

If we are going to solve the welfare mess for good, take people off welfare permanently. We need to put them to work. The Deal substitute did it. The Republican welfare plan does not.

TIME TO CHANGE THE WELFARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, it is hard to know what to make of my liberal colleagues as they come to the well and ooze compassion and sport their politically correct ties, when they claim they want to end welfare as we know it. After all, they had ample opportunity to change to system during the last 2 years when they controlled both Houses of Congress and the White House.

But the sad fact is they do not want to change the welfare system, because they like it. They like it because it is good for them politically, and the truth of the matter is that the welfare bureaucracy and welfare recipients have become a core constituency of the national Democratic Party.

The American people know the current welfare system is a disaster, especially for children. Children on welfare do worse in school. They tend to have more developmental problems, and they are far more likely to end up on welfare themselves.

How can my liberal colleagues come down here and defend the current welfare systems, one which promotes intergenerational dependency on welfare, which leads to family disintegration and soaring rates of illegitimacy? How can they look the American people in the eye and say we need more of the same?

It is time to change the welfare system in America, Mr. Speaker, and change it we will for the children of this country.

CHILDREN WILL BE HURT BY THE REPUBLICAN WELFARE REFORM PROPOSAL

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today Congress will pass a welfare bill that will cut \$35.1 million out of the school lunches in the State of Texas, according to my outside-the-beltway analysis from our State comptroller in Texas.

Today the Republican majority will rejoice, but the children will be hurt. Many of my Democratic Members have been sporting ties and scarves from Save the Children, and I even heard this morning one Republican Member offered to have a secondary market in used ties.

But I am going to save mine until October and November of 1996, so when the kids start getting their lunches

taken away from them, the voters will remember in November who took those lunches away.

MEANINGFUL WELFARE REFORM TODAY

(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, the gentlewoman from Oregon offered us a scriptural admonition this morning. She quoted the words of Jesus Christ, "Suffer the little children and let them come unto me." No interpretation, no translation of that scripture have I seen that ever said, "Let them go unto a Federal Government."

Mr. Speaker, it is a simple fact, liberal Democrats oppose changing this welfare state. It suits them just fine. They created it, and they have supported it since the 1960's.

Despite the overwhelming evidence that welfare has played a major role in the breakdown of American society, liberal Democrats continue their love affair with this failed system. They seem willing to do anything to defend this failed welfare state, including a curious inability to properly count wholesale distortion of facts and shameful name-calling.

Mr. Speaker, the good news today is that the liberal Democrats' days are numbered. They no longer have a monopoly over this Congress, and their pals in the media can count fewer and fewer followers. The only refuge now for these liberal Democrats is the bureaucracy, but even this will not escape the glare of public scrutiny.

The American people have grown tired of seeing this Federal Government become the charity of first resort. Today we will have meaningful welfare reform.

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EFFECTS OF THE REPUBLICAN WELFARE PLAN ON FLORIDA

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Deal bill was not about the status quo. But let me tell you what the Republicans do to my State of Florida, and I hope my colleagues from Florida are listening also.

Block-granting cash assistance for needy families will result in Florida receiving \$412 million less.

Block-granting Federal funding for abused and neglected children and children in foster care, Florida lost \$121 million. Repealing nutrition programs including school lunch and WIC for needy families and replacing them with a lump sum capped at less than the rate of inflation will result in \$338 million less to Florida. The Republican plan would impose a rigid cap on food stamp spending allowing no adjust-

ments for economic slumps. As a result, a \$1.2 billion loss to Florida. These are just a few of the cuts. When you add them up, Florida will lose \$3.87 billion.

Mr. Speaker, it is not about change on that side, it is not about change, it is about our children. We are not talking about status quo here.

CURRENT WELFARE SYSTEM IS CRUEL TO CHILDREN

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

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, over the last few days we have spent a great deal of time listening to opponents of the Republican welfare overhaul talking about how cruel this bill is to children. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what cruelty is. Cruelty is the current welfare system that has wasted \$5 trillion of taxpayer money and yet has failed to lift children from poverty.

Cruelty is the current welfare system that condemns so many of these children to a life surrounded by crime and violence and lack of ambition.

Cruelty is the current welfare system that condemns the children of these children to face the same circumstances in an endless cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what the most cruel and mean-spirited act of all is: It is the cruelty found in the current liberal opposition to our bill. The liberals in Congress built this current welfare system, the system is a failure.

Today the Congress will overhaul this failed system and end cruelty to children.

WELFARE REFORM

(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, as the Gingrich Republicans prepare for their blitzkrieg against the poor, and say things that I hope they do not mean, I would like to read a letter from one of their supporters, obviously inspired by their rhetoric.

The letter reads:

After watching your Negro boss do her jungle act about bringing back the brown shirts, I think we need some color shirts to control these Negro females who pop out — Negro children like monkeys in the jungle. No, I think the monkeys are more civilized. We real Americans don't intend to support — Negro children who live like rats in a hole and don't have a chance to become human. The welfare system is the cause. Even whites are becoming trash just like Negroes who pop out all these — Negro children. Don't you understand that we Americans are trying to civilize you? Why do you fight it so hard? The jungle is in Africa, though you have turned D.C. into an American jungle. Grow up and become an American.

Mr. Speaker, the spirit of GOP welfare reform lives in these words.

TERM LIMITS

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

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as a strong supporter of term limits, I have underscored my commitment by cosponsoring several measures that would allow States to determine their own limits on U.S. Representatives while ensuring that some measure of limitation would be placed on Representatives whose States did not enact term limits.

I and most of my colleagues want term limits. I also have no desire whatsoever to preempt States Law.

However, I have no intention of letting this historic opportunity pass us by. I would hope that the scorched-earth critics who will accept no less than their position also see the light. We may not always agree on the number of years but, we do agree on the necessity of limits.

More importantly, I believe that the people who elected us realize that we do not live in a perfect world. They realize that some limits are better than no term limits at all.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that during the debate on term limits we will not lose sight of our ultimate goal—to enact term limits that will return this body to the people.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, today the debate in the House on the Personal Responsibility Act will conclude.

One of the issues that remains as a point of contention is whether the Personal Responsibility Act cuts or increases spending for child nutrition programs.

When we spend less, that is a "cut."

The Republican majority calls these cuts "savings."

But, while insisting on calling them savings, they refuse to apply the money to deficit reduction.

Instead, they intend to apply these savings to tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

It may seem confusing—however—let me summarize.

The Republicans say their bill will "increase" spending. To increase spending, they want to "reduce" spending and call a cut a savings—but instead of applying the savings to reduce the deficit, they want to apply the savings to a tax cut. By applying the savings to a tax cut—they will increase spending. Does that make it more clear?

Some refer to this logic as "sincere confusion."

In my State of North Carolina, we call it sleight of hand.

If it was not so sad, it would be very funny.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUNNINGHAM). This concludes the 1-minute this morning. Further 1-minute will be taken at the end of legislative business.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 119 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, March 23, 1995, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 1267 offered by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. DEAL], had been disposed of.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Hawaii [Mrs. MINK] rise?

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MRS. MINK OF HAWAII

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to the rule, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The text of the amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Family Stability and Work Act of 1995".

SEC. 2. REFERENCE TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, wherever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

SEC. 3. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Reference to Social Security Act.
- Sec. 3. Table of contents.

TITLE I—IMPROVING AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

- Sec. 101. Increase in standard earned income disregard.

- Sec. 102. Increase in State flexibility regarding recipient participation in jobs program.
- Sec. 103. Elimination of different treatment of 2-parent families.
- Sec. 104. Extension of transitional child care guarantee.
- Sec. 105. Increase in Federal matching rates for child care.
- Sec. 106. Increase in jobs program funding.
- Sec. 107. Requirement with respect to jobs program participation rate.
- Sec. 108. Increase in matching rates for States whose recipients leave AFDC for paid employment.
- Sec. 109. Increase in at-risk child care funding.
- Sec. 110. Improvements in jobs program self-sufficiency planning and case management.
- Sec. 111. Change in mandatory services and activities under the jobs program.
- Sec. 112. Jobs creation and work experience program.
- Sec. 113. Provisions generally applicable to the jobs program.

TITLE II—MAKING WORK PAY

- Sec. 201. Transitional medicaid benefits.
- Sec. 202. Temporary exclusion of earned income for purposes of determining rent paid for units in federally assisted housing.
- Sec. 203. Continuation of food stamp benefits.

TITLE III—IMPROVING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Subtitle A—Eligibility and Other Matters Concerning Title IV-D Program Clients

- Sec. 301. State obligation to provide paternity establishment and child support enforcement services.
- Sec. 302. Distribution of payments.
- Sec. 303. Due process rights.
- Sec. 304. Privacy safeguards.

Subtitle B—Program Administration and Funding

- Sec. 311. Federal matching payments.
- Sec. 312. Performance-based incentives and penalties.
- Sec. 313. Federal and State reviews and audits.
- Sec. 314. Required reporting procedures.
- Sec. 315. Automated data processing requirements.
- Sec. 316. Director of CSE program; staffing study.
- Sec. 317. Funding for secretarial assistance to State programs.
- Sec. 318. Reports and data collection by the Secretary.

Subtitle C—Locate and Case Tracking

- Sec. 321. Central State and case registry.
- Sec. 322. Centralized collection and disbursement of support payments.
- Sec. 323. Amendments concerning income withholding.
- Sec. 324. Locator information from interstate networks.
- Sec. 325. Expanded Federal Parent Locator Service.
- Sec. 326. Use of social security numbers.

Subtitle D—Streamlining and Uniformity of Procedures

- Sec. 331. Adoption of uniform State laws.
- Sec. 332. Improvements to full faith and credit for child support orders.
- Sec. 333. State laws providing expedited procedures.

Subtitle E—Paternity Establishment

- Sec. 341. State laws concerning paternity establishment.
- Sec. 342. Outreach for voluntary paternity establishment.