

rooted out allowing for a 54-percent spending increase—the spending per senior will increase from \$4,800 to more than \$6,700.

Bottom line, the Republicans stand for change and the Democrats stand for the status quo. It is time to put aside political games and address the concerns of the American people.

MEDICARE

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

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take strong exception to the Republican budget resolution that will drastically slash Medicare payments to senior citizens.

Instead of wasting less on weapons and military spending, the Republicans want to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly. This plan will slash \$270 billion from future Medicare spending, the largest cut in history.

Large reductions in Medicare payments will mean that Seniors will have to pay more for health care out of their own pockets.

Republicans are cutting Medicare in order to give \$240 billion to wealthy corporations.

Balancing the budget is a worthy goal, but it should be done more fairly, and not at the expense of the health and well-being of our Nation's elderly.

Senior citizens have worked hard and contributed all their lives to this country. Let's end these shameless cuts and choose an equitable path to a balanced budget. Less for guns and corporate welfare; more for children, working families and seniors.

A MAN OF CHANGE?

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, recently House Democrats have been posting signs outside their offices that read "Not For Sale." I guess their reasoning for doing so is to distance themselves from the current administration. Democrats might argue that it's in reference to their blatant hypocrisy over a committee seat, but since the White House has begun selling access to the open ear of the executive branch, I think it's because it looks bad back home. The reason it looks bad, is because it is bad. This administration claims to be the party of the poor and working class. Mr. Speaker, I ask how many factory workers, teachers or civil servants you know who could afford to spend \$100,000 for a couple of meals at the White House. This administration has claimed to be the party of change and I guess it's true because \$100,000 is a lot of change.

TRIBUTE TO FOSTER FURCOLO, FORMER MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSMAN AND GOVERNOR

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

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this Chamber to pay tribute to a former member of this institution, who has represented the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts, who passed away this past Wednesday.

A distinguished Italian-American from western Massachusetts, Foster Furcolo served as a Member of the 81st and 82d Congresses from 1949 to 1952, where he was known as a moderate Democrat. Five years after serving in this House, Foster Furcolo became Massachusetts' 60th Governor.

A product of Yale University undergrad and law school, educational achievement was on the forefront of Furcolo's political agenda. His proudest achievement in Massachusetts was the establishment of the community college system. He also expanded the University of Massachusetts and sponsored growth in loan and scholarship programs. He strengthened programs for the elderly, and outlawed housing discrimination.

Hailing from Longmeadow, MA, Foster Furcolo was a mentor to those of us from the western part of the State who were interested in public service and government. His contributions to Massachusetts will not be forgotten.

MEDICARE AT A CROSSROADS

(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, the Medicare system is at a crossroads. The Medicare Board of Trustees have said, and I quote from page 3 of their report, " * * * The fund is projected to be exhausted in 2001 * * * ." That leaves this country with two options. We can either take the path to protect, preserve, and save Medicare or we can do what the President would like to do and walk down the road to no idea land that would throw millions of Americans off needed health benefits. Everyone agrees that there is a problem but only the Republicans pose a solution. Where's your plan Mr. President? Your own trustees agree that Medicare will go broke yet you do nothing. Does that mean that you would rather stay on the political median than save Medicare from bankruptcy? The answer to that question is clear. Our President is once again absent without leadership.

DISMANTLING MEDICARE

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, the Washington Times confirmed what seniors have feared about Republican plans to cut Medicare. The conservative newspaper reported that the Republican leadership's ultimate goal is to privatize Medicare.

Now, Republicans claim that their plan to privatize Medicare will offer seniors more choices in the private health care market. But, unfortunately seniors know that the only choices that privatization offers them is to pay and pay and pay.

The privatization of Medicare will mean that seniors will pay more in premiums and deductibles. Recipients who now pay \$46.10 per month for Medicare part B would pay more than \$110 per month, under the GOP plan.

Thirty years ago when Medicare was established, 95 percent of Republicans opposed the plan. Now, Republicans are out to achieve a 30-year goal, dismantling what they never wanted in the first place—Medicare.

MEDICARE

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, over the last month or so, liberal Democrats have proven over and over that they have become the party of obstruction. They have no ideas, they offer no vision. More importantly, they have completely ignored reports of the impending insolvency of Medicare.

Liberal Democrats act so very concerned about Medicare. But let us ask this: Why have they not recognized the report by the Medicare Trustees saying that Medicare will go bankrupt in just 7 years? How come they have not put forth a program to save Medicare?

The differences between the parties on Medicare are all too obvious. Republicans are committed to saving Medicare from bankruptcy and preserving it for future generations. Liberal Democrats play lip service to Medicare and attempt to scare the elderly all in the name of their twisted class warfare agenda.

COMPACT-IMPACT AID

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

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in 1986 the United States flung open its borders to the three countries of the former U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific. The Compact of Free Association, negotiated between these nations and the United States, waives all usual INS procedures allowing totally unrestricted immigration into the United States. Because of Guam's proximity to these islands, we bear the brunt of this in-migration.

The law implementing the Compact of Free Association authorized reimbursement to Guam for the impact of this policy. Today, over 8,000 foreign citizens, 6 percent of our population, now legally reside on Guam.

The Government of Guam has carried the water for this ill-conceived immigration policy since 1986 and has incurred costs in excess of \$70 million. I urge my colleagues to support an amendment that I will offer to the Interior appropriations bill to restore the administration's request of \$4.58 million for Guam compact-impact aid. Guam may be 10,000 miles away, but on this immigration issue, Guam will not buy the excuse that the Federal Government lost our compact-impact check in the mail.

MEDICARE OR MEDISCARE

(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, we have heard it again this morning. The gentlewoman from Connecticut brings it up. The only change the guardians of the old order want to make is to change the name from Medicare to Mediscare. They are intent on scaring senior citizens, despite the report of the Medicare Trustees that tell us that Medicare goes broke over the next few years if we fail to do anything.

The new majority is committed to governing this Nation, is committed to saving Medicare, and, yes, is committed to a variety of alternatives. Far be it from the fear tactics of one-size-fits-all with one type of tactic to use. We want to broaden the options, to save Medicare for future generations, because our responsibility to govern allows us to do nothing less.

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THE V-CHIP

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the violence chip received the endorsement of the President of the United States.

This is a watershed moment in the fight for balance between parents who feel overwhelmed by the 200-channel television world of the future, and those who believe that the first amendment denies government any role in managing television.

Parents can set their sets to block out violent shows, and the V-chip does the rest. Any show carrying a rating that the parent wants to keep out, gets blocked.

For those of you who can't program the clock on your VCR, this is easier. If you want, you can set it once and not reset it until your kids are grown.

In the meantime, a parent knows that at least in his or her living room,

there is an oasis of peace and quiet, free from the guns and beatings and mayhem and sexual material that is so frequently used to attract TV audiences.

This is nothing more or less than an on-off button, modernized for today's world. Parents can't be home all day, so technology will block shows until parents get home.

It is not censorship, it is parental choice.

It is not content regulation, it is parental mobilization.

It is not big brother, it is big mother and big father.

Ninety percent of parents polled want it. Within the next couple of days the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN], the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. SPRATT], the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER], the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. DICK- EY], and I will be introducing legislation to advance this cause.

THE FISCAL YEAR 1995 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AND RE- SCISSIONS

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

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, as H.R. 1944, the House-passed rescission and emergency supplemental bill, wallows on the other side of this Nation's Capitol, the people's business again is held captive by a tiny fragment of the makeup of the U.S. Congress.

Their opposition to making government smaller and more efficient creates collateral damage to which they seemingly turn a blind eye to. They must be made aware that H.R. 1944 is not just about deficit reduction, timber salvage or any other partisan issue. H.R. 1944 is about victims of flood, earthquake, and terror.

I represent the area of Oklahoma City that was rocked by a man-made devastation never before seen in this country. H.R. 1944 contains crucial aid to help this damaged but healing city get back on its feet. I would plead with those who oppose this measure to listen to the calls of the President, congressional leadership, and overwhelming majorities in each House to free this legislation. It's time we put closure on this issue and put the people's business above partisan politics.

CHINA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Dr. Harry Wu of Milpitas, CA, a Chinese-born American citizen, has campaigned to publicize conditions in the Chinese labor camps. He has recently been arrested and charged with espionage by the Chinese government, and he could face execution if convicted. Dr. Harry Wu's only crime is

exposing the true conditions and purposes of these Chinese labor camps.

Our message, Mr. Speaker, to the Chinese Government and to the world must be crystal clear. No American citizen shall be arrested and mistreated anywhere in the world without all Americans being threatened and all Americans responding.

The Congress will soon be considering most-favored-nation trade status with China. The Chinese are currently running a \$36 billion a year trade surplus with us. Without MFN, Mr. Speaker, most of its exports will cease. Let us make Dr. Wu the \$36 billion man and withhold MFN from these barbaric goons.

ACCESS TO THE PRESIDENT CAN BE PURCHASED

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

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from California [Mr. STARK] is absolutely right about Harry Wu.

I want to quote this morning in the spirit of bipartisanship from a book that President Clinton wrote in 1992 called "Putting People First":

American politics is being held hostage by big money interests, including political action committees, lobbies and cliques of \$100,000 donors who buy access to Congress and the White House.

The President actually wrote that in 1992. It is right out of "Putting People First." Well, last week we saw the culmination of what has been a rather shameless parade to the well and a spectacle of self-righteousness unequaled in history. Every day that the House is in session, liberals take to the House floor and denounce and beat their chests about the floods of special interest money. Their self-righteous whimpers can be heard for miles from here.

But we just had the disclosure that the DNC is not immune. Apparently, look what is happening. For \$100,000 you can go to dinner at the White House four times, get a spot on a trade mission. For \$50,000 you get a Presidential dinner plus high-level briefings.

Come on. Let us back off and get real.

WE JUST NEED THE GUTS TO PAY FOR MEDICARE

(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, the Republicans have a plan to cut \$270 billion from Medicare between now and the year 2002. During that same period, they plan to cut at least \$245 billion in taxes for the most affluent in our country. Does that sound like they are concerned about the senior citizens in our country?

The Republicans claim that Democrats are engaging in scare tactics.