

\$200,000, Rupert Murdoch, big business. At times the contract did not seem like a revolution, but an auction.

Who are some of the losers? Kids, students, minorities, women, environmentalists, and the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, I will give this to the Republicans: They deserve credit for their tenacity and discipline. The question is, are they ready to govern in a bipartisan basis or is the 100 days Contract With America simply going to be politics as usual?

LOSERS IN THE REPUBLICAN CONTRACT

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, the first 100 days has made clear what the Republicans are up to. The contract on America gives new meaning to the words "women and children first." Programs that benefit working Americans are being cut, not for deficit reduction, but for rewards and tax reductions to special interests. Who lost? Women, children, students, working middle-class families and the elderly. Spending for school lunches, nutrition programs like WIC, senior housing, and even Medicare have been slashed. Summer jobs programs for disadvantaged youth, low income heating, housing assistance for over 5 million low-income and elderly families have been terminated.

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Cuts in the program have taken place for more than 100,000 police on our city's streets. New school loans, programs for students are being targeted and being cut. Even Social Security is at risk.

Half the tax cuts benefit Americans with incomes over \$100,000. That is the richest 12 percent of Americans. In fact, the top 1 percent of the wealthy people get more benefits than 65 million families at the bottom.

Repeal of corporate minimum tax provisions will result in many of our largest and most profitable corporations paying no taxes.

The contract effectively repeals major provisions of environmental law meant to preserve human health and the quality of our air, water, soil, and, indeed, our life.

Republicans pushed term limits because they know it could not pass rather than addressing the real problem by reforming our broken campaign finance system.

WHO WON, WHO LOST—A SUMMARY

The story of who and who lost in the first 100 days of the Republican Congress is clear.

Who won: Billionaires, corporate interests, and wealthy Americans who can hire lobbyists to protect and promote their interests in the GOP Congress. They clearly won, as the GOP Congress sought to: Provide special access for GOP lobbyists; provide tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans; wipe out the corporate minimum tax; ignore Democratic ef-

forts to reform lobbying and gift rules and campaign financing; transferred \$1.1 billion that was feeding women, infants and children into a windfall profit for big drug companies; and, let lobbyists undo Federal protection for food, health, and safety.

Who has paid for this unprecedented array of special breaks and privileges is equally clear.

Who lost: America's working families and their children, and our senior citizens. They clearly lost, as the GOP Congress sought to: Cut school lunches and nutritional standards for meals served in schools; slash national college scholarships and increase the cost of student loans for almost five million families; cut the 100,000 cops program to put more police in neighborhoods; cut aid for needed school reform; decimate job training and eliminate more than one million summer youth jobs; cut funds for Big Bird and Sesame Street as well as other educational TV programming; weaken Federal protection for our drinking water, food, and automobiles; make huge cuts in Medicare; abandon America's promise to our senior citizens by opposing Democratic efforts to protect Social Security from budget balancing plans; and, eliminate home heating assistance for senior citizens and working * * *.

A CONTRACT ON MICHIGAN

Winners: Billionaires, Washington lobbyists and well-heeled special interests got huge tax breaks and unprecedented access and influence in the GPO's first 100 days.

Who Paid For It: Working families, children and seniors in Michigan.

1. Michigan Loses Education and Job Opportunities.

151,594 Michigan students will pay more for student loans.

620 of Michigan's kids won't participate in national service and earn college tuition.

458,200 Michigan residents will not benefit from an increase in the minimum wage.

527 entire Michigan schools districts will lose money to make schools safe and drug free.

3,800 Michigan special needs students will lose the extra help they need to learn and succeed.

42,900 Michigan kids will lose summer jobs.

2. Michigan Loses: Feeding and Housing Our Children and Senior Citizens.

743,665 Michigan children are in danger of losing their school lunches.

188,089 mothers will lose some or all of the help they receive to provide nutritious food and milk to their infants and children.

9,930 Michigan children are at risk of losing access to safe, affordable child care.

377,883 Michigan senior citizens, families and kids will lose heating assistance they depend on to get through the winter.

32,852 Michigan families who could have counted on an FHA loan to buy their first homes are in danger of losing their only access to an affordable loan.

3. Michigan Loses: Safer Streets.

387 fewer cops will walk Michigan's streets as a result of the Republican Contract.

561 new cops are keeping Michigan communities safer because of Democratic initiatives in 1994.

CONTRACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, with the new Republican majority, Americans had hoped for the best. Now we know, after 3 months, to expect the worst in terms of Republican partisanship, serv-

ing special interests, not the American people and family.

As citizens all across America prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, the silver anniversary, tarnished and corrosive effect is taking place on the environment. I am deeply troubled, and Americans are, that in our Nation's Capital the 104th Republican Congress is working furiously to destroy almost all that has been accomplished in the last three or four decades.

This Contract on America has turned into a contract on America's landscapes, on our parks, on our wildernesses, on America's air, contract on America's drinking water, on America's rivers and natural and historic resources and this contract will take a terrible toll.

This environmental assault is an insult to the American people. But the American citizens can do something about it the next 3 weeks. You can make our policymakers see the light or feel the heat. They need to be forcefully reminded that environmental policies and laws are not brutally attacked, were not forged through partisan warfare. They were not the work of Democrats or Republicans alone; rather, they are uniquely derived from years of deliberation, of listening and responding to core conservation values.

That is right, let us have some conservation in those that claim to be conservatives in this Congress.

Those environmental laws and policies have been derived from the ethic of the American people. These policies are based on the wisdom of Americans who by experience, education, and ethics understand that there are some areas of this vast Nation that should not be despoiled.

Let us take back the environment. Let us make these individuals that are advancing these policies see the light or feel the heat.

THE NEXT 2,000 DAYS IN CONGRESS

(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, as I watched the celebration that was misdirected on the Capitol steps this morning, Republicans celebrating what was 100 days of gimmickry, I wondered whether or not we really needed to listen to those who were not able to come to the U.S. Capitol, for as we look at some of the headlines saying "Senate Battle Lines Forming Over Possible Tax Cuts," when we see the headlines "GOP Gets Mixed Review From Public Wary on Taxes," and when we find out that "Despite Change on Hill, Public Still Remains Critical," then we must ask the question, did we come here to follow political polls or to be statesmen and stateswomen.

Thomas Jefferson did not have a poll, but he tried to do what was right, and

Ben Franklin, Abe Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

This past week marked the 27th anniversary of the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, a simple American who tried to do what was right.

I wonder what the bus drivers, I wonder what the waitresses and teachers and people who work think about what we have done.

I tell you what they want, and I hope that we go forward to make sure that we have summer jobs for our young people this summer and not long, hot summers. I hope we will get an energy policy that will help create jobs in this Nation so that people can truly work. I hope that we will have job training for those people who have lost their jobs because of transition and technology and put the middle-class working man and woman back to work who have lost their jobs.

And then I hope we do something about children who are being molested in our streets and develop a national registration for child molesters so you will know when they come into your neighborhoods.

Lastly, I hope this country recognizes that each and every American deserves an affordable house to live in.

That is what this Government should be about, not about gimmicks and admiration of one man who is the Speaker, because we think we are following campaign pledges.

I hope the next 2,000 days in the U.S. Congress will be representative of the people of America, diverse, different, speaking different languages, looking differently, but caring about one thing, and that is freedom and opportunity.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA WAS WILDLY SUCCESSFUL

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the Contract With America was a wildly successful effort in large part because the American people were promised something specific in terms of legislation, not generalities, but specific promises, and those promises were kept.

Day in and day out on this floor a group of politicians came together and kept their promises to the American people.

Today we have heard the reply of the Democrats on the floor. The Democrats can reply only out of fear and only with negativism.

Time and time again we have brought to the floor pieces of specific legislation, and all we have heard is criticism. They have no program. They have only criticism. They have no positive view of America. They have only negativism. They have no program for the future. They have only fear.

Day in and day out we have heard them bring this to the floor, and we have heard it again today. That is too bad.

If we are going to have a real debate about where America should go, they ought to have a program.

I heard a little bit of a program in one speech earlier today. It sounded to me as though they are willing to countenance across-the-board cuts in Social Security. Now, that would be an interesting debate. I hope that we have that kind of debate on the floor.

Republicans have said in our budget we will protect Social Security. We are going to balance the budget by the year 2002. That is going to be the chief work of the days ahead. We will not touch Social Security.

Today I heard on the floor the beginnings of an effort by some Democrats to say that what they are willing to do is balance the budget and do it by countenancing an across-the-board cut in Social Security. It should be a very interesting debate.

We would like to hear something positive out of them, not just criticism.

YES, AMERICA, WE ARE LISTENING

(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, the gentlewoman from Texas spoke about hopes. She enumerated hopes. We all share the hopes for our country. We all have great aspirations. We all are doing our best to meet the challenges of this Nation. I think it is fair to say our hopes are the same.

It is just how we achieve those hopes is a little different. We come to Washington with a plan. We are putting that plan into effect, and we hope it is going to solve problems rather than sustain problems, which is what the program of the previous 40 years has done.

This is a great country, and this is a great Chamber. We can express different views here and still have the same hopes for our great Nation.

The gentlewoman has said that we have followed the polls. That is backwards. The polls have followed us in this.

The gentlewoman has said that our agenda is somehow gimmickry. I do not think so. It has achieved a great deal of bipartisanship and support. If you look at every single vote that was taken, it had people from both sides of the aisle supporting our agenda.

The difference is we have been listening to America while they have been defending 40 years of programs that do not work.

Yes, America, we are listening, and we are beginning, and we are going to go forward, and together in a bipartisan way we are going to achieve reality for those hopes so that everybody in America is truly an American with a quality of life that measures the American dream we all have.

WE KEPT EVERY PROMISE

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, to listen to the strident shrieking, incredibly hard words and tone from the other side of the aisle, you would think there was only one party that was voting for the items that we call the Contract With America.

But when you analyze the votes, you find out some very interesting things. First of all, this had bipartisan support for every single vote that was cast. If you look at the average vote for contract legislation in the House, excluding eight contract items the very first day, you had an average of 316 "yes," 110 "no." If you include those eight items from the first day, you have an average of 337 "yes," 90 "no." Seventy-seven percent, 77 percent of the House voted "yes" on contract items.

That means that we were not voting as Republicans and Democrats, but occasionally we were also voting as Americans, Americans first, and when the gentleman from Florida says that we were listening to America, he is absolutely right, because there was another very powerful intuitor of what the American people want, in 1992, and he promised to end welfare as we know it, he promised a middle-class tax cut, he promised to lift the Social Security earnings test, he promised a line-item veto, and he reneged on every single promise, and we have kept every single one of those promises.

JOIN US IN MAKING AMERICA STRONG

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

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, this is a new day in America, a great new day. It is a day where we talk about promises made and promises kept.

The speaker before me made the point this is not a contract that was partisan. It is a contract which captures the American people's dreams and begins the process of starting change in America.

The eight first-day reforms received an average of 397 votes; 160 of my colleagues on the other side joined us in those reforms. The average of the bills in the Contract With America received 316 votes. That is more than 70 of our Democratic colleagues who joined us in passing those reforms.

Our predecessors promised to end welfare as we know it. They promised a middle-class tax cut. They promised to begin making Government smaller and more responsive, and they failed over and over again.

The American people want change. The Contract With America delivered change. It is the beginning of a tremendous process.