

motion to the House to recommit, he said the following, and I quote:

This motion to recommit is very simple. It does four simple things.

When I read the 16-page motion, I found out it included more like 40 than 4 changes. For example, it eliminates the marriage penalty, it eliminates the American dream savings account, it eliminates the spousal IRA. It eliminates the child tax credit completely in the first year and then reduces it to \$100. It changes it from a \$200,000 ceiling to a \$60,000 ceiling which was called \$95,000.

It eliminates the tax on Social Security benefits, the tax preference for long-term insurance, the accelerated death benefits and long-term care benefits, it eliminates the capital gains tax reduction, it eliminates the neutral cost recovery provisions, it eliminates the repeal of the alternative minimum tax, it eliminates the increase in the social security earnings test.

My question to the minority leader is I would like to give him the opportunity to explain why, what the disconnect is here when we were told this was a 4-point change when in fact it really completely and totally changed the bill.

#### WGOP RADIO

(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, it's nothing new for politicians to use the power of radio to send a message, but it appears that Republicans in this body are hoping to start their own station. WGOP radio—playing all the greatest hits from the 1980's, 24 hours a day.

For the last 100 days we have been listening to the Republican Party's greatest hits compilation, entitled the "Contract With America." It includes an array of golden oldies from the grand ole party. Among the easy listening favorites are the crowd pleasing, tax-cut fever, the cold war favorite, the theme from Star Wars. And, finally, that fairy tale put to music, puff the magic budget.

Tax cuts for the wealthy, runaway military spending, and empty promises for a balanced budget—these familiar tunes have been playing 'round the clock on WGOP.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are hoping to find a new audience for these old songs, but the American people do not think that skyrocketing deficits and tax breaks for the wealthy and billionaires being able to renounce their citizenship so they can get a tax evasion, they do not think these are anything to sing about. And, Mr. Speaker, they are going to change the station.

#### REPUBLICANS' PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

(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, last September 27, Republican incumbents and candidates stood on the Capitol steps and made a pledge to the American people. We promised to bring to the floor legislation that had been blocked by the Democrat-controlled Congress for years. Congressional reform, welfare reform, tax breaks, term limits, regulatory reform, legal reform.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to say that we kept our promise. A new day has dawned in America. We have proved to the people that politicians can keep a promise. The Republican majority is working hard to recapture the long-lost trust the American people used to have in their elected officials. And I am proud to be a part of this healing process.

Mr. Speaker, it is as simple as this—promises made, promises kept. This is what the Republicans are all about.

#### WEALTHY AMERICANS GAIN MORE THAN THEY PAY

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

Mr. KEVIN. Mr. Speaker, a central issue yesterday was what is the impact of the bill on various income groupings. The gentleman who heads the Committee on Ways and Means yesterday said that wealthy Americans will pay a slightly higher portion of the Nation's total tax bill.

True. But that is because 1 percent of all taxpayers will have an income increase in the year 2000 of \$47 billion if this bill ever was enacted.

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So their share of taxes goes up slightly because their share of wealth goes up tremendously.

I now just want to say a word about ethnic slurs in this country. A slur on any part of America is a slur on all of America. People should not be excused for outrageous statements because they are outrageous on many other occasions. A gentleman in the other body owes everyone in America an apology.

#### LAST NIGHT'S MOTION TO RECOMMIT WAS DECEPTIVE

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

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow up on the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] with respect to the motion to recommit last night. This was presented, it is a 10-minute debate, then we vote on it, and that could become part of the legislation. It

was presented in such a way that it was very appealing to some of us who had some concerns about certain aspects of the tax bill. We found out in the middle of all this that it was 16 pages. We went over, and we researched it, and in a short period of time we learned exactly what the gentleman from Ohio has represented here today, and that is that it basically gutted all aspects of the tax bill. It did much more than the four things which were on the placard here. I do not know why this happened in this particular way; that is to be answered some other day in some other way.

But the bottom line was it was a deceptive approach to how that motion to recommit was handled. Maybe we have problems with motions to recommit, maybe they need to be filed sooner, maybe we need to have a longer time in order to digest them, but certainly we should not be in a situation in which deception is being practiced in this building.

I put into the RECORD last night in a 5-minute appearance all the mistakes that were presented on the floor and the correct version of what was actually in that 16-page motion to recommit. From now on I hope we can pay more attention to this particular problem.

#### REPUBLICANS' CONTRACT IS DAMAGING AMERICA

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

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, the Republican contract may have good titles, but it is bad policy. Its policy is just too extreme for America. What we end up doing is cutting taxes for the top 1 percent while we take away educational opportunity for average and middle class kids.

What does that do to this country? It does not just hurt the children. It hurts the future of our country and its competitiveness. What do they try to do on drug treatment during the crime bill? A great title; they cut the funding for drug rehabilitation.

The Republican contract is too extreme. Its impact on the deficit is that it will explode it. Its impact on the economy of the country is that it will retard it, it will leave us less competitive as a nation, it will increase unemployment and, in the end, further add to the deficit.

Mr. Speaker, maybe we have got great rhetoric on the Republican side and good titles, but it is bad policy, it is too extreme, and it is damaging America.

#### THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAS KEPT ITS PROMISES

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

Mr. LONGLEY. Mr. Speaker, the bitter defenders of the old order have spent a lot of time complaining, even whining, about the legislation in our Contract With America. But they seem to have forgotten that since January 4, our legislation has continuously received bipartisan support—in fact, the average vote for contract legislation in the House has been 332 to 96. On an average, over 100 Democrats have voted “yes” on the Contract With America.

Mr. Speaker, I have faith that the American people are going to look past all the distortions and rhetoric and see that the Republican majority has kept the promises we made, and we will continue to work hard to change Washington—to make the Federal Government smaller, less costly, less intrusive, and more efficient for the American people. It truly is a new day here in Washington, DC.

#### IS THEIR CONTRACT GOOD FOR AMERICA? NO

(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, my colleagues, I think the Republicans indeed do deserve recognition. They said they would bring the contract to the floor of this House and attempt to pass it, and indeed they did, and I think that the Democrats and Americans have to recognize them for that. But the real question for all Americans is:

“What’s in the contract? What did they pass?”

Mr. Speaker, I think much of what was in the contract is, by definition, extremism. For example, one element to the contract which passed this House with Republican votes allows the Government to break down our doors, search our homes without a search warrant. One element of the contract allows illegal immigrants who commit crimes in this country and are convicted of a felony not to go to prison in America, but to be sent back home to their own country, presumably so they can reenter illegally here.

Mr. Speaker, last night we passed another element of the contract which takes America back to trickle-down economics, a pittance for middle-income people, huge tax breaks for the wealthy.

Did they pass he contract?

Yes.

Is he contract good for America?

No, it is extremism.

#### CONTRACT AND TAXES

(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, yesterday the Republican Party passed the last hurdle in the Contract With America by passing our tax reduction package.

We provide families a \$500 per child tax credit, we slash the capital gains tax rate, repeal the Clinton tax increase on Social Security benefits, double an investment deduction for small businesses, provide a tax credit to families who adopt children, and create the American dream savings account to encourage saving.

In the last 92 days we kept our word with the American people. We changed Washington and we have worked hard to preserve the American Dream for America’s children. The contract is only the first step, however, toward moving power and money out of Washington and returning it to the people. Henry Ford said that, “What’s right about America is that although we have a mess of problems, we have great capacity—intellectual and resources—to do something about them.”

I am proud to say that this new Congress is changing America and helping to restore its greatness.

#### REPUBLICAN EXTREMISTS HAVE GONE TOO FAR

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the last 2 weeks have seen the most disturbing developments of the Republican Contract on America, the worst example of Republican extremists simply going too far. Thirty-five million dollars in tax breaks for Australian-born Rupert Murdoch, \$3.6 billion for American billionaires that have renounced their citizenship, \$3.6 billion in tax cuts, tax cuts for people making \$200,000 a year and calling them middle class taxpayers, and the elimination of a major corporate tax, all at the same time while cutting school lunches for America’s school children, while cutting student loans for America’s middle class families, while cutting the Summer Jobs Program.

Let me make sure I understand this. We have Rupert Murdoch, a billionaire from Australia, becoming an American citizen so he can buy Fox network, buy a big book publishing house and negotiate book deals with American politicians. Then we have a bunch of American billionaires renouncing their U.S. citizenship so they can get a tax break.

Mr. Speaker, in the last 3 months Republican extremists have gone too far.

#### H.R. 1258 TO ENHANCE SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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

Mr. FLAKE. Last week, Mr. Speaker, I introduced legislation to enhance funding opportunities to America’s small businesses. H.R. 1258, the Small Business Capital Access Act of 1995, is designed to raise the lending cap from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for the Small Business Administration’s [SBA] 7(a) Loan

Program. H.R. 1258, with significant support from lending institutions, accomplishes the goal of raising the lending limits of the program without further Federal expenditure.

Mr. Speaker, raising the lending limits of the 7(a) Program, the Federal Government is demonstrating its commitment to fostering small business growth by enabling them to more easily overcome startup impediments. These impediments are often a result of undercapitalization. The \$250,000 increase is accomplished without greater financial exposure to the taxpayer. This is made possible by lowering the Federal subsidy to lenders who participate in the SBA program and reprogramming those funds to guarantee a significant portion of those higher-capped loans. The SBA currently extends a 2.74-percent subsidy for 7(a) loans in fiscal year 1995. My proposal lowers the subsidy to 1.65-percent, thereby allowing more funds to actually guarantee 7(a) loans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to please join with me in supporting H.R. 1258 so we can rebuild America through the small business sector.

#### LAST NIGHT’S TAX-CUT BILL CUTS \$5 BILLION FROM CRIME TRUST FUND

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

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, even though I am a Democrat, I must say congratulations to my friends, the Republicans on this side of the aisle, for passing a Contract on America. They showed a lot of discipline in doing so, I say, “Congratulations,” but, being a former police officer, as I was for 13 years, I say, “I admire the discipline you showed on the contract, but please use that discipline when you now try to pay for your contract.”

As my colleagues know, the tax cut bill that was passed last night, in there they took \$5 billion from the crime trust fund to start paying for these cuts. That \$30 billion in the crime trust fund is going to pay for more prisons, is going to pay for local grants back to our districts.

I say to my colleagues, “You’ve already reneged on your first promise. You’ve cut \$5 billion out of the crime trust fund to start paying for this new tax bill that you put forth, so what I ask you to do in your disciplined ways is quit spending the same money over, and over, and over again. Don’t go back to your good old days of spend, spend, spend without the money being there.”

So, again, congratulations, but let us be cautious on how we are spending that money three times over.

#### ABOUT LAST NIGHT

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House