

apply for Social Security or disability benefits, America's veterans were unable to file compensation pension and educational benefit claims or adjustments, and the 1-800 help line for Social Security actually went unanswered.

The Democrats prevailed and Medicare was saved for now, but former Senator Dole, out of desperation in his Presidential ambitions, has proposed even larger tax cuts than he and Speaker GINGRICH proposed last year.

I support tax cuts, but not at the expense of Medicare. I am really concerned that when Dole says we can trust him not to dismantle Medicare, that his record during his long career in Congress essentially says otherwise.

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.]

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, a little of my background. I used to be a police officer. I believe very strongly in a lot of the activities of law enforcement in this country. After I got out of law school, I never really could practice defense law because my heart was not in it. I am too much of a pro-policeman type of person.

But I also have a very deep and fundamental belief that we have civil rights in this country that are guaranteed by our Constitution. In fact, if you look at the preamble to our Constitution, and I will quote from the Constitution, we, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, and inferred in the name of the word "justice" is fairness, it is reasonableness. We do not have a Gestapo type of society. We do not sanction Gestapo type of tactics by law enforcement.

Now follow me into July of this year. In July of this year, we had a horrible, horrible situation down at the Olympics where somebody set off a bomb. It was a fatality, a couple of fatalities. Within a couple of days, the FBI or someone from the law enforcement agencies leaked to the media that they had fingered their suspect. This began the long nightmare for one individual

called Richard Jewell. Within hours, this is the headline that appears on the New York Post, "Saint or Savage?" Within hours, another picture, "I didn't do it." This is Richard Jewell. "I didn't do it."

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Throughout this entire country instantly, instantly this man's name became a household name, a man to be held in disgust, a man who is being labeled as the bomber of the Olympics.

Well, the FBI does as the FBI should do. They immediately executed search warrants. They went to Mr. Jewell's home he shared with his mother. They went through that home. They seized everything they possibly could seize, including their silverware, tupperware, and she said even her Disney tapes.

These are the conclusions 2 months later. Washington Post: After 2 months of exhaustive investigation of the Atlanta Olympics bombing, Federal law enforcement officials have found no solid evidence linking former security guard Richard Jewell to a pipe bomb attack, according to senior officials.

It goes on. One senior law enforcement official said investigators who have combed Jewell's apartment, Jewell's truck, and Jewell's previous residence have found no conclusive bomb residue, no witnesses to the attack, no accomplices. Moreover, preliminary analysis of the 911 phone call placed minutes before the bombing suggests that the caller was not Jewell.

What is happening to this man? Every minute of his life he has FBI agents that follow him. If he pulls out in his car to the grocery store, he has four or five law enforcement cars that go everywhere he goes. He cannot even contact his friends for fear of instigating an investigation of his friends.

My message to the FBI: If you have got the evidence, arrest him. If you do not, back off. If the man is a suspect—if the man is a suspect and you have got that evidence, then go get him. It is simple. All of us want this case resolved. But none of us should stand by and allow a citizen of this great country, especially a country where thousands and thousands of people have given their lives to maintain our fundamental foundation of justice; we should not stand by and let this persecution continue unless the FBI has investigation—excuse me, has evidence.

Now let me tell you how the FBI treats their own people. They have right now two or three agents who are being investigated for their involvement or alleged misconduct at Ruby Ridge. This has been going on for a long period of time. These agents are not followed. These agents do not wake up in the morning to find lots of cameras and FBI cars and other law enforcement cars riding their bumper. They do not have to worry about going to the grocery store and being followed by Federal law enforcement officials. No.

What the FBI does with its own, they put these people on paid leave. The

deputy director, for example. He receives \$122,000 a year, and he does absolutely nothing. Including benefits. He gets benefits on top of that.

Now I am not questioning whether that is justice or not, but what I am questioning is that I think the director of the FBI and the agents of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies need to apply the golden rule, and that is do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We demand justice here. If he has got the evidence, get him; if he does not, back off.

A WITCH HUNT AGAINST THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROTH). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I know the hour is getting late, and I just came back from California tonight to attend the debate and votes and have a nasty head cold to boot, but I had to come down and speak during special orders tonight after watching the partisan discord on the floor earlier tonight and listening to the comments coming from the other side of the political aisle, and that is what it is, from the very partisan Democrats in this House of Representatives, the people's House, who are now engaged, have been engaged for months, in a witch hunt against the Speaker of the House.

And make no mistake about it, that is exactly what they are doing. They have no new ideas on policy, and they cannot win a debate on the issues, so they are now resorting to political attacks against the Speaker of the House.

Now what is the origin of all this? Well, back in February of last year, this is 1 month after this Congress began, Congressman HARRY JOHNSTON, a Democrat from Florida, told the Miami Herald that the Democrats, meaning the Democrat Party leadership in the House, including the minority leader, DICK GEPHARDT, and the Democratic National Committee, were meeting weekly to, quote, investigate NEWT, end quote, referring to Speaker of the House NEWT GINGRICH. Congressman GEORGE MILLER, who is a very fiery Democratic partisan, has sponsored many complaints against the Speaker, and he is quoted in a recent book by a very respected journalist and author, Elizabeth Drew, as confirming that the Democrats intended to attack the Speaker, saying quote: NEWT is the nerve center and the energy source. Going after him is like taking out command and control. End quote.

So what we are talking about now is a very dubious claim on the part of the Democrats that a draft discussion document in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct should be publicly released when in fact the ranking Democrat on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct says when there is

information to report, we will be complying with House rules in making such a report. That is an actual quote.

These complaints are all politically motivated, and the public should know as well as our colleagues that since 1989 Democrats in the House of Representatives have filed literally hundreds and hundreds of allegations against NEWT GINGRICH without one, without one ethics complaint being referred for further action.

In fact the only—just over the last year they have filed numerous complaints, all of which have been effectively dismissed, and the only remaining issue is a technical issue regarding tax laws, which relates to a college course that the Speaker was teaching, and I find it remarkable and commendable that he would teach a college course on the side, in addition to being Speaker of the House and a Congressman representing a Georgia congressional district.

So what is going on here? Do our Democrat colleagues in the House, are they really attempting to divert attention from the ethical problems of the Clinton administration? Because some of us remember when Bill Clinton was sworn in; in fact, when he said on the campaign trail as candidate Clinton that he would have the most ethical administration in the history of the Republic, when arguably he has given us one of the more corrupt administrations in the history of the Republic, including 14 business associates and friends who have either been convicted or pled guilty in conjunction with the Whitewater matter, and that does not even begin to speak to his wife's involvement in those same affairs.

So what is going on here? This has been, in fact, a very reform-minded Congress. We passed the Congressional Accountability Act saying that Congress has to live under the same laws as everybody else, under the same laws that we impose on American citizens and businesses. We passed a very strict gift ban. We passed tough lobbying reform. And tomorrow on this floor I am going to be able to offer legislation with some of my colleagues, eliminating taxpayer funded pensions for Members of Congress convicted of felony crimes while serving in office.

Mr. Speaker, that is something I attempted to do 2 Congresses ago in the 102nd Congress, but the leadership of the House then, the Democratic Party leadership, would not allow it, my bill to come to the House floor. Our leadership has allowed it. We will be debating on it and voting on it tomorrow. I am sure it will pass overwhelmingly.

My legislation was the direct outgrowth of the House bank and post office scandals two Congresses ago, and we do not hear our colleagues, many of whom were serving then, talking, you know, expressing outrage or ire at not only the ethical lapses of the Clinton administration, but about the things that happened on their watch: The Dan Rostenkowski affair in the last Con-

gress. There was concerted effort to cover up then-Congressman Rostenkowski's involvement in the House post office scandal and allegations of ghost employees. That was led by many of the Democrats who are now in an incredible, I think, feed of hypocrisy and role reversal attacking the Speaker.

When we took over last January, we lost an independent audit by an outside accounting firm of House finances, and we found incredible disarray and mismanagement. Again that is something that happened, and the American people need to understand this, on the watch of the Democrat Party leadership. So they are hardly models of propriety, having conducted and presided over the whitewashed Congresses of years past, and somebody has got to stand up on this floor and provide a little institutional memory, if you will, and someone has to say to my colleagues and to the American people: Look, you are smarter than they think you are. They are banking on the facts, they are betting that you do not know and you do not care about the truth, and we think you do.

THE DRUG ISSUE IN OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I first want to make a brief comment on Medicare. I get tired, night after night, hearing us being accused of cutting Medicare. I know the President alleges that this year, and I know many Americans have probably seen the tape or heard that Mrs. Clinton last year, when the President proposed a smaller increase than we said, explained very carefully that it was an increase and not a cut, and President Clinton before we took power carefully explained that it was an increase and not a cut, and, quite frankly, two or three Clintons is not bad, and I think that the Democratic Party should listen to two of the three Clintons who said it was not a cut, rather than coming up and giving misinformation to the American people.

But I came here tonight to talk about the drug issue. A lot of people think this just came up at the last minute here in the campaign. I serve on the Government Reform Subcommittee on Internal Security and Foreign Affairs where we deal with the drug issue regularly, and our subcommittee chairman, BILL ZELIFF, started right after we took over Congress in focusing on this issue and deserves tremendous credit for his persistence in keeping us in front of Congress and America and working with—when he started working with then-Senator Dole in New Hampshire over a year ago—to show him what had happened and what we had learned from our hearings. We thought we were

going to have one or two hearings on the drug issue. We started with Nancy Reagan and Bill Bennett and heard some of the devastation and were shocked at the cutbacks that this administration did, and as we got in and had hearings with then-drug czar Lee Brown and had multiple hearings with the current drug czar, General McCaffrey, we have had multiple hearings with the Coalition for Partnership for Drug-free America. We met multiple times with the director of the DEA, Mr. Constantine. We have met with all branches. It became more and more clear that this was not a little issue, this was a huge issue.

Sometimes here in Washington it takes us awhile to realize what the people back home know already, and that is kids are getting shot in the streets, there are gangs all over not only our major cities, but in small towns throughout. In northeast Indiana, in my home area, in Bluffton, in Auburn and Huntington, the gangs have spread out into the small towns and dealing drugs, and we have drug battles going on. It was Congress and Washington that was slow.

It is not that this is some kind of a political effort at the last minute. We are responding to what American people saw.

A number of us went down to Central and South America and met with the leaders of those nations in Bolivia and Peru and Columbia and Mexico and Panama, and delivered very strong messages and are trying to work with source country eradication and interdiction. We also held regional hearings in the Northeast and the Midwest, two in California. We have an upcoming one in Arizona, and going down to the border there, and over in Florida. We have been all over this Nation. It also is not a last minute political issue, it is an issue that the American people are screaming for attention, and we have been slow in responding.

I also want to comment briefly on two hearings that we did this past weekend in California. One in particular I want to talk about is one we did in Hollywood looking at the movie industry, and also one last week on the music industry. I am not going to get heavily into that, but I want to make two points.

One is we are very concerned that the message is being sent out in our music and our movies. Let me give two examples.

After I was challenged by the leader of the recording industry of America to produce some names, and I am not a big rock music fan, but the staff provided some names, she said in the newspaper that "Heroin Girl" was an antidrug message. I went out and bought it. The group Everclear whose very name basically stands for some sort of white lightning or something; there is another song on there called "Chemical Smile". If you—the song "Heroin Girl", it is at best marginal as an antidrug message. But as we heard