

kept their promise. They cut taxes, they cut spending, and they delivered for New Jersey families and for the New Jersey economy. No wonder Governor Whitman has made New Jersey a model for the other 49 States and for this Congress.

Promises made, promises kept. Lower taxes, more jobs. The New Jersey message resonates throughout the Nation and should be remembered in this Chamber.

STUDENTS PROTESTING PROPOSED CUTS IN STUDENT LOANS

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

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today in the Capitol hundreds of students will be visiting with each of us protesting the proposed cuts in student loans. Why? Because these cuts are like opening up with an assault weapon on the American people.

As my colleagues know, 8,000 students at San Jose State University in my district received help in education last year, and many of those students would not be able to go to college without the loans and grants and work student programs that have been provided.

I was terribly shocked to read in the paper the other day the supposition that somehow this is class warfare, that the high school graduates of the country should not be asked to use their tax money for students to get ahead and become college graduates and even more.

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I think the person who said that does not understand blue collar America. I grew up the daughter of a truck driver and secretary, and I will tell you the thing that mattered most to my parents and every adult on the block, none of whom had college degrees, was that all the kids get ahead and be successful. Do not cut down on the American dream. Allow students who work hard to get good grades to get ahead.

TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, when President Clinton was running for the Presidency, a tax cut was one of the main features of his campaign. But when the President was elected, he raised taxes on the middle class. Where does the President stand now? Who knows.

Mr. Speaker, in the absence of leadership from the White House, Republicans have introduced a tax relief plan that allows working Americans to keep more of the money they earn. We have not flip-flopped or changed our position. Instead, we stand with the vast majority of Americans who know all too well the impacts of higher taxes and who struggle to make ends meet.

Mr. Speaker, the President may not know where he stands, but Republicans have consistently stood for tax relief, smaller Government, and a balanced budget.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DETROIT RED WINGS AND 1995 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, the National Hockey League playoffs concluded last Saturday with the victory of the New Jersey Devils. I am here today as a result of a friendly bet with my colleague from New Jersey, BOB FRANKS.

Unfortunately, my favorite team, the Detroit Red Wings, lost to the Devils after a brilliant run in the playoffs, defeating Dallas and San Jose and Chicago. In the finals, New Jersey and Detroit battled through four grueling games, but the Devils prevailed. Due to the excellent play of Devils skaters such as Claude Lemieux, Scott Stevens, goalie Martin Brodeur, and the other excellent skaters, they secured Lord Stanley's Cup.

I wish to commend both teams in advancing in the playoffs and further to the NHL finals.

In closing, consistent with our bet, I show my tail, I show my horns, and I show my fork, and I would like to present this to BOB FRANKS, the Stanley Cup winners, the New Jersey Devils.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). The Chair would rule that the gentleman should not wear those materials on the floor.

DO NOT SUPPORT A BALANCED BUDGET THAT IS ANTIFAMILY AND ANTI-ELDERLY

(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, tonight the Republicans will release the details of their budget, setting the stage for national debate on budget priorities. The top priority of their budget is a \$245 billion tax cut to the wealthy, better known as the crown jewel. Yet the Republican leadership will tell the American people that this plan is fiscally responsible.

Fiscally responsible? Where is the responsibility to working families? Is it responsible for Republicans to cut \$11 billion from student loans for the middle class to help to pay for a tax break to the wealthy?

Fiscally responsible? Where is the responsibility to our seniors? Is it re-

sponsible for Republicans to steal \$270 billion from Medicare to finance a tax giveaway to their wealthiest friends?

Seniors have every reason to be scared. Democrats support a balanced budget, but we will not support a plan that is antifamily and anti-elderly. We will not support a plan that asks the middle class working families to sacrifice not to balance the budget, but to pay for a tax cut for the privileged few.

CALIFORNIA TIMBER WORKERS WANT A HAND UP, NOT A HAND-OUT

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

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I might point out to the gentlewoman that the Republican family tax credit will completely remove or eliminate the tax liability for 4.7 million working poor families.

Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago, Bill Clinton told thousands of timber workers they could not go back to work in productive high-wage private sector jobs when he vetoed the timber salvage amendment. This veto, his first, triggered a protest back here in Washington, DC, by mill workers and loggers and their family members in a stormy headlined loggers protest in the District of Columbia.

Today, the President is announcing extra unemployment grants and some loans for our area, northwest California. Well, we are glad that the administration has not forgotten about us completely, but do not insult the hard working people in northern California with your charity at taxpayer expense, when you personally vetoed the bill that would have put thousands of California loggers back to work.

The fact that he would provide us welfare style assistance, but will not let loggers go back to work, tells us a lot with the President. There is just one problem: California timber workers want a hand up, not a handout.

GIVE YOUTH OF AMERICA THE FUTURE THEY DESERVE

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

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students who are visiting our Capital City. These students have brought a message to Congress, stressing the importance of funding the student loan programs. If the Republicans cut or eliminate student aid, many bright young people will not be able to go to college.

I have seen the wonderful results of education funding. I have hosted several financial-aid recipients as interns in my congressional office. Currently, I am proud to have Vernetta, from Selma, AL. Without the benefits of the student aid program, Vernetta would

not be able to complete her college education.

Each of my interns has demonstrated great intelligence and drive, and I feel very fortunate to have benefited from their talent and enthusiasm. Let us not deprive this country of these bright minds by denying them the opportunity for an education. Let us give the youth of America the future they deserve.

MEDICARE CUTS WILL BE DEVASTATING

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I have stood in this well before and I have defended the policies of my leadership, and I have also taken them on in some instances. So I think that I have got some credibility that I do not necessarily go along party lines with every issue. But when it comes to Medicare cuts, the Democrats are completely correct and the Republicans are completely wrong. I tell you this after going throughout the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and talking to Republican doctors and Republican hospital administrators who say, "Congressman, we are going to lose 1,000 health care jobs in your district if the Republican plan goes through to cut Medicare this deeply."

You see, in my district, 1 in 5 residents are on Medicare. Many of those on Medicare are elderly and poor, and are also on Medicaid. They cannot afford these kind of cuts. And is it a cut or isn't it a cut? When you get less and pay more for it, it is a cut. And when you take a look at the dollars, and you know those dollars are equal to the amount of dollars that we are giving wealthy people, those who make over \$200,000, in tax cuts, then you know it is a direct offset we are taking from the elderly poor to give to the rich.

EARLY DISCHARGE OF NEWBORNS AND MOTHERS A THREAT TO HEALTH

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, we have all heard about drive-by-shootings. How about drive-through deliveries? This latest threat to the health of newborns and their moms comes from insurance companies and managed health programs. They are requiring physicians and hospitals to put mothers and newborns out of the hospital in as little as 12 hours. Not to meet the wishes of the new mother, not to foster the health of the newborns, not because it is best in the professional medical opinion of the attending physicians. These arbitrary limits have been imposed, possibly jeopardizing the health of the newborns and their new

moms, only to increase the profits of the insurance companies and these for-profit managed health care plans.

Today the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] and I have introduced legislation to restrict this growing threat to the public health and to our most vulnerable newborns and their mothers. I urge my colleagues to join us in stopping this outrageous practice.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Spectators in the gallery will refrain from displaying approval or disapproval for Members' remarks.

TROUBLES IN CALIFORNIA NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

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

Mr. TUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I take the well this morning to stand and be counted. I take the well this morning to ask the President of the United States to also stand and be counted. For in my great State of California, we have troubles.

Mr. Speaker, it was 2 years ago when I came to this House on the wings of riots and destruction, fires and earthquakes. Since then, we have had all kind of layoffs and cutbacks in aerospace.

But now, Mr. Speaker, the most devastating thing that has happened is the Base Closure Commission has said that the Long Beach Shipyard and McClellan Air Base and other bases in California must bear additional burdens of other additional layoffs.

Mr. Speaker, in my area of Long Beach, 3,000 additional jobs are going to be lost. It is time for the President of the United States to stand up and make good on the promise that he made to the people in California. We cannot lose 3,000 more jobs in Long Beach and 2,000 more jobs in Los Angeles County. The Rams have left, the Raiders are leaving. We have problems in California, and we need the President of the United States to stand up and be counted.

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THE CATAFALQUE TO THE SUPREME COURT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 18) authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque to the Supreme Court for a funeral service, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 18

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer to the custody of the Chief Justice of the United States the catafalque which is presently situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol so that the said catafalque may be used in the Supreme Court Building in connection with services to be conducted there for the late Honorable Warren Burger, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF VISITORS TO U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Air Force Academy the following Members of the House: Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HEFLEY of Colorado, Mr. DICKS of Washington, and Mr. TANNER of Tennessee.

There was no objection.

EXTENSION OF HEALTH CARE TO VETERANS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1565) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1997, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care