American people by shutting down this Government.

Mr. Speaker, if they take the tax cut off the table, we could even reach the balanced budget in the time they want to. But no, their goal is to take seniors and throw them off Medicare, to take children and take away their lunch program, to end the kind of environmental protection that has cleaned up the air and our rivers, a program even this week's Business Week says is too extreme.

AMERICAN DREAM, NOT AMERICAN DEBT

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we are sent here to, as the Constitution says, "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves, and our Prosperity." For a generation now Congress has forsaken the mandate laid out in the founding documents: limited government freedom of opportunity, and common responsibility.

For years now, Congress has helped to create a government that is too big, taxes too much, and makes people dependent. Well, last year the American people said "Enough." They are tired of seeing their paychecks shrink while the Government gets bigger and goes further and further into debt, and elected a new majority to Congress.

Congress and the President are now in a conflict over the budget. It must be made absolutely clear, the people and the President that Congress now follows a very different agenda than it did before. This Congress is committed to balancing the budget, so that our children will inherit the American dream and not the American debt. I hope the President will join us in this commitment.

REPUBLICANS THROWING BUDGET TANTRUM

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

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership is throwing a budget tantrum that has shut our Government down.

Speaker GINGRICH and his freshman troops decided months ago to force their extreme agenda on the American people by creating this crisis.

Accept our cuts in Medicare, education, and the environment, the Republicans say, or else we will shut the Government down and cause a default.

Mr. Speaker, that's no way to run a country. NEWT GINGRICH should not be shutting the Government down in order to force his agenda on the American people.

Republicans and Democrats should sit down together and pass bipartisan bills to keep the Government running. Unfortunately, the Republican leadership is more interested in provoking confrontation than they are in governing responsibly.

The American people overwhelmingly support our budget priorities—they agree that we should not cut Medicare, education, and the environment. We should not raise premiums on Medicare 25 percent. The President is fighting for the priorities of the American people, and he is clearly standing firm.

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SEVEN SUMS UP BUDGET DEBATE

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, let me sum up the current debate on the budget. One word: Seven. We are committed to balancing the Federal budget in 7 years with honest numbers. Not 8, not 9, not 10. Seven. Why seven? Because it is not too extreme, it is not too fast. But is realistic. We will not compromise, we will not back down. We will balance the budget in 7 years. The sooner the President of the United States understands this, the sooner we can stop the Government shutdown, and the sooner we can balance the budget. Seven.

BALANCING BUDGET A MATTER OF PRIORITIES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH tries to blame the President for the Government shutdown but he has been planning this now for months.

Just take a look at the Speaker's words in September:

"I don't care what the price is. I don't care if we have no executive offices and no bonds for 30 days—not at this time.

"I don't care what happens." That is what Speaker GINGRICH says. President Clinton does care. He cares about seniors, he cares about our children, and he cares about our environment. The question is not will we have a balanced budget, the question is how will we balance the budget. What are our priorities?

The President and the Democrats are standing with the American people in opposition to Medicare, education, and environmental cuts to pay for tax

breaks and tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. This is not the American way. It is wrong.

DO IT FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

Ms. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, I hope the mothers of America are watching what is going on in Washington.

As a mother, do you know that your child will have to pay \$187,000 during his or her lifetime just to pay for interest on the national debt?

As a mother, do you know that interest payments on the national debt eat up one-third of the entire Federal budget?

As a mother, do you know that generational accounting indicates that your children will face lifetime tax rates of more than 80 percent in order to pay off the debt?

Well, as a mother, I know I will not stand for this.

As a mother, I believe it is time to get our Federal house in order.

As a mother, I believe it is immoral to continue to saddle my children and all American children with the national debt.

I hope the mothers of America will join me.

Call the President. Tell him it is time to get down to the people's business. It is time to stop politicking, pass a balanced budget, and save our children's future.

Come on, Moms, keep the pressure on.

SPEAKER OUT OF TOUCH WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, this partial Government shutdown is causing a great deal of anxiety for people who utilize Government services and for the 800,000 Federal employees who are currently being furloughed. We must stop that shutdown and end that anxiety as soon as possible. But we should also be clear as to what is really going on here. What is going on is that Mr. GINGRICH and the Republican leadership are attempting to blackmail the President and accept an agenda that the vast majority of American people disagree with. Very few people in this country think that we should give huge tax breaks for the rich, build B-2 bombers that the Pentagon does not want, and slash Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' programs, student loans, environmental programs, and job programs that protect our kids.

Mr. GINGRICH is dead wrong. He is out of touch with the American people. He should back down and let Government start running again.