

3-day weekends or an excuse for stores to have special sales.

#### RAIL VOLUTION

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week Washington, DC, was host to an annual conference, Rail Volution, where over 700 people from 8 countries, 41 States, and 118 cities gathered. As impressive as those numbers were, what was more impressive was the purpose of that gathering, working together, learning how to build livable communities using principles of sustainable development.

We are talking about light rail, intercity rail, managing the auto and transportation infrastructure, mixed use development. At a time when we are concerned about making our communities livable while dealing with the deficit, the Rail Volution message was a breath of fresh air: spending wiser, not raising taxes, making change, solving problems rather than creating them, and viewing citizen input as a valuable tool not citizens as an enemy.

This is an important message for us in Congress to hear and to act upon.

#### INCREASED DRUG USE IS INTOLERABLE

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton said on June 16, 1992, when asked about inhaling marijuana: Sure, I would inhale marijuana if I could, I tried before.

After he took office, Bill Clinton effectively abandoned the war on drugs. He slashed the White House Office of Drug Control Policy by 80 percent. He cut the number of drug enforcement agents and cut training for them. His National Security Council dropped the war on drugs from third to dead last among their priorities. His Surgeon General even suggested legalizing drugs.

What has been the result of all this? Overall drug use among kids 12 to 17 years old has gone up 78 percent. Marijuana use among the same group has gone up 105 percent, and LSD use has gone up 183 percent.

Mr. Speaker, this is intolerable. The American people need to know these facts. I hope they remember them in November.

#### LUXURY SUITES IN HOSPITALS FOR THE RICH

(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, while hospitals across America are cutting

services for mom and dad, the same hospitals are building luxury suites for the fat cats that make the Ritz Carlton look like Motel 6. A VIP can now get monogrammed bathrobes, satin sheets, antique furniture, a wet bar. And if that is not enough to inflame our hemorrhoids, VIP's can enjoy a spot of tea served by a waiter in a tuxedo carrying around silver trays of strawberries and truffles. Unbelievable.

While VIP's get gourmet food, mom and dad get line itemed, line itemed for toilet paper and aspirin. Beam me up.

Mr. Speaker, the truth is the CEO's of these HMO's keep lining their pockets with cash. I say they should be handcuffed to a chain link fence and flogged. Then sent to jail. Think about it. I yield back the balance of those line itemed toilet paper bills.

#### DRUG USE AND LOST OPPORTUNITY

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, marijuana use for teenagers is up, but interdiction is down. Teenage cocaine use is up, but enforcement is down. LSD and heroin use for teenagers are way up, but prison time for drug dealers is down.

Mr. Speaker, obviously what should be down is up, and what should be up is down. The Clinton administration has its priorities backward. Instead of cutting back on interdiction efforts, we should be stopping the flow of drugs at our borders. Instead of slapping the hands of drug dealers, we should be putting them in prison.

The Clinton administration's cuts in America's antidrug efforts have had their effect: Teenage drug use has exploded, and most schools unfortunately are not drug-free.

Mr. Speaker, we are losing the war on drugs because we have an administration unwilling to provide the leadership needed to stop our children from turning to a life of drugs and lost opportunity.

#### THE NATION'S POLICE ARE FIRMLY IN THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday President Clinton received the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police, an organization that represents the sizable majority of our country's policy officers.

President Clinton is the first Democrat running for President or being President endorsed by this organization. The endorsement came because of the President's strong anticrime, antidrug policies and initiatives for his tough sentencing policies, for community policing, 100,000 cops on the street.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that the president of the FOP is Gil Gallegos of Albuquerque, NM. So, Mr. Speaker, despite all this lofty rhetoric that the President is soft on crime, I am proud to say that the Nation's police officers are firmly in the President's corner.

#### SALUTE TO MISS AMERICA

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

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday evening in Atlantic City a constituent of mine, Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, was crowned Miss America 1996. Miss America lives in Overland Park, KA.

While I realize we must share Tara Dawn Holland's triumph with the State of Florida where she received her bachelors degree, and with the State of Missouri where she is working toward a masters degree at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, Kansans are proud of her achievement just the same.

Tara Dawn hopes to teach music in a middle school, and as Miss America wants to lead a national campaign against illiteracy.

Because Miss America is such a positive role model for many young Americans, Tara Dawn's willingness to be involved in the fight against illiteracy represents an opportunity to take another step forward in educating children to read.

Congratulations to Tara Dawn Holland.

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#### RELEASE THE GINGRICH ETHICS REPORT

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to once again add my voice to the growing chorus of Members of this House, editorial board writers, public interest groups, and American citizens calling for the release of the ethics report on Speaker GINGRICH.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Lewis] will suspend.

The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, is it within the rules of the House to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on the floor of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not in order and the gentleman must proceed in order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, further point of order. Is the gentleman in the well speaking out of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair rules the gentleman is out of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman continues, will the Chair rule that he sit down?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will take that under advisement.

The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS] may proceed in order.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the American public has paid \$500,000 for this report and deserves the right to know what is in it.

This weekend the Speaker himself said: "I am totally in favor of releasing the report. The Speaker of the House is second in line to be President, is a very powerful position and the country deserves to know."

Mr. Speaker, the country does deserve the right to know, and they deserve to know right now. Stop the stonewalling, stop the delay, stop the stalling. Release the outside counsel's report now and let the public draw their own conclusion. Anything less—

#### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is ignoring the rule of the Chair and he is referring to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and it strikes me that it is the appropriate time to have him sit down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order. The gentleman's time has expired.

#### WHERE ARE THE FUNDS COMING FROM TO PAY FOR TAX CUTS?

(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, we heard earlier last week and over the weekend that this year's campaign is about trust. I am concerned about what may happen to some of our programs, that if we go forward with what Senator Dole wants, proposed tax cuts of \$548 billion, that could lead to higher deficits and also increased interest rates.

Mr. Speaker, I think we only need to look at recent history to show the concern that last year, in which there was only \$245 billion in tax cuts, Medicare was on the chopping block. Senator Dole has promised the American people he will not cut Medicare, Social Security, or veterans benefits to pay for the cuts, but we just do not know where the money is coming from. Where is it? Are we going to cut Border Patrol or education funding even more? Senator Dole's cut, according to the article in this week's Time Magazine, the Border Patrol, FBI, and drug enforcement programs may be faced with cuts as deep as 40 percent.

Yesterday, Senator Dole said he will get tough on drug enforcement and crime. I do not know if this is any trust. We need to know where these tax cuts are coming from to be paid for. Are they really going to come out of drug enforcement?

#### WHERE IS "IT" OF WHICH WE CANNOT SPEAK?

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, apparently under the ruling of the Chair, there is not a lot we can say here except there is a committee that we cannot talk about that has an "it" that we cannot name. But that "it" cost a half a million dollars and we cannot see it.

This morning's Washington Post has a clarification of what the Speaker said about the "it" in it. And I hope that everybody reads it, because while the Speaker said one thing on NBC, this morning's Washington Post clarifies that and sets out the different complaints that have been filed and what has happened to them.

I think it is very sad we cannot talk about "it" on the floor. Especially since the taxpayers paid for "it." And if I were a taxpayer, I think I would be angry and wondering what in the world is going on when the House Floor has been gagged from talking about the most important thing we could have in front of us.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule IV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 5 p.m. today.

#### NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2679) to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendments: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### TITLE I—NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

##### SEC. 101. REVISION OF BOUNDARY OF NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) TERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.—The secondary jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service over approximately 2,470 acres of land at the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Nebraska, as

depicted on a map entitled "Relinquishment of North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Secondary Jurisdiction", dated August 1995, and available for inspection at appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, is terminated.

(b) REVOCATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER.—Executive Order Number 2446, dated August 21, 1916, is revoked with respect to the land described in subsection (a).

#### TITLE II—PETTAQUAMSCUTT COVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

##### SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF PETTAQUAMSCUTT COVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

Section 204 of Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) EXPANSION OF REFUGE.—

"(1) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire for addition to the refuge the area in Rhode Island known as 'Foddering Farm Acres', consisting of approximately 100 acres, adjacent to Long Cove and bordering on Foddering Farm Road to the south and Point Judith Road to the east, as depicted on a map entitled 'Pettaquamscutt Cove NWR Expansion Area', dated May 13, 1996, and available for inspection in appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

"(2) BOUNDARY REVISION.—The boundaries of the refuge are revised to include the area described in paragraph (1).

"(f) FUTURE EXPANSION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire for addition to the refuge such lands, waters, and interests in land and water as the Secretary considers appropriate and shall adjust the boundaries of the refuge accordingly.

"(2) APPLICABLE LAWS.—Any acquisition described in paragraph (1) shall be carried out in accordance with all applicable laws."

##### SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 206(a) of Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended by striking "designated in section 4(a)(1)" and inserting "designated or identified under section 204".

##### SEC. 203. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended—

(1) in section 201(a)—

(A) by striking "and the associated" and inserting "including the associated"; and

(B) by striking "and dividing" and inserting "dividing";

(2) in section 203, by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title";

(3) in section 204—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title"; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking "purpose of this Act" and inserting "purposes of this title";

(4) in the second sentence of section 205, by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title"; and

(5) in section 207, by striking "Act" and inserting "title".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] and the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. RICHARDSON] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

(Mr. SAXTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on April 23 of this year, the House overwhelmingly adopted H.R. 2679, a bill introduced by our colleague from Nebraska, BILL BARRETT,