

through the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Government Printing Office. There have been no license applications under the program.

3. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from March 26, 1996, through September 25, 1996, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to Angola (UNITA) are reported to be about \$227,000, most of which represents wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the U.S. Customs Service, the Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, and the Office of the General Counsel) and the Department of State (particularly the Office of Southern African Affairs).

I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 19, 1996.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. WISE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. WOLF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

A HUGE CLOUD OVER THIS HOUSE

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, we have just been through a little charade here in the House. The last two votes on motions to table were purely what I call a charade as part of the total coverup that is going on in the ethics investigation of our Speaker.

You know, they, majority Republicans, were advised that the minority, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BONIOR] and the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS], are going to be offering a resolution that would require the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to make public, to give all Members of the House and the public, the press, a copy of the report that was filed back around August 12 with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct by the special counsel.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] is discussing matters that are not appropriately addressed under the rules of the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. I am just going over what was going on in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will sustain the point of order inasmuch as the gentleman may not discuss such matters not currently pending.

Mr. VOLKMER. The Speaker, I am just talking about what went on in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is very interesting, very, very interesting that the majority does not even want us to talk about what we just did earlier this afternoon.

When they heard about this resolution that is going to be offered, the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. LINDER—and according to an AP story that was just out today—in an admitted act of retaliation Mr. LINDER introduced a resolution to force the ethics panel to hire an outside counsel to investigate House Minority Leader RICHARD A. GEPHART in an ethics complaint filed 7 months ago that he concealed profits gained through vacation home real estate deals. LINDER says—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker: The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] continues to be out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will sustain the point of order and share at this point the ruling of November 17, 1995:

The prohibition against references in the debate to the official conduct of other Members where such conduct is not under consideration in the House includes reciting the content of a resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House which is no longer pending, having been tabled by the House.

The gentleman may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Now the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] goes on and says that the Lewis resolution reflected an ongoing and desperate action with a small band of Democrats who refused the ethics process by filing one baseless claim after another.

Now those claims are not baseless, those claims are legitimate. They are based on acts that were performed by the Speaker and that have been filed with complaints, and part of those complaints were investigated by the special counsel, and the special counsel filed the report way back over a month ago. But none of us have seen the report, none of us can get a copy of the report, and on the tabling motion there is no question—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman continues to be out of order, and it is an embarrassment to the House to have the gentleman continue to disobey the rules knowingly and completely with malice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order and requests that the gentleman proceed in order as indicated by the Chair earlier.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, you know, there is a huge cloud over this House, and it has been here for over a year, almost 2 years, and it is all because of inaction of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on the complaints on NEWT GINGRICH, and it has brought discredit on this House.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. The gentleman is obviously attempting to simply disobey the rules, and the gentleman obviously has no comport to the Oath of Office that he took earlier in this Congress and, you know, is embarrassing the House with his present disobeying of the rules, and I insist on my point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The point of order by the gentleman is sustained, and the Chair would remind the gentleman from Missouri that he may not speak to matters which are now under consideration by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or to the motivation of Members who bring questions before the House.

Mr. VOLKMER. I appreciate the ruling of the Chair, and it is very apparent to me and, I hope, to Members of this House that the majority does not want any of the minority, anybody, talking about ethics questions on the floor of the House. They just do not want us to discuss it. They want to keep it secret, they do not want anybody to know anything about it, they want it all to go away until after the election.

Well, there are those of us who feel that we in this House of Representatives, which has been a stalwart in the world as far as democracy is concerned, have a right to voice our opinion on the floor of the House on this subject because we feel that this subject is one that has to do with the image of the people, how the people look at the United States House of Representatives.

I do not think that the public really appreciates a House of Representatives

where Members cannot even discuss on the floor those things—I can walk right out in that hall, I can go up into the press gallery, I can go up the steps and go back in my district, I could do it in my home, I could do it in my office, I can do it anywhere else. I can discuss all the problems that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has and NEWT GINGRICH has and the fact that the chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct has just stalled this whole process. I can do it all there, but I cannot do it here.

That is the ruling of the Chair. They do not want me to say it, folks. They do not want me to talk about it.

But guess what? We are going to continue to do it until that report is released to the public. They paid \$500,000, Mr. Speaker, for that report, and they are keeping it quiet.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. WALKER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. WALKER. The gentleman continues to be out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sustains the point of order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Would the gentleman from Pennsylvania like to take down my words?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the gentleman that Speakers in prior Congresses have also supported these rulings.

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] may proceed in order.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to continue to say that it is just not me that is being gagged, it is everybody out in the public, the media, everybody else in this whole country. Nobody knows what is in that report, and you are never going to know what is in that report because they are not going to let you have it.

REGARDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, what we have just seen is an act that everyone in the House should be concerned about because the rules of this House exist in large part to assure the civility of the proceedings of the House. They exist to try to make certain that all Members are protected and have certain rights.

These rules are not unique to this Congress. These are rules that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. VOLKMER] regularly voted for when he was a Member of the majority. The rules with regard to discussion of matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on this House floor have been the heart of the rules for a long time. They are not something that this majority came up with. They are in fact the same rules that previous Speakers have enforced and have been in place for the previous Congresses.

All Members have an obligation to those rules. When Members think that they are above the law and above the rules, that is an embarrassment, and that destroys the underlying civility that needs to govern our processes here.

I do not know how we can, as a nation, solve the myriad of problems that we have if some Members take it upon themselves to disobey the rules. That is what we have seen happening on a regular basis.

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

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. BILIRAKIS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. MORELLA addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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

[Mr. BUYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

UNITED STATES MUST GET ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FUNCTIONS IN ORDER

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was just on the floor a few days ago and talked about a headline I saw where the trade deficit last month had gotten worse, and today I woke up to see today's news, and trade and jobs and opportunity for my children and for the future of all citizens of our country have been one of my top priorities since I got elected some 3 years ago.

Today I saw a headline that should send chills into the spine of every American and every Member of Congress. It says "U.S. trade gap grew by 43 percent in July."

Now if that does not knock your socks off and you are not concerned about this, then you are not awake.

The opportunities that we are destroying for our children by not getting our international trade functions in order are going to really ruin the future again for our children. Let me show you our current international trade organization.

This is 19 agencies deal with promoting, financing assistance for international trade. This is the current structure. It is a rat's maze. Any business person who could get Federal assistance from this rat's maze and have Government cooperate with business and industry so we could provide good paying jobs, they cannot do it under this structure.

When I first came to Congress, I introduced a reorganization that would put trade finance, trade promotion and trade assistance all together in a sound, reasonable package to provide assistance to give us an opportunity to increase our jobs.

Now look at what Mr. Kantor, our Secretary of Commerce, former Trade Representative said. His comment was "The U.S. trade picture reflects the underlying strength of the U.S. economy."

I cannot believe that he said anything. In fact, I pulled his bio to see if he had any business experience, and he does not. Neither does the gentleman who currently occupies the White House. They just do not understand at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, they do not understand in the Department of Commerce, and they do not understand in the trade agency or the 19 other Federal agencies that spend \$3 billion in tax money.

Then you read about where the big trade deficit is. It is in Japan. Now where does 85 percent of all that money we that we spend promoting U.S. products, assisting U.S. companies go? It goes for, and would you believe this, it does for promoting raisins in Japan, and we already control the market there.

So you see why our children do not have an opportunity for the future. This is the disorganization, these are the comments, this is the statistics.

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We heard about 10 million new jobs in this country. Where are those 10 million new jobs? They are part time, they are low paying, they are service jobs. They do not tell us that between 1993 and 1995 we lost 8.4 million good-paying jobs in this country. People were fired. They were fired in Binghamton, NY, they were fired in Tennessee, they were fired in Florida. They lost their jobs, and a majority of those 8.4 million people had to take lower paying jobs.

So the 10 million jobs, people I talked to in my district have two or three of