

changes to the Social Security earnings test which will stop punishing older Americans who are contributing to society.

I urge the other 314 Members of Congress to join us in supporting the Senior Citizens Equity Act.

GIVING THE GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(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, yesterday was a triumph for the American people and the House of Representatives. We accomplished something that has been rarely accomplished in the past. We kept our promises that we made to the American people. Working with a bipartisan coalition we passed on the floor rules to cut committees and staff, ban proxy voting, term limits for chairmen of committees, and limitations on tax increases.

We started a revolution to give the government back to the American people, a smaller, more effective government that is accountable to them, the American taxpayer. I look forward to continuing our bipartisan work to pass the rest of the Contract With America. It is what we promised the American people we would do. It is a promise we are going to keep.

FREQUENT FLYER MILES REFORM

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

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we had a good start to our legislative session yesterday when we passed the Congressional Accountability Act, but we missed an important opportunity because we did not pass the important ban on personal use of frequent flyer miles. Now why did we not pass this important ban?

Well, several weeks ago the new incoming Speaker, NEWT GINGRICH, said this is a Mickey Mouse issue. Well, the new Speaker is correct drawing on Walt Disney for some of his analogies, but he is choosing the wrong character. The character he should be choosing is Goofy because it is just downright goofy for anyone to suggest that elected Members of Congress can use frequent flyer miles that are paid for by taxpayers to take vacations around this country or even overseas. The American people want reform, but they do not want the Members of this House to use frequent flyer miles for their own vacations.

Mr. Speaker, if new Members are interested in reform in this House, this is a reform that should take place, and it should take place immediately. I yield back the balance of my time.

CLEANING UP OUR ACT

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday truly was a historic day in America's history. After 40 years of Democratic control, we finally began to make the process of this institution truly the people's House. Joining this congressional revolution, which began with nine major reforms, I stand here honored, humbled, and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Nebraska and the American people.

The American people spoke last November, and we are listening. They said, "Cut government spending, cut taxes, quit being overly intrusive in our lives, and clean up your act."

Well, before we cut spending, cut taxes and get government off of America's back, we began the process of cleaning up our own act. Specifically we passed two measures making Congress both more accountable and more open. We limited the terms of committee chairs. We opened up congressional hearings to C-SPAN cameras, the media and the public.

It was a historic first day. There is much to be done, Mr. Speaker, but I look forward to the continued success of this House and making it the people's House once again.

IT WAS A GOOD START

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

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we truly did get off to a good start. We began fulfilling many of the promises to reform this Congress and to do what the American people have asked us to do, and we did it in a bipartisan fashion.

Yes, there are a few detractors who are trying to point to what could have been done in addition yesterday, but there are very few that we will hear who will criticize the reforms that were put into place yesterday, and it was a good start.

And what those few detractors do not point out is that the gift ban has been committed to as an issue that will come forward and will be addressed in this Congress. Yet the way the vote was structured yesterday, had we voted to support the motions that were made, they would have stalled the critical reforms that we did put into place. They would have stalled the term limits that were put into place on our committee chairmen, and our Speaker and other leadership. They would have stalled the effort to require rollcall votes on spending and taxing measures every time. They would have stalled the effort to reduce the ability of this Congress to continue to raise taxes on the American people. They would have stalled the effort to eliminate the budget gimmicks.

We had a good start yesterday. Let us continue in the bipartisan fashion we made.

DISMANTLING THE IDIOCRACY OF UNFUNDED MANDATES

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago today I announced my candidacy to represent the Sixth District of Arizona.

During these past 365 days, I have listened and learned a lot traveling the width and breadth of the district that in square mileage is the size of the State of Tennessee.

One recurring and overwhelming sentiment shared by my constituents is an absolute repudiation of unfunded Federal mandates.

In fact, one mayor in my district has coined an interesting term for the entire process of oppressive overregulation—he now calls the Federal bureaucracy the idiocracy.

It is estimated that this idiocracy will cost State and local governments nearly \$16 billion in 1995 alone. That comes at the expense of my children's future, the prosperity of the hard-working men and women of my district, and commonsense governance.

During these next 99 days, we have a historic opportunity to restore—the Jeffersonian ideal of a limited and frugal federal Government as we enact our Contract With America. Let us work together to dismantle the idiocracy.

ABORTION CLINIC KILLINGS

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sadness, but with great outrage. Two more people have lost their lives because they work at abortion clinics. They were simply doing their job, and it was legal; yet lawlessness again prevailed, and another tragedy has occurred.

I want to make it clear abortion is legal in this country, but murder is illegal and immoral. This violence is a coordinated effort. It is led by anti-abortion extremists throughout the country, and unfortunately experts in my home State of Oregon say that it, Oregon, is a communication hub for fanning the flames of violence.

In the last Congress I fought to pass the freedom of access to clinic entrances bill, which is now the law, and I call upon the law enforcement communities of this country to make sure that those who are exercising their legal right to work in abortion clinics and to have access to abortion, those rights must be protected. We must in this House set aside our partisan differences and protect our citizens.

OFFERING PARTNERSHIP IN REFORM

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

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, we surely all learned during our campaigns that the American people, whether they are Republican, Democrat, or Independent, have the willingness to become involved in the energetic give and take of public debate. We saw that same energy on this floor for 13 hours yesterday come forth from both sides of the aisle. But when we looked at the final tally on that scoreboard up there, we had the support of our Democrat colleagues for our contract with the people of this country.

Let me say, you can pick apart what we could not do yesterday. We can pick apart what you did not do when you had ample time over a period of years. However, that is not the direction that the people of this country want. There is time left to do other good things for the citizens of our country.

We extend to this side of the aisle not a right hand, but both hands, for you to involve yourself with us for a partnership down the road to make other necessary changes for a better way of life for the people of this great country.

IT IS PAST TIME FOR AN AUDIT OF THE HOUSE

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

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, what a great day it was for America yesterday, and for this farmboy from Parker, KS. We put in place a number of reform initiatives that needed to take place. I was delighted to carry the bill to do a complete audit of the House of Representatives. It passed, 430 to 1. I say that is unanimous bipartisan support. I am going to look for the one guy that did not agree to vote for this particular bill.

One other thing that I was amazed and very saddened and mad about was the fact that this institution has never been audited before. Can Members imagine any business, any not-for-profit entity, any agency that has never been audited?

In the history of this institution it has not been done, not in the past 40 years, not in the past 50 years, not in the past 5 years.

What is going to happen? We are going to make this place accountable to the American people, and we are going to tell the American people how the assets have been used and where the dollars have been spent. So keep watching as we reveal and we open the doors to the people's House.

REFORM PROCESS SHOULD INCLUDE BAN OF LOBBYIST GIFTS

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

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, last night this House proclaimed its intentions to pursue a course of reform. Member after Member asserted they were acting on the will of the people and taking the lead to change the way we do business.

Fair enough, but let us not stop, let us not recess, but move on and tackle the issues which the people of the 25th District desire to be addressed—a lobbyist gift ban and campaign finance reform. My constituents want to change business as usual—end free trips, curb the influence of special interests, reform campaign finance, and stop the money chase. You cannot have one without the other.

I just defeated a man who spent \$3 million of his own money. As long as we engage in a bidding war for campaign dollars, we shall never be free from the influence of outside interests. To quote Willie Nelson, "We came to play, not just for the ride." Let us stay and do the job to reform campaign finance and ban lobbyist gifts.

HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL REFORMS: THE FIRST STEP IN RESTORING AMERICA'S TRUST AND FAITH IN CONGRESS

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

Mr. LONGLEY. Yesterday was a great day for this country. We instituted nine historic reforms in our congressional revolution, and we have begun a journey of restoring trust and confidence in the American Government.

I am especially pleased with our passage requiring super majorities to raise taxes. For too long it has been too easy to raise taxes and spend the people's money, and in fact the budget process has been rigged in favor of tax increases rather than spending cuts.

Yesterday on the floor of this House I sat with my 6-year-old daughter and my 10-year-old son. We are not only taxing our families to death today, but we are spending our children's money today, that they will be forced to repay tomorrow. That must be stopped. I look forward to continuing our work to earn the trust of all Americans.

CALLING FOR FULL DISCLOSURE ON GOPAC FOR TRUE CONGRESSIONAL OPENNESS

(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, yesterday the new 104th Congress launched a new

beginning, a new spirit of openness. In the name of that spirit of openness I am calling on Speaker GINGRICH to make a full disclosure of not only all of the contributors to his multi million-dollar GOPAC, but also a full disclosure of the contributors to the Progress and Freedom Foundation.

This foundation enjoys preferential Federal tax treatment. The foundation raised \$1.6 million in 1993 and 1994 from 95 donors. Over \$400,000 from this foundation went to pay for the Speaker's college courses.

This morning the Roll Call newspaper, published in Washington, DC, has a front page story about contributions made to the Progress and Freedom Foundation by a biomedical company which then asked for help from the Speaker's office in terms of approval for a new home AIDS test with the FDA.

I think it is time for the Speaker to really fully disclose what is behind the Progress and Freedom Foundation and GOPAC. In this new spirit of openness the Speaker should open the books on both of these organizations. That I think would launch a real new beginning, real new openness, and full disclosure.

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE FIRST DAY IN CONGRESSIONAL HISTORY

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

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, in our Contract With America, my Republican colleagues and I promised that on the first day of the 104th Congress we would make dramatic changes in the way Congress does business.

Yesterday, during my first day as a new Representative from North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District, we kept our word. We voted to make Congress live under the laws it imposed on the rest of the country, to cut congressional committee staffs by one-third, and to limit the term of committee chairmen, and yes, the Speaker of the House.

Our first day in office was the most productive first day in congressional history, and I was encouraged that many of the reforms were supported by Republicans and Democrats alike.

During the next 99 days and throughout the next 2 years we now face the challenge of passing the reforms demanded by my constituents and by all the American people. The American people want and deserve the reforms. Today I urge my colleagues to join me in fulfilling the wish of the American people.

WHO WAS HELPED AND WHO WAS HURT AFTER FIRST DAY'S ACTIONS?

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1