

PRESIDENT VETOES DISASTER RELIEF

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year this House passed a responsible bill that provided emergency funds for those who were affected by disasters throughout the country. Just like ordinary Americans we cut spending elsewhere to offset these new expenses. But the President says we cannot provide relief to those in need.

So to those living in California who were devastated by earthquakes and fires, I am sorry, the President says your plight is not important enough to him. To those in Oklahoma City, still reeling from your loss, I am sorry, this time the President does not feel your pain.

The responsible rescissions bill that the President vetoed yesterday would have provided disaster relief to more than 40 States throughout this country.

How do you spell, "Relief." Well, unfortunately for needy Americans, if your this President of the United States, you spell it V-E-T-O.

MEDICARE CUTS MEAN A WINDFALL FOR THE WEALTHY

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage with the Republican proposal to force the Nation's seniors to pay for their tax cut for the rich. The Republican budget proposal would force our seniors to pay more than \$1,000 out of pocket for medical care each year, while giving the very wealthiest 1 percent of Americans an annual windfall of \$20,000.

It is outrageous that at a time when our Nation's seniors are struggling to make ends meet the Republicans have chosen to make their medical care more expensive. We must not force our seniors to pick up the tab for a huge tax break for the very wealthiest Americans. The Republicans claim that they must cut Medicare because they project that the system will be out of money in 7 years. But even if you accept their figures, and I certainly do not, most of the \$286 billion the Republicans would cut from Medicare and take from our senior citizens would be used to pay for their tax cuts. A windfall for the very wealthy, not to save the future of Medicare for seniors.

For shame.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE MAX MCCARTHY

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

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Richard Dean McCarthy, better known as Max McCarthy, who recently passed away. Max was a member of the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1970.

Max last worked for the Buffalo News as the Washington bureau chief. His last column appeared in the News 2 days after he had died. In the words of the Buffalo News, "Max was an outstanding citizen of Buffalo, outstanding patriot and a fine newspaperman."

Max McCarthy served our Nation in two wars. He was with the Navy in the Pacific Theater in World War II and with the Army in the Far East during the Korean war.

After serving Buffalo and western New York in the House for three terms, Max lost a bid for the U.S. Senate and then worked as press attache in the United States Embassy in Iran. Prior to working for the Buffalo News, Max also worked in the White House as an adviser in legislative affairs in the Carter administration.

Max was a avid writer. He was first published in the Buffalo News as a corporal in the Army, stationed in Japan in 1952. He sent accounts of military life to the Buffalo Evening News and they published his stories. Max also wrote some books, one of which led to congressional hearings, policy reviews, and the cancellation of a plan to dump outdated nerve gas in the sea.

Max was known for his honesty and integrity. He received numerous awards and recognitions for the service he provided to the western New York community in many different ways. Western New York is still reaping the benefits of many of Max McCarthy's projects.

Max lost his long fight with Lou Gehrig's disease in early May. He will be missed by his family and the community.

PREVENT CHANGES IN MEDICAID

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican budget resolution in my opinion is heading us toward block granting Medicaid with strict caps on funding provided by the Federal Government to the States. These proposed caps in Federal spending will reduce services to individuals who benefit from Medicaid. As with Medicare, I believe that Medicaid should be reformed, but in the context of health care reform.

One-third of the spending for Medicaid provides benefits to senior citizens, especially in obtaining long-term care such as nursing home care. Another third of the funding assists those who are disabled or blind. As the program is currently structured, by the beginning of the next decade, every child and pregnant woman will receive health care services, universal coverage in effect for children. My fear is that by

making the proposed cuts in this program, many of these people will see a reduction in their health care services, and may not even continue to receive health benefits.

This is a very negative effect of the House Republican budget, and I hope that we can in Congress over the next 6 months prevent these changes in the Medicaid Program.

PRESIDENT'S VETO FAVORS BIG GOVERNMENT, ABANDONS DEFICIT REDUCTION EFFORTS

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton's veto of the rescissions bill goes to the heart of the reason why the liberal Democrats lost control of Congress last year. Liberals are totally committed to big government, and it is totally outside their realm of understanding to reduce the deficit. They are incapable of thinking in terms of less government and less bureaucracy. Their political commitments and rigid ideology render them completely ineffective in solving the problem of deficit spending.

When liberals like Bill Clinton get up and say they want to reduce the deficit, you have to wonder who he is trying to fool.

I cannot for the life of me figure out how President Clinton has any credibility on deficit reduction or the budget.

By vetoing the rescissions bill, the President says that big government and big bureaucracy are more important than our children's future. This is why liberals lost control of Congress. They say one thing, but do another. Liberals may say they want to balance the budget, but their actions say that government is more important than people, and certainly more important than America's future.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO—THE RIGHT THING FOR AMERICA

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Clinton for his veto of that awful rescissions bill that the Republicans tried to inflict on the American people. This bill was a direct assault on our children, our seniors, and our needy. The Democrats have a better plan.

I believe that we can reduce the deficit without cutting programs like student loans and Medicare. Education should be our top priority, and the Republicans have sadly neglected and ignored the needs of America's youth.

The President's alternate proposal includes cutting out billionaire tax loopholes, cutting government overhead, and cutting foreign aid. These are areas that should be cut, not programs that the American people depend on.

The President did the right thing. Now it is up to Congress to do the right thing for America.