

following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 457. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to update references in the classification of children for purposes of United States immigration laws;

S. 790. An act to provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements; and

S. Con. Res. 21. Concurrent resolution directing that the "Portrait Monument" carved in the likeness of Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, now in the Crypt of the Capitol, be restored to its original state and be placed in the Capitol Rotunda.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize 10 Members on each side for 1-minute speeches.

MEDICARE

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

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of hot air from the liberal Democrats about Medicare. But when they talk about Medicare what they really mean is medi-scare. They don't really want to save Medicare from bankruptcy. All they want to do is scare people into voting for their party. For Democrats it is perfectly acceptable to let Medicare go bankrupt—just as long as they have a political issue it doesn't matter what the truth is.

And the truth is that Medicare will be broke in 7 years if we don't take serious action right now. Republicans have not walked away from this issue.

Unfortunately for the American people, liberal Democrats have used Medicare for their twisted scare tactics. You see, liberals can not win elections with the force of their superior ideas. The only strategy that works for liberals is fear and disinformation.

But the American people are smarter than liberals would believe. They will not buy the scare tactics and they will not allow Medicare to go bankrupt. Mr. Speaker, later this month Medicare will turn 30 years old. The Medicare Trustees Board reports that unless something is done quickly, Medicare will not survive another 7 years. Republicans have responded to this warning. We are committed to protecting and preserving Medicare so that it can observe many more anniversaries.

It would be wrong to just ignore the warnings of those in charge of Medicare. But, that is exactly what the Democrats are doing. They ignore the advice of leaders in their own party.

Three of Bill Clinton's cabinet secretaries are on the Medicare Trustees Board, and yet the liberal Democrats here in the House act as if they do not exist. By their silence, liberal Democrats are admitting they would rather see Medicare go bankrupt.

The difference here, Mr. Speaker, is that Republicans want to save Medi-

care, Democrats do not want to do anything.

REPUBLICAN ABUSE OF POWER

(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 point out another outrage among the many insults that the Republicans continue to inflict upon this Congress and this country. Since they gained a majority in Congress, the onslaught of injustice has been tremendous.

They have stacked the top committees with the Johnny-come-lately party switchers. They have disenfranchised several Democrats, blocking us from voting, both in committee meetings and on this very House floor.

Legislatively, their crimes against the public have been horrendous. They do not even blush as they cut Medicare, Medicaid, student loans and other educational programs to fund tax cuts for their rich supporters.

The Republicans are drunk with their new found power, and their abuse of this power is rampant and excessive. But America is watching.

TOBACCO FARMERS

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, today and tomorrow thousands of farmers are making their way across my State for the opening of the annual North Carolina tobacco markets; 85,000 North Carolinians grow or manufacture tobacco. Another 154,000 depend on tobacco related spending. It pumps more than \$1 billion per year into our economy.

Mr. Speaker, if you have been on a tobacco farm you know it is the most grueling and back-breaking work in agriculture. Most tobacco farmers struggle to survive. Unfortunately, this year they have been hit by twin disasters; bad weather and President Clinton. Too much rain weakened the crop. Too much Clinton and Kessler threaten the industry's survival. Mr. Speaker, the President has let the FDA wage war on thousands of North Carolinians. He talks about jobs, but his politically correct posturing has put over 200,000 jobs on the line in my State. The FDA's charge that the tobacco family is out to addict children is ludicrous on its face.

Mr. Speaker, as tobacco farmers go to market, I want to assure them that the radical left wing of the other party will not get away with its selective persecution of their historic and legal American industry. To the farmers in eastern North Carolina keep up the good work, help is on the way.

TRADE POLICY

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, 20 years ago Gold Star South Korea built radios for Zenith. Then Zenith started to build picture tubes for Gold Star. Yesterday Gold Star South Korea bought out Zenith.

Ladies and gentlemen, Philo T. Fransworth of Utah, father of American television, is rolling over in his grave. This country, the great America, invented television, telephones, typewriters. We do not build one anymore. But do not worry, American workers, you are going to get the high-technology jobs.

Tell me what is more high-technology than a sophisticated electronic device. Beam me up, ladies and gentlemen. Forty-eight billion dollar record quarter trade deficit; \$11.5 billion trade deficit for May. Truth is, Democrats are out because they had no trade program. Republicans have no trade program. White House has no trade program.

America is losing our jobs and people are talking about the Mideast. We better start talking about the Midwest.

ANOTHER PROMISE KEPT

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, last year Republicans stood before the American people and made a promise that if we took the majority, we would conduct an audit of the operations of the House of Representatives. Today the findings of this audit are presented.

The audit had to be conducted. For years the American people were inundated by countless stories of misuse and abuse of congressional privilege. The light of truth and accountability had to be shown on the institution that is responsible for spending the American tax dollars.

I would just point out that this would never have happened had the other party remained in the majority. It would never have occurred to the other party to put themselves on the same level of accountability that they hold every other financial institution and every business in America under.

Mr. Speaker, today is a good day on the Potomac and a good day for the institution of Congress. By keeping promises and holding ourselves accountable, we have taken steps toward restoring trust with the American people.

HEAD START

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

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, children do not have lobbyists in this country. Children do not have political action committees, and children cannot vote.

And it is no wonder, Mr. Speaker, that children are getting the shaft by the Republican cuts in the Head Start Program. Here is a Head Start Program that President Reagan and President Bush wanted to increase funding in. They did not want to cut children out of this program. This goes too far and it is too extreme. This threatens to put children out on the streets.

The Speaker has an earning by learning program, paying children to learn by reading a book. You cannot pay them to read a book if you cannot teach them how to read.

Please support restoring the \$137 million cuts to our precious Head Start Programs.

AUDIT RESULTS

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, business men and women across America know the first thing you do when you acquire a new enterprise is to audit the books. Last November the American people took back the House of Representatives from the liberals who had controlled it absolutely for 40 years. When the new American majority assumed responsibility for this institution last January, we took the practical, prudent step of authorizing a complete audit of the House of Representatives.

Today, the results of that first-ever audit are being made public. It will come as no surprise to the American people that the independent audit by Price Waterhouse has proven once again that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Competence, waste, expediency, mismanagement, confusion, contradiction, living above the law, no accountability, no security, these are among the findings of the auditors being reported today.

The bottom line is inescapable and undeniable. This House, this cherished institution designed by our constitutional forefathers of this great Nation is once again going to be a people's House because we are going to clean it up.

KEEP PROGRAMS THAT ARE MEANINGFUL TO THE MIDDLE CLASS

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, we have been dwelling on Medicare cuts for quite some time during these 1-minute remarks and for good reason. But the gentleman from Indiana who spoke two speakers previous to me talked about cuts in Head Start. He reminded me of

a Head Start Program that I visited back in my own district. You could tell when they serve the lunches to these young children at Head Start that some of them had not eaten in quite a long time.

Now, the whole question is, How can you be prepared to learn if you do not have food on your stomach? How can you be prepared to learn when you are not getting that instruction at home? The parents did get them enrolled in the Head Start Program. Teachers talked about the fact that they had made great strides not only with these youngsters preparing them to learn but also with the parents themselves.

Cuts on college loans, cuts on Head Start, cuts in Medicare, cuts in Medicaid, these are going to hurt our people, and also that we can get \$245 billion in tax cuts prior to balancing the budget. The elimination of corporate taxes and nonrefundable \$500 per child, lower capital gains, this is not going to mean much to the middle class. But Medicare, Head Start, college loans, all of these things mean a great deal.

MORE ON AUDIT RESULTS

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, given the Democrats' track record for balancing the Federal budget, it should come as no surprise that they used less than precise bookkeeping during the 40 years of managing or mismanaging the House of Representatives.

According to Roll Call and a Price Waterhouse audit of the House books, Democrats did not pay the bills they ran up, used numbers convenient to their purpose, and made a mockery of the trust of the American people. Sound familiar? That is the exact same Democrat management style that gave this country \$5 trillion of debt.

Having heard the demand of the American people, House Republicans are changing the way Congress operates. It is simply common sense to expect the people's House and the Government to pay their bills. That is what small businesses and American families do across the country. The Government of the greatest Nation on Earth should do no less. We will balance the budget in 7 years. Republicans are administering this House of Representatives with seriousness and reverence appropriate for the leading democracy and not the lackadaisical approach taken during the last 40 years.

CRUMBLING ECONOMY

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, as the Republican revolution patters on about the audit of the House of Representatives, the economy is crumbling around us. It is business as usual in Washington, DC, or, rather, as usual, big busi-

ness and Wall Street are dictating that we continue our failed trade policies with the enthusiastic support of the new Speaker and the new majority.

We ran a record trade deficit in May. According to the Commerce Department, it was an \$11.4 billion trade deficit. That means we exported 228,000 jobs to unfair trading partners around the world.

What does the new majority have to say about that? Well, precious little, because they are too busy filling their campaign coffers with special trips to Wall Street rather than addressing the failed trade policy. Yes, this administration, the Clinton administration, has followed Reagan and Bush in this failure. But the new majority is doing nothing to change it. We need a new trade policy for this country, a policy that brings jobs home to America and protects our economy.

RESULTS OF HOUSE AUDIT

(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, I listened with great interest to the preceding speaker pooh-pooh the results of the House audit. My goodness, the most profound news to come out of this new Congress, another promise kept that showed by this audit what blatant disregard House officials had for common mathematics.

Listen to this. Records were so inadequate and so incomplete that the auditors would not render an opinion on the reliability of the House's financial statements. This is the worst evaluation that an auditor can issue. The finance office in this institution under the previous rule processed \$700 million a year in expenses and salaries using handwritten ledgers that the auditors cannot make sense out of.

The fact is, Mr. Speaker, this new majority with help from dedicated Members of the new minority will remake this institution in the image of the American people. Today the audit symbolizes another promise made, another promise kept, keeping our word and bond with the American people to get back to basics and get back to business.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO PRIVATIZE MEDICARE

(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, a recent Washington Times story 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. Today, the GOP is ready to dismantle Medicare today, to finance their tax cut to the wealthy. But what about tomorrow?