

hours a day, and say this is what you have to have. If you do not have it, guess who will be happy to sue you? Their friends in the legal community. This is just big, crazy, insane Washington bureaucracy out of control, and these are Clinton appointees who are pushing it.

What else is on the Clinton agenda? A new tax on backpacks and bird calls. This one comes from the Department of the Interior. This is one that the Clinton-appointed Secretary of the Interior says "This is a win-win situation."

What they want to do is put up to a 5-percent tax on the following items, Madam Speaker: Backpacks. That means all you little schoolkids going off, you are going to have to start paying 5 percent more for the Clinton administration tax on you; camping stoves, camping fuel, camping tarpaulins, camping utensils. That little fork is going to cost you 5 percent more if Secretary Babbitt has his way. Dry bags. I guess nobody would take wet bags on a trip. Hiking boots, hiking equipment, spray skirts for kayaks, tents, paddles, wild bird baths, film, camera, lenses. Boy, I am glad they came out with this after the Olympics. Also photo disks, binoculars; and just think, binoculars are not the only one they are picking on, monoculars, also, so you cannot get around this; tripods, window mounts, hand lenses, "how-to" guides.

When I was a kid I used to like to, and still do, liked to collect reptiles and amphibians. There is a great field guide by a man named Roger Konack. If I bought that when I was a 10-year-old or my 11-year-old son buys it, Mr. Babbitt wants my son John to pay 5 percent more on a field guide, so when he goes out and identifies fishes, reptiles, amphibians, or other insects and buys other "how-to" guides, he is going to have to pay extra, because the Department of the Interior needs money.

This is the kind of mega-big-government thinking we do not need. This is why we do not need 4 more years of Bill Clinton and the megabureaucrats. We need to put people who have common sense and have normal values and realize that the middle-class people in America are sick and tired of their taxes going up.

In the 1950's, the average middle-class family paid 5-percent Federal income tax. Today that same middle-income family pays 24-percent Federal income tax.

People are sick and tired of it. They are working harder. They are getting less to show for it. They are concerned that their children are not going to be better off than they are. They are concerned that big government and Washington bureaucrats are stealing the American dream. Madam Speaker, I think under Bill Clinton that is what is going on.

We need to have commonsense reform in government. We need to have a balanced budget. We need to have local

control of government decisions, not being made by Washington bureaucracy. We need to have commonsense in government, not bureaucrats making all the decisions.

Madam Speaker, I include for the RECORD the Teaming With Wildlife Product List.

The information referred to follows:
TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE PRODUCT LIST

The following list is a draft of those products being considered for a user fee. Before this list is incorporated into the draft legislation, we are asking companies, customers (users) and coalition members to provide feedback on this list, as well as other details of the proposal. The products listed below would have a graduated user fee of 1/4%-5% of the manufacturer's price. The user fee must not act as a barrier to a product's sale. Beside each category is a suggested level for the user fee. Feedback from companies and consumers will help determine the final list of products and the percent to apply to each.

OUTDOOR RECREATION EQUIPMENT (5%)

Backpacks
Camping stoves
Camping stove fuel
Camping tarps
Camping utensils (connected/folding)
Canoes
Canteens
Climbing equipment
Compasses
Cooking kits
Dry Bags
Flotation vests (selected classes—not standard life boat vests)
Hiking boots
Hiking staves
Kayaks/Spray skirts
Mountain bicycles
Outdoor sleeping mats
Skis/Poles/Boots (cross-country, downhill, telemark)
Sleeping bags
Snowshoes
Tents
Paddles
Portable water purifiers
Prepacked camp foods
Scuba diving masks/Snorkels/Goggles/Flip-pers
Snowboards
Stuff sacks
Wet suits/Air tanks/Regulators/Spearguns
Whitewater rafts

BACKYARD AND WILDLIFE PRODUCTS (5%)

Wild bird seed and other wild animal feed (except seed packaged for pet feed)
Wild animal and wild bird feeders such as hummingbird feeders, suet feeders and other types of feeders
Wild bird baths
Wild bird houses, bat houses, squirrel houses and houses constructed for use by other wildlife
Nest platforms for wild birds

BOOKS, VIDEOS, AUDIO (5%)

Field guides to bird identification, nest identification, animal tracks, mammals, fishes, butterflies, insects and other animal groups
"How-to" guides such as wildlife viewing guides, hiking and paddling guides, etc.
Audio tapes of wildlife calls
CD-Rom guides to wildlife and its enjoyment
BINOC, MONOC AND SPOT SCOPES (5%)

Binoculars
Hand lenses
Monoculars
Spotting scopes
Tripods
Window mounts

PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (2-3%)

Cameras
Film
Lenses
Lens filters
Photo disc
Range finders (including those designed for use with photographic cameras and parts thereof)

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV'S) (1/4%-1/2%, NO MORE THAN \$100)

Campers/Motor homes/Travel trailers

SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES (1/4%, NO MORE THAN \$100)

HOW THE ADMINISTRATION PLAYS THE BLAME GAME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WELDON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON. Madam Speaker, the blame game with this administration continues. It is absolutely amazing. They take the credit for anything they can take the credit for, but when it comes to taking the blame for poor decisions or for problems or failures, they run the other way.

Remember, if you will, back to August, Madam Speaker, when this Congress, in three historic moves, passed welfare reform legislation, medical legislation dealing with health care reform in this country, and the minimum wage bill. The President could have had us pass health care reform 2 years ago. We were ready to pass what finally passed this body, but he held it up, because he was not sure he wanted to support that, especially in light of Hillary's plan in the first 2 years of the administration. But he took credit for it.

Then we passed welfare reform. The President vetoed it twice, but then when he read the polls in August, he realized he had better switch and come out and support the bill. He took credit for that. Then he had the Vice President go before a national group and say publicly, but next year, if I am re-elected, we will use the line item veto and we will undo those portions of welfare reform that we do not like.

Then we see the President take credit for minimum wage, even through in his first 2 years, with a Democrat House and Democrat Senate, he could have passed minimum wage with no problem. He did not even raise the issue. In fact, he said it was not the time to raise the minimum wage. This President sure can take the credit, but he cannot take the blame.

Madam Speaker, I am outraged, because tomorrow in the Committee on National Security we will have a hearing on the recently released report put together by the Pentagon on the reasons why we lost 19 young military personnel in Saudi Arabia, and again, this administration will walk away from any blame. They are going to do what they do best. They are going to blame the enlisted personnel. They are going to say, it was that commander on scene

who should have done more to protect our troops. They are going to say that he should have taken more steps.

Madam Speaker, what about Secretary Perry? Because if we look at this report, it says that it was not just the commander who had responsibility, it was the CINC commander. Yet Secretary Perry has defended the CINC commander, probably because he reports directly to Secretary Perry.

Madam Speaker, what amazes me the most is this administration, to anyone visiting Washington, this administration is going to extreme lengths to surround the White House so you cannot get near it. You cannot drive within blocks of the White House, because this President wants himself protected.

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Why did this President not take the same steps when we had the bombing in November of 1995 that killed our troops, when we lost the troops in Somalia because, as Les Aspin said, it was not politically correct in Washington to send additional backup support?

Any why did this President and this Secretary of Defense not provide more support for those men and women that could have prevented that bombing from occurring? We are going to ask those questions tomorrow, Madam Speaker. In my opinion, the buck does not stop with that onsite commander. The buck stops not just with Bill Perry. The buck also stops with the President of the United States. As we have seen time and again, this administration thumbs its nose at our military, uses it when it can for its political purposes, and then walks away from responsibility when incidents occur where we lose lives or we have situations that threaten our security.

Madam Speaker, irregardless of what happens in this election, and I know who is going to win, and it is not going to be the current President, we have got to send a signal that we are not going to tolerate the blame game any longer.

One thing this administration does well and it does it over and over again, from Whitewater to the scandals involving the FBI files, to the scandals in the White House that were elaborated upon in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD last Wednesday, some 39 of them, in every case, what does our President say?

"It's not my fault. I didn't have anything to do with that. It was somebody else." And again tomorrow, we are going to hear from this administration that it was not their fault, it was some on-scene commander in Saudi Arabia doing his job who they are now going to court-martial because they want him to walk away with all of the blame. And meanwhile Secretary Perry and this administration will walk away again saying, "It wasn't our fault. We didn't have anything to do with it."

Madam Speaker, I hope that this country understands what is going on in Washington. We have a President

who will take credit for everything. When it does not rain in Washington, he will say that it was his doing. When the economy grows, he will say it was all his doing. But when there is blame to be had, this President walks away and hides. It is outrageous.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAMES H. QUILLEN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. DUNCAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have requested this time tonight and have taken this special order to pay tribute to a great Tennessean, a true statesman, we think one of the finest men who has ever served in this body, and that is our good friend Congressman JAMES H. "JIMMY" QUILLEN.

Congressman QUILLEN has served the First District of Tennessee with great distinction and honor for 34 years. Now he is ending his 34th year and he has announced his retirement. Certainly he will be missed here, and he certainly has achieved and has earned the great respect and love of all of his constituents in east Tennessee.

I will be saying more about Congressman QUILLEN as we move through this special order, and I will save most of my remarks for the end. But there are several of Congressman QUILLEN's colleagues here with me tonight who also want to take a few moments to pay their respects and say more things about Congressman QUILLEN.

We want to start first with another distinguished veteran of this House. In this day in which term limits are so popular, many people do not realize that almost half of the House is new just since 1994, just in the last 2½ years. And so there is more turnover in elective office than at any time in history. But some of our finest Members have been some of the people who have served very long tenures in this House. I could name so many. Bill Broomfield of Michigan, John Paul Hammer-schmidt of Arkansas, Chalmers Wylie of Ohio, many, many others. But one man who has served almost the entire time with Congressman QUILLEN and who, I think, without any question is his closest friend in the House is a great leader from Indiana, Congressman JOHN MYERS who has served in this House as a leader, as an outstanding member of the Committee on Appropriations since 1966.

I want to pay tribute in introducing Congressman MYERS because we are losing a great, great man in Congressman MYERS, also, from this body, because he has also announced his retirement. But I want to yield at this time to Congressman JOHN MYERS of Indiana to make some remarks about Congressman QUILLEN.

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. I thank very much Congressman DUNCAN, JIMMY. As

you were reading off the names of people who served with JIMMY QUILLEN, you left one name off, the name of John Duncan, a colleague of ours from Tennessee, your father, that we had the honor of serving with, one of the true gentlemen also of the House of Representatives, certainly a gentleman from Tennessee. We miss, of course, your father John, but his shoes are filled most appropriately with his son JIMMY DUNCAN. Thank you for taking this time today.

Madam Speaker, those of us who have served here for a few years have had the opportunity, the privilege of serving with a great many true Americans. Some have gone on to become President of the United States, some have moved down the aisle here to serve in the other body. Some have become Vice Presidents. Some have gone on to be ambassadors, Governors. Some have even retired.

But tonight we honor truly one of the great Americans whom we have had the opportunity to serve with, a veteran of World War II, the Navy in World War II, a patriot, a statesman, certainly a gentleman at all times, JAMES H. QUILLEN, whom we affectionately call JIMMY QUILLEN.

JIMMY was born in Virginia 80 years ago. At a very early age his parents moved across the line, over into Kingsport, TN, where JIMMY graduated from high school. He went on to become publisher of the local newspaper, moving that newspaper into prominence, doing a great job as a newspaper publisher in Kingsport, TN.

He then went on to the State Legislature. I believe he started serving in 1954, serving for 8 years in the State Legislature. He was nominated for Speaker of the Tennessee House, served in various capacities there, in the minority most often, and served honorably there. He has served in every Republican convention since 1956, most often as parliamentarian. And so we realize the potential and capability of our colleague from east Tennessee. He has received the Golden Bulldog Award, the highest award any Member of Congress can receive for their service, the conservative service, is the only way you can win the bulldog. He has received 27 consecutive. Every year the House Members have been awarded the golden bulldog, JIMMY QUILLEN has received that bulldog. It tells you something about the reputation, about the dedication of our friend JIMMY QUILLEN. He has served so many organizations in Tennessee. So many have honored him through the years. I think about anything in east Tennessee is named after him. I visited there on several occasions. In fact, JIMMY QUILLEN invited me my freshman year, 30 years ago, to come to his district and speak on Lincoln Day, a great honor for me to go into this very senior gentleman from Tennessee, to be asked as a freshman Hoosier from Indiana to come and speak in east Tennessee. I was honored, never been invited back, but it was a