

million for the clearinghouse to promote these risky, low-return investments.

Mr. Speaker, it seems the administration is more interested in putting high-priced programs first and the welfare of America's retirees second. We must stop the Clinton pension grab by passing the Pension Protection Act of 1995.

REPUBLICAN CUTS IN EDUCATION

(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, Republicans in Congress seem to enjoy destruction more than they do creation. They have attacked our Nation's children and young adults.

Republicans in Congress have slashed education more than \$36 billion. And why? To pay for the monstrous tax breaks that they have proposed for their wealthiest supporters. By slashing our education budgets, our kids will have more overcrowded classrooms, fewer computers, and fewer teachers.

The Republican plans will cut Head Start by 45,000 kids by 1996. They will cut \$23 million from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program and, ultimately, deny many millions of students access to college education by cutting back on direct student loans and the Pell Grant Program.

Mr. Speaker, we know the Republicans do not care about the Nation's children and we also know they do not care about public education. After all, most of their kids are in private schools anyway.

NEW MAJORITY BRINGING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT TO WASHINGTON

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, my children are in public schools and my wife teaches public school.

Mr. Speaker, this week the new majority of this body will unveil its plan for reforming the Medicare system—a plan that is long overdue for a system that will soon pay out more than it takes in.

Meanwhile the President and Members of the other side of the aisle crisscross the country with their deficit spending, big government message. Over the years they failed the American people by not giving them a responsible Government that operates within its means.

Now that the new majority is about the business of bringing to Washington responsible Government, the other side has resorted to generational warfare, scaring seniors into believing they are the targets of our balanced budget when in fact they are not.

Our message is simple: We are committed to Medicare's continued viability for the future of seniors and our children. We are committed to positive changes that will balance our budget and encourage individual responsibility—the same goals of any American family.

CONGRESS MUST CLOSE THE BILLIONAIRE'S TAX LOOPHOLE

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

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today once again to address an issue that this Congress has yet to face, that is the issue of billionaire expatriates.

Mr. Speaker, on numerous occasions the majority has refused permanently to close a tax loophole which enables billionaires to renounce their U.S. citizenship in order to avoid paying taxes.

To add insult to injury, the Washington Post reported yesterday that the State Department, has received an application from the country of Belize to open a diplomatic post in Sarasota, FL, exclusively for the convenience of billionaire expatriate Kenneth Dart, whose family happens to live in Sarasota. The arrangement would allow Mr. Dart to continue to avoid paying U.S. taxes, while living with his family in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I have sent a letter to Secretary Christopher urging him to deny the permission to open this office. Mr. Speaker, we must close this loophole.

ATTACKS VERSUS IDEAS

(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, we, the new majority, understand what some pro-big government groups do not: A smaller Federal Government is a better Federal Government.

In the words of Barry Goldwater, "A government big enough to give you everything is big enough to take it all away."

Mr. Speaker, I discovered while traveling in my district the past month that when liberals run out of ideas of their own to offer the American people, they panic with baseless attacks. But while big labor bosses were running attack ads on television against me, I was meeting with many of their rank and file to let them know about how working families will benefit by balancing the budget, by cutting Government spending, and giving working people tax relief.

While the so-called national environmental groups were polluting the environment on the airwaves with fear, I was speaking to my constituents about the common sense we are putting in environmental law that will give us local control.

While the AARP mailed misinformation regarding Medicare, I was discussing with seniors and my other constituents how we intend to protect and preserve Medicare.

Well, Mr. Speaker, if big government special interests were not attacking us, I might be worried we were not doing our job.

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WHERE IS THE REPUBLICAN PLAN ON MEDICARE?

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday myself and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] held a second forum in New Jersey on the issue of Medicare, and many senior citizens were seriously concerned about how the severe Republican cuts to Medicare will affect them. Unfortunately, it is difficult to answer that question definitively since we only know what the press has leaked on the subject.

I would like to know where the Republican plan is. It is after Labor Day. We still do not have it. Are we going to have any time to review it even before we vote in a few weeks?

How can the Members of Congress he expected to vote on the largest Medicare reduction in history and fully represent their constituent interests when the Republicans still have no plan?

When the Republicans finally release their Medicare plans, they should allow a significant period of time to analyze the specifics. I do not think that is too much to ask on such an important issue.

The Republicans have been reluctant to release their plan because they fear the wrath of senior citizens. They seem to be opting for the stealth approach by cutting \$270 billion, the largest cut in the history of Medicare without letting the public know the details.

CUTS IN EDUCATION ENDANGER OUR FUTURE

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, September 16, in Rocky Mount, NC, I am hosting a youth summit.

More than 800 young people have already confirmed that they will attend. They care about the future.

These young people are encouraged by past success stories and support for their positive and productive attitudes.

Unfortunately, this Congress has given these young people little to be hopeful for.

Thousands of Pell grants will be eliminated, the cost of student loans will skyrocket, there will be less funding for Head Start and Healthy start, Goals 2000 will be eliminated, title I

will be cut, the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program will be cut and summer jobs are eliminated.

The young people who will join me on Saturday are not those who images dominate our perceptions. They are not violent. They are not involved in drug sales. They are the majority.

What will I say to these young people? Instead of a bright future, Congress now offers you a bleak future.

This blind march to a balanced budget has taken us down the wrong path. I wonder where it is taking our youth?

Mr. Speaker, I ask you, what should we say to our youth? What is their future?

Mr. Speaker, this is no way to encourage our future.

THE ASSAULT ON IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to voice my dismay at the ongoing assault taking place on some of the most important educational programs in this country. Student loans are under attack by Republican budget cutters who want to give the wealthy a huge tax break.

The Republican plan cuts \$10 billion in the Stafford Loan Program over the next 7 years. These cuts will add an additional \$3,100 to undergraduate costs and \$9,400 to graduate students.

The Republicans want to knock 157,000 students out of the Perkins Loan Program, denying these low- and middle-income students these loans; 280,000 students will lose Pell grants. Prevention programs such as the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, will be cut by 60 percent. Even programs like Head Start will not be safe from the Republican budget ax.

Why these cuts, Mr. Speaker? The simple answer to that is Republicans are making these cuts to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country. Giving tax breaks to \$200,000 incomes is wrong, Mr. Speaker, while cutting education.

BALANCING THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF OUR YOUTH

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

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership says it is cutting student aid by more than \$10 billion in order to shrink the deficit. What are the priorities of this Congress? Education is an investment that we must protect.

Yesterday, I talked to students from Purchase College and Manhattanville College. Michael Henry is a 22-year-old Purchase College student from Forest Hills, NY. He works two jobs while in school. He drives a truck during the graveyard shift so he can attend class-

es during the day. I do not know when Michael sleeps. He is studying economics and hopes to start his own business. Without Federal financial aid, Michael said that he would not be able to attend college. What does this budget do? It threatens to rob us of the contribution of a bright, talented young person like Michael. It jeopardizes the dreams of a future entrepreneur who could contribute enormously to society.

We need to shrink the deficit. We can not keep paying billions in interest payments on the debt. But we can lower the deficit without cutting education and robbing deserving young people of the chance to earn a decent living.

A college education is an economic necessity. Let us not balance the budget on the backs of our Nation's deserving youth.

LEGISLATIVE ASSAULT ON OUR CITIES

(Miss COLLINS of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to express my deep felt concern for the future of our cities. The U.S. Conference of Mayors recently surveyed 145 of their member officials and found that 80 to 96 percent reported proposed congressional cuts in appropriations will have a negative impact on their cities and residents, their economies, economic development activities, human investment efforts, youth development, basic transportation needs, job creation and efforts to reduce homelessness. And of course, we all realize that at least some of the moneys saved through these planned cuts is intended to be used to finance a tax break for the wealthy.

To make matters, worse, these same city officials say they do not believe the business community, nonprofit organizations, charities, religious institutions, foundations or State governments will be able to make up the difference.

If you feel it is more important to give an unneeded tax break to the wealthy at the expense of the economies of our cities, city economic development activities, city human investment efforts, youth development, basic transportation needs, job creation efforts, and reducing homelessness, then I ask that you re-examine your priorities; that you forget about this ill-conceived tax break for the wealthy; and that you recommit to supporting these important needs of our cities and those who live in our cities.

THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF HUGE MEDICARE CUTS

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the month of August, senior citizens, working families, and health care providers told me the majority's huge Medicare cuts would have devastating effects on them.

Local hospitals in my district, which are already the most efficient in the Nation, said they would be forced to cut back crucial services or possibly close. In fact, one hospital administrator said, "They would just mail the keys in." And, outraged seniors, looking at \$3,600 more in out-of-pocket expenses under the Gingrich Medicare plan, told me that they just could not afford any additional medical expenses.

Why? They repeatedly asked me would the majority make these huge cuts in Medicare?

And, I told them, over and over again, that the majority was taking an axe to Medicare, instead of a scalpel, for one reason, and for one reason only; to pay for one of the most outrageous, counterproductive, and unfair tax giveaways in American history.

THE VALUE OF STUDENT AID PROGRAMS

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

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, when I graduated from high school in 1962, I grew up on a small family farm, and my folks did not have the money to send me to college. I went in the U.S. Army, and I spent 3 years, and when I got out, I enrolled in Southern Illinois University, and my Government really enrolled with me.

I was able to go there on the GI Bill. I was able to get a job on campus working in the physical plant through the student work and financial aid program. The National Student Defense loans at that time helped my young striving family to get by.

These were all really important programs for working-class families' children who needed a college education, and we need to keep those programs alive today.

It is not a matter in this country of whether we need to balance the budget and bring down the deficit. We brought down the deficit from \$291 to \$160 billion this year. In 3 years, under the President's budget, we are going to continue to bring down the deficit.

The question is whether we need to finance a huge tax cut and offset these programs more than what we have to, and that is the debate in this House.

MEDICARE: UNSPECIFIED FUTURE CUTS

(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, Republicans are cooking the books on their Medicare plan, but it is America's seniors who are getting burned.