

in the so-called "Contract With America." During the first 50 days of this session, not one job has been created, not one family is more secure, not one working, middle-income individual is better off, and not one child is more secure.

While the Republicans have spent these first 50 days fighting for tax cuts for the wealthy of society, we Democrats are fighting for a minimum wage increase to make work pay and break the cycle of welfare dependency. While Republicans are proposing cuts on Medicare and AFDC, we are fighting to save Medicare and protect child nutrition programs, which are so vital to many poor children.

If the current proposals continue, children will be the real losers under this contract.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA HELPING AMERICANS

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure how the previous speaker knew that not one person was better off in America. I have talked to a lot of people in America in my district and they are very happy with what is going on. The polls indicate people are better off and definitely happier with the way things are going in this Congress.

We are not just up passing bills. Americans know that. We are up here taking away from Big Brother in Washington, the Government, and we are returning the control of this country to the people we work for, the people all across America.

We are doing something else too, something that perhaps the former majority who are now the minority failed to do, and that is we are keeping our word. We are accomplishing exactly what we said we would do in the election. We are out here working harder in January and February than this Congress has ever worked, certainly more than it has in the last 40 years. We have had four times as many hours in session, we have had eight times as many votes, we have had six times as many committee meetings. The reason for all of that is not because we want more Government, it is because we want less Government. We are cutting down Government, that is what this is about, and we are returning it to the people.

everyone of a four-letter word that Speaker GINGRICH has not uttered—jobs.

Speaker GINGRICH's policies have not and will not create one new job or make the life of one American better.

But it will make the lives of millions of Americans worse:

The elderly who will see Medicare destroyed.

The college kids who will pay thousands of dollars more for student loans.

And the children who will not have school lunches to eat.

In fact, for all Speaker GINGRICH's talk, only one bill has been signed into law so far—congressional accountability. When we passed this last year, it was blocked by Republicans in the Senate.

Let us face it, it is no great accomplishment to vote on the first 5 items in a pollsters top 10 list.

Speaker GINGRICH promised a revolution.

So far this is more like the phony war.

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THOUGHTS ON 50 DAYS' PROGRESS

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

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, today is the 50th day of the Republicans 100-day Contract on America. Congratulations on putting forth a goal and sticking to it.

It is important to have goals and objectives in our lives and in legislation. Legislative goals should be those that are achievable through a consensus with America, not goals that stick it to America. It should be a contract with all of America.

We Democrats do not need a plan to stick this to that or a contract with this group against that group. Our contract has always been the same. We work hard, ensure a thoughtful, deliberate process.

So let us look back at the first 50 days of the Democratic majority in 1993. By now two bills had already been signed into law: the national motor-voter bill and the family and medical leave bill, with little or no Republicans support. In the GOP first 50 days, only one bill, the Congressional Accountability Act, has been signed into law, just one, and that was with 400 Members voting for it in a bipartisan manner.

Even though the score, using the GOP marker, is two to one in favor of the Democrats, let us forget the 100-day marker. But rather, let us be

permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to comment on this occasion of the half-way point of the Republican's 100-day Contract for America. During the recent election, the Republican Party snowed the people of this Nation with empty, meaningless promises.

While this contract may sound good on the surface, its provisions are vague and unrealistic at best. The worst, I fear, will result in deceptive and detrimental and consequences for our country.

This contract cuts student loan funding and availability.

This contract cuts taxes for the wealthy, while at the same time taking food out of the mouths of children and young mothers.

This contract would end public assistance for the poor and disabled, with no provisions for putting people to work.

It has taken the majority party of this House 50 days to pass three contract items. It will soon become clear that the remainder of the Republicans' proposals are bad ideas masked in falsehood and obscurity. The contract for America is bad, deceptive, and dangerously detrimental for senior citizens.

WHAT DOES THE RECORD SHOW OF THE FIRST 50 DAYS?

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, last night I saw a wonderful cartoon in the latest issue of Business Week. It had an elephant dressed in an obviously very expensive suit, wearing a button on the lapel that said, "Been robbed, raped, maimed or murdered? Call a block grant." That has a lot to say about what we have done here in the first 50 days.

We took the crime bill that was passed last year, took away all preventive measures and took away the police on the street who will make the streets safer for us. And that, along with trashing the Constitution, are two very important things that have happened here in the past 50 days. And all Americans ought to know it.

We have done very little to address the problems that are really on the minds of Americans today. They have educated their children at great expense.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

first 50 days taking place on CNN right now over in the Cannon caucus room.

I thank my friend for yielding.

A REMAKE OF THE BODY SNATCHERS?

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, is this a replay of the first 100 days of FDR? That is what the Republican leadership would have the American people believe. Or is it more like a really bad remake of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," some alien force has taken over the other side as they march lockstep and they will not consider any problems that they are creating with their contract. No matter how problematic, no matter how contradictory, no matter how poorly drafted their proposals, the contract must go forward, the alien force says.

Today \$3 billion more for a needy Pentagon. They cannot make ends meet on a \$271 billion budget. The American people know that. And next week we eliminate the School Lunch Program and the Program for Women, Infants, and Children because we cannot afford it.

Is there a little contradiction here? Is this 100 days to address the real needs of the American people akin to FDR, or is it a nightmarish remake of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"?

Make up your own mind.

THIS IS WAR

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, we are not dealing with the celebration of a contract. We are simply looking at a war where people are pitting one group of citizens against another. It is simple and clear to the children and women and those who are in need, working families, that we are in war with today.

I would like to celebrate what the 103d Democratic Congress did that really focused on working families: family leave, motor-voter law, reducing the deficit, responding to families and small businesses and, yes, providing opportunities for our youth to get educational loans.

What we are doing right now is fighting in a war that seems to be depend-

eat and, yes, we are going to continue to fight against gutting the crime bill, taking police off the streets. And we are finally going to stand against welfare punishment, because we believe in welfare reform.

Mr. Speaker, this is a war, and we are going to win this war for working Americans.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

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

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, on November 8, the citizens of the 18th Congressional District in Pennsylvania sent me to Congress with a clear message. They wanted Government waste and inefficiency eliminated, they wanted the pork barrel, spendthrift ways of the past to change, they wanted our deficit brought down. I heard that message loud and clear, and I was proud to co-sponsor the Democratic balanced budget amendment with CHARLIE STENHOLM and work to have it passed in this House with the help of the Republican majority.

I stand here today to express my extreme disappointment, that the very first spending package produced by the Republican majority since the passage of that balanced budget amendment would increase the 1995 deficit by \$282 million and add \$645 million to the deficit over 5 years.

It is ironic that when Republicans want to spend billions to build star wars, there is no mention of balanced budgets, but if it is lunches for our school children, Republicans want to abolish it in the name of a balanced budget.

Watch the vote today on the defense supplemental bill and we will see who is really serious about balancing the budget.

ON THE FIRST 50 DAYS

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the first 50 days of the 104th Congress, and my Republican colleagues are boasting about how much they have accomplished. The fact of the matter is, they have produced a lot of icing, but there ain't no cake.

While the Contract With America does a great deal for you if you earn over \$200,000 a year, for the rest of us it

care, the minimum wage or job security.

Once again, this leads to the question, who really is controlling the contract? I think it is time for an outside counsel.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am a little bit puzzled by the speaker that preceded the gentlewoman who was just at the podium. I do not know where the gentleman gets his numbers, but the fact is that the emergency supplemental that is intended to repay the Defense Department for the missions directed by President Clinton in Haiti and Iraq and Bosnia and all the others is a \$3.2 billion package, paid for by \$1.8 billion in defense rescissions or cuts and \$1.4 billion in nondefense rescissions or cuts, and it nets out to a savings of \$14 million.

In other words, we are cutting \$14 million more than we are spending.

The gentleman's figures are totally inaccurate. I hope this statement for the RECORD will reflect these corrected amounts accordingly.

MORE THOUGHTS ON THE CONTRACT'S PROGRESS

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

Mr. TUCKER. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are taking this moment to bask in the glory of what they call their first 50 days. And they are sticking their chest out, Mr. Speaker, and hoping that all of America will remember what they have done here.

Well, I hope all of America does remember what they have done here, Mr. Speaker. When they do things like slashing programs for children's lunches so that young people cannot go to school worrying about learning and eating at the same time, when they cut off student loan programs so as our young people matriculate they will not be able to go into modes of higher education, this is what I hope that the American people will remember about what they have done here on the floor of the House, because, Mr. Speaker, it is something certainly not worthy to be remembered for.