

will discuss the budget. We should simply negotiate the budget. We have our differences, and they can be brought out and they can be negotiated. But in the interim, the Republican majority has an obligation to bring a continuing resolution to the floor and let the Government continue to operate, and I know that Frank also believes in that and so does Rose Marie.

BALANCING OUR FEDERAL BUDGET FOR OUR CHILDREN

(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, I so happy my good friend from New Jersey brought his children to the floor of this body, because I think it demonstrates, it demonstrates so clearly why we have to work out these problems.

Because you see, as desirable in one sense as a continuing resolution might be to some, to the country, to the financial markets, that is just a continuation of the same old tax-and-spend mantra. In fact, the child that my colleague from New Jersey had in his arms, his son, if we do nothing to change the course of action that we are on, that little boy will pay over \$185,000 in taxes just on the national debt.

So it is precisely for those children and the children of Federal workers and all children in America and, indeed, all generations, that we work now to put aside partisan differences and balance our Federal budget.

Our children, our country, deserve no less.

BUDGET MUST REFLECT PRIORITIES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

(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, if we pass the Republican budget, the children of the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will have the air that they breathe fouled, the water they drink dirty, we will deny them their opportunity for student loans to be able to get an education.

This Republican budget does exactly what it says it does, and it denies children opportunity, if you take a look at it, chapter and verse, and you look at the fine print.

Last month, Mr. Speaker, Speaker GINGRICH shut down the Government because he did not like his seat on Air Force One. Now, he is at it again. What was it this time that caused the Speaker's tantrum? Who knows? Perhaps he was invited to breakfast at the White House and President Clinton got two slices of bacon while Speaker GINGRICH only got one.

What we do know is the American people have rejected Speaker GINGRICH's budget, a budget which would devastate Medicare, Medicaid, and edu-

cation, to finance a tax cut for the wealthy. Instead of listening to the American people, the Speaker chooses to shut down the Government to get his way. That is not leadership. It is childish.

The Speaker should have a budget that reflects the priorities of the American public, not his own.

SANTA DOES NOT LIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, politicians in this town have dressed up as Santa Claus, popped down the chimney and robbed American families blind. On, sure, they have given gifts to their special-interest friends, but they have used the American people's credit card to do it, and all they have left our kids is a debt so huge that every single child born this year inherits a bill for \$187,000 just to pay the interest, just the interest, on the national debt.

These fake Santas, Mr. Speaker, take more than our milk and cookies. They gorge themselves on everything they can get their hands on, and then they claim that American families do not really need their taxes cut.

But the fact of the matter is that these fake Santas are eating the average family out of house and home. We have to slow the growth of wasteful Government spending, Mr. Speaker. We have to cut taxes. We have to cut the waste.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve no less. It is time to remember that Santa Claus does not live in Washington, DC.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNN of Oregon). The Chair reminds Members when they are addressing the House not to be accompanied by others who are not Members.

LUCRATIVE NEW BUSINESS: BODY BROKERING

(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, the stock market fell 101 points, 2 percent of its total value. Everybody is making a lot of excuses.

The truth of the matter is America has become a paper tiger. Check this out: One of the most lucrative new businesses in America is body brokering. That is right, selling cadavers, dead bodies, for up to \$1,500.

Think about it, it is getting to the point the only way to make a living in America is over someone's dead body.

But if you are not surprised about that, what is the big surprise, folks?

When an American needs a Ph.D. just to figure out the first page of the tax code, you know something is screwed up. I wonder how the Labor Department is going to classify this new profession: Human resource procurement specialist? I guarantee there will be five or six jobs that will be assigned as definitions to body brokering jobs.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

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U.S. ECONOMY AT STAKE IN BUDGET BATTLE

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, a minute is not very long. I will try. The budget economic ills clobber the market. The four chaps that came down 2 months ago, I talked to on the phone, they are saying here is what the market is thinking, that they are afraid we are not going to achieve a balanced budget. Therefore, the market is going down, largest drop in 4 years. We have seen interest rates go up. That has got to be a signal to use. We have got to pay attention.

In the Washington Post today, Jim Glassman writes, "As long as the President can pose as the saviour of Medicare, with the public blaming Congress for Government shutdowns, he is not going to negotiate seriously." Why should he?

Here is the bottom line of my message. Democrats, give me your ear: Everybody in this Chamber, or most everybody, wants a better America, better place to live and work. How are we going to come to grips with our overpromises and our overspending if we cannot keep borrowing the money simply to pay our bills? Let us get together. Let us do it. The market is at stake. The U.S. economy is at stake.

NOW WE MUST DECIDE ON SPENDING PRIORITIES

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

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I was in my district this weekend and I spoke with many people throughout western Pennsylvania who are upset with the budget impasse here in Washington. One of my constituents, Joe Palumbo, put it to me quite simply when he said—"MIKE, why can't Republicans and Democrats, stop bickering and sit down together and work out their differences."

It's a good question. Yesterday over 350 members of this House agreed to balance the budget in 7 years using the latest CBO economic assumptions. We agree on balancing the budget, now we have to decide on spending priorities. Let me ask three things of my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican as an early Christmas present.

First, let us tone down our rhetoric and listen to each other as well as talk.

Second, let us respect each others concerns over tax cuts, Medicare, education, and other items as valid.

And finally, let us not miss this historic opportunity to reach a compromise that will balance our budget in a fair and equitable way.

Americans are counting on us.

WE NEED A BALANCED BUDGET NOW

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, we are in the middle of the most important debate in decades—do we balance the budget or do we allow the out of control spending to continue. If we do not balance the budget now, it will never happen.

We have worked for months on developing a plan that would protect future generations and the country's fiscal solvency. Our balanced budget offers the American people a dividend.

Just a month ago, President Clinton agreed to work with us to achieve a balanced budget using CBO numbers. However, once again the President has back peddled playing politics as usual. He is more concerned with power and spending taxpayer money than he is about our children's future. We have offered a reasonable, responsible balanced budget which benefits the American people.

President Clinton, it is time for to put the political games aside and start working on behalf of the American people.

LET US AGREE ON A BALANCED BUDGET

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is a tragically historic time, because the Republicans for the first time in history have shut down the United States Government two times in 1 year. There are faces to this shutdown. As I listen to the cries in my district in Houston, various Federal offices that serve the American people shut down, doors closed, but yet there are also faces behind those who work in those offices, with families on the brink of Christmas and in the midst of Hanukkah.

All Americans are suffering. And then I might ask about the mother who lives in the Houston area, unemployed, without any support systems, an 8-month-old who has respiratory problems, a 5-year-old with heart problems, and an 8-year-old with a brain tumor. That mother needs Medicaid, yet on the backs of those children and that mother, this Republican Congress wants to balance the budget.

Oh, we all want to balance the budget. The Democrats have stood their ground on that. The Democratic helped craft and pass a resolution that allowed this Government to remain open, signed on November 19, that said we would balance the budget, protecting Medicaid, education, Medicare, agriculture, national defense, and the veterans.

Where are the Republican members who would come to the table to pass a clean continuing resolution. This is a season to be joyous. This is a season to stand for the American people. Let us get a budget that we can all agree with.

CEO'S CALL FOR END TO GRIDLOCK

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when the President failed again to offer a balanced budget, he proved once more that old Democrats do not morph into new Democrats. In fact, it is clear that old Democrats do not even die, they just fake away. They fake at balancing the budget, they fake at negotiations, they fake at ending welfare as we know it, and they fake at inhaling.

Well, today the CEO's across America have had enough. They have taken out this full page ad in the Washington Post saying end the gridlock, Mr. President. These are folks from Ford, General Motors, Circuit City, Toys-R-Us. What they are asking the President to do is what the Congress has already done: Use realistic numbers and the CBO scoring to balance the budget in 7 years. And I would say if the President will come to the negotiating table and do what he promised to do 3 weeks ago, then we can resolve this.

I, for one Member of Congress, agree with the CEO's and the major employers across the Nation. I am going to sign my name to this. I invite my fellow Republicans to do the same, and I invite my fellow Democrats. If you agree with this, please put your name on this in front of the American people.

CEO'S DEMAND MORE CORPORATE WELFARE

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, OK, everybody, watch who signs up. Watch who signs up, because we now know what the issue is. These are the CEO's demanding that they have more corporate welfare and they want us to kill Medicare. They want us to kill the things that mean a lot to the middle class so they can continue on with their golden parachutes, the great tax cut that they have been promised, and they want their Christmas to come.

Well, I am here not representing the CEO's, the fat cats of America. I am

here representing the average American. Never have we had a Congress so stupid that it closed the Government down once, but twice. These Republicans do not learn. But how pleased I am they smoked out their supporters.

I hope you guys all sign up, back the CEO's of America. Be proud you are for corporate welfare. I am proud I am not. I am for Medicare, I am for Medicaid, I am for student loans, and I am for standing up for what built this country.

LAST CHANCE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, let me just suggest to the gentlewoman from Colorado that I am for those same things. I am for protecting Medicare, for protecting education, I am for protecting Medicaid.

Mr. Speaker, this is the last best chance perhaps that we will have to balance this budget. We have a window of opportunity right how to do the right thing for the American people.

The Republican majority has a plan. I do not see one coming from the President. He says he wants to balance the budget, to produce a plan, yet he has not produced a plan. He has not even shown us his plan. Instead of working with the Republican majority to find some common ground, he continues to mislead America with imaginary spending cuts on Medicare, Medicaid, education, and so forth.

The President's philosophy seems to be to scare the children, scare the poor, scare the veterans, and scare the seniors. As 1995 comes to an end, the American people need to know that the only thing standing between them and a balanced budget, lower taxes, lower interest rates, and more jobs, is the President, President Clinton.

Mr. Speaker, the majority stands ready to work with the President. It is time for him to provide leadership and help us end the days of spend now, and worry later.

PRESENT A RESPONSIBLE BALANCED BUDGET

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

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, last time the Republicans shut down the Government because the Speaker was unhappy with his seat on Air Force One.

Now, the Republicans have shut down the Government because the President will not accept a budget agreement that would devastate health care for the elderly and the poor while giving a huge tax break to the rich.

The Republicans are holding the Government hostage in order to force their