

CHILDREN PAY THE PRICE OF FAILED LIBERAL WELFARE STATE

(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, at the outset let me say I would associate myself in full with the remarks made by my good friend from Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, let me also observe though that my liberal colleagues on the other side of the aisle never tire of telling us how much they care for our Nation's children. But if they really cared about children, they would join us in reforming a welfare system whose primary victims are children.

Study after study shows that it is children who pay the price for the failed liberal welfare state. They do not learn as well. They have other developmental problems. They are more likely to go on welfare themselves, which starts the cycle all over again.

There is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that welfare in its current form is bad for children. Yet my liberal Democrat colleagues come down here after day, defend the current welfare system, and distort the positive changes we will make. They do not want to end welfare as we know it. They want to spend more and grow it, and they have declared war on the very children they purport to protect.

KEEP FAITH WITH OUR PRESIDENT

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, in this week's Newsweek, there is an article called "The Hidden Success Story." It is about America's efforts to assist in diversifying the Mexican economy and make good economic friends of our neighbors to the south. And the article concludes with these words:

Keep faith with those who are struggling to do the right thing. Bill Clinton may have received little credit for it in the United States, but his rescue of the peso places him, and not Washington conventional wisdom, on the right side of history. For a century American Presidents have blustered about being good neighbors to the rest of the Americas. Clinton, first in Haiti and now in Mexico, has shown more leadership and less arrogance in the struggle for hemispheric progress than any previous representative of the Colossus of the North. When in about 20 years that too becomes conventional wisdom, remember, you read it here first.

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THE BIG LIE

(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, today's headlines in Congress Daily read,

"Clinton Budget Hikes Deficit More Than Expected." That says it all.

Of course, this article proves what we have believed about the Clinton budget and verifies why he campaigned against the balanced budget amendment truly mortgaging our children's future. Yet all of this comes to light while President Clinton and the Democrats shamelessly use children in his big lie scare tactics regarding our reforms.

In fact, let me once again reiterate the facts to the President, to his lackeys, and to the American people. Not only are we not cutting nutrition programs for our children, but we are increasing funding 4.5 percent every year. How many working people out there, if they got a 4.5-percent increase in pay, would think it was a cut?

Mr. Speaker, the American people did not believe the big Social Security lie during the last election used during the campaign and hopefully they will not believe this new big lie. Absent of good ideas and with budget numbers that increase the deficit more every year, what can be expected from the other side? Let us balance the budget. Let us save our children's future.

REPUBLICANS AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

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

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans claim they received a clear electoral message that the Nation was ready for change. Well, we have begun to see what their definition of change means and here it is Mr. Speaker: If you are a poor, hungry child in America, then you have to wait in line behind the space station and tax breaks for the wealthy before you can receive a nutritious meal.

We have heard Republicans come to this floor and claim they are not cutting child nutrition programs with the proposed block grants for the States. This is simply not true. In fact, in the first 5 years, the school-based nutrition programs will be cut by \$2.5 billion and the family-based programs by \$4.6 billion. In my State, Missouri, that translates into a \$103 million loss for students in the school lunch program. Apparently, Republicans have not only misplaced their compassion, but it seems they have lost their calculators, as well.

Like many of the provisions in the Republican contract that have been rushed through this body, the attack on the nutrition programs promises to dismantle in 100 days, programs that have efficiently fed children for over 30 years.

We all agree on the need to reform the welfare system and to bring Federal spending under control, but I want to remind Republican leaders that it should not be done at the expense of working families.

IMPROVING THE WESTERN FORESTS

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

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues that we have taken an important first step in improving the Western forest environment and economy.

Last week, the Appropriations Committee approved an emergency measure to harvest dead, burnt, and diseased timber that is rapidly diminishing the health of our forests.

First, this is important because it will improve the health of our forests. This is proper management that will ensure that our natural resources are not further ravaged by diseases, insect infestation, or fire.

Second, the sale of this timber will bring nearly a billion dollars in tax revenues into the Treasury.

Third, we will put our woodstarved communities back to work. For many mills and their employees, it is already too late. We can, however, help those communities which are struggling to stay alive.

Mr. Speaker, the salvage timber provision serves three vital functions—improving forest health, returning hefty revenues to Uncle Sam, and putting hard-working people back to work.

I urge my colleagues to support the rescission package next week.

THE FACTS

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, it has been said before that when you have facts on your side, you pound on the facts. When you have the law on your side, you pound on the law. When you have neither, you pound on the podium.

We have heard a lot of Republicans pounding on the podium for the last 2 weeks saying, we are not cutting school lunches. We are increasing it.

Yesterday in the New York Times the headline read: "School Lunch Bill Leaves Out Military Children." Fifty-seven thousand children eligible for school lunches left out.

When the gentleman from California, [Mr. CUNNINGHAM] was asked, is this true? How could this be? A Republican on the committee said, "Are there little glitches like this? Absolutely."

Little glitches leaving out thousands of school children? We do not want to put the Pentagon in charge of serving school lunches, Mr. Speaker. Let us make sure that we do not have glitches and omissions that will put our children on the streets and take food out of their mouths.