

integration. He was the first of many Negro league stars to play in the big leagues, and he suffered the strains of racism throughout major league ball parks. By successfully bearing this burden, he in fact became a symbol of victory for African Americans, and he carried the torch of equality that lit the flame of equality in America.

Mr. FRANKS and I urge our colleagues to rekindle this flame by cosponsoring the Jackie Robinson Commemorative Coin Act. Join us and our colleagues in the other body in remembering Jackie Robinson's baseball legacy, and honoring him as a great American.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY IS "JUST SAY NOTHING" ON DRUGS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, why since 1993 have we experienced such a dramatic increase in the use of drugs among our Nation's children, when just a decade ago we were winning that fight? The answer is simple. We now have an administration that has replaced "Just say no" with "Just say nothing."

The facts speak for themselves. Since 1993, marijuana use among 12- to 13-year-olds has increased 137 percent. This should not be surprising when we look at this administration's priorities.

Do Members know that they have over 110,000 IRS agents collecting taxes? That is enough to audit almost every person in the State of Texas. Compare that to 12,000 total drug enforcement and border patrol agents that protect our borders. That is taxes over drugs, 10 to 1. This administration must take responsibility for its failed drug policies and stop this epidemic before it destroys our children's future.

IN SOME SCHOOLS RAPISTS GET COUNSELING WHILE 6-YEAR- OLDS GO TO THE SLAMMER

(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, it is common sense, schools are under attack. Guns, drugs, rape, even murder. Some schools are so bad they hire police to monitor the hallways and to combat this growing phenomenon.

Schools have clamped down all over the country, as evidenced by an action in Lexington, NC, where the schools suspended 6-year-old Johnathan Prevette for kissing a 6-year-old on the cheek. That is right, Johnathan was cited for sexual harassment.

Think about it. In some schools where rapists get counseling, 6-year-olds are getting busted. Mr. Speaker, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out what is going wrong in our schools, when murderers and rapists are getting probation and counseling

and 6-year-olds are going to the slammer. Johnathan, make sure you do not hug anybody.

I yield back the balance of my friendship that might come out of our schools.

BOB DOLE AND JACK KEMP SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED OUT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday my alma mater, the Arizona State Sun Devils, took on the No. 1 ranked, two-time defending national champion cornhuskers of Nebraska. The result should be a lesson to all the pundits who have already written off Bob Dole.

The pundits and so-called experts said A.S.U. had no chance against Nebraska. They pointed out that Nebraska had a 37 game winning streak, and that Nebraska had not been shut out in a regular season game since 1973. The point spread, looking a lot like some of the recent presidential polls, predicted that Nebraska would win by 23 points.

Yet Arizona State managed to shut out Nebraska 19-0.

The experts said Arizona State could not beat Nebraska, but the experts were wrong. The experts also tell us that Bob Dole and Jack Kemp do not have a chance to beat a certain liberal currently living in the White House. We Sun Devils know better.

RELEASE THE ETHICS REPORT AND THE WOMEN FROM THE BASEMENT

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, we are appealing to you to release the ethics report and to release the women from the basement.

As a New Yorker, I am anguished that the statute of our State's most distinguished leaders—Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott—have remained in the basement of the Capitol for the past 76 years.

Mr. Speaker, almost every great struggle throughout American history is represented in the Capitol's rotunda, including the leaders of those revolutions, Lincoln, Washington, and King.

Exactly 76 years ago American women gained the right to vote, but our great leaders still are not allowed in the living room to stand beside the great male leaders.

Mr. Speaker, American women ask the same question they asked President Wilson: how long must we wait?

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S NEW REPUBLICAN AGENDA

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I guess we should be happy. After weeks of distortions and millions of dollars of AFL-CIO deceptions, and some downright crazy claims about the 104th Congress, the President has finally come clean. His acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention and his recent campaign speeches trumpeting his support for our agenda and our outstanding successes kind of amazes me.

In fact, the President took credit for 14 different initiatives that Republicans promised. How is that for extreme? Is he stealing Republican ideas, or, as Jay Leno says, maybe he is just borrowing them until after the election. It seems as if the only extremism is the extreme way the President wants to be reelected.

Now his own party must not even know where he stands. As some of my friends on the other side of the aisle say, if you do not like where the President is, just wait a while. I guess they hope he will come around, just like in 1992. I yield back the balance of the President's Republican agenda.

REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS AT- TEMPT TO STIFLE QUESTIONS BY SENIOR CITIZENS AND DEMO- CRATS

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 1-year anniversary of what I would consider the darkest day of this 104th Congress. Let me set the scene. The Republicans were attempting to cut \$270 billion from Medicare, so they could afford to give tax breaks to the wealthiest individuals and corporations in this entire Nation.

One week earlier, a group of senior citizens who purported to be in favor of that plan came into the Committee on Commerce and they dumped letters on the floor in a show of support. It proved out that many of those letters were from people who were deceased, or they were children, or they were nonexistent.

This time senior citizens arrived in the Committee on Commerce to say they were against what was happening and they wanted to simply know why there were no hearings. Our Republicans, fearing the debate, fearing that question, ordered that those senior citizens, some in wheelchairs, some in walkers, some with canes, be arrested, arrested and hauled away by the Capitol Hill police, photographed, and fingerprinted.

Today it is 1 year later. Many of those seniors will be here again. As

that occurs, we should also recognize that the Republicans want to stop the debate from the Democrats, who ask, where is the ethics report on Speaker GINGRICH?

PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD DROP CONSIDERATION OF PAR- DONS FOR WHITEWATER FRIENDS

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

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, this May, a Little Rock jury returned guilty verdicts on a total of 24 felony counts against President and Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater business partners, James and Susan McDougal, and the President's successor as Governor of Arkansas, Jim Guy Tucker.

It must have come as great comfort to Susan McDougal and her codefendants earlier this week when, in a televised interview, the President refused to rule out the possibility of pardons for them if he is reelected.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today a resolution that would declare that it is the sense of this House that President Clinton should specifically, categorically, and immediately disavow any Presidential pardons for his former Whitewater business partners and to former Governor Tucker. By passing this resolution before we adjourn to go home and face our constituents, we can send the right signal—that in this country, no one is above the law, and convicted criminals do not walk free by virtue of having friends in positions of power.

YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

(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, last week the Ethics Committee concluded for the third time that the gentleman from Georgia, NEWT GINGRICH, violated House rules in his use of a political adviser for official business. The committee concludes—

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CHRYSLER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, referring to matters before the Ethics Committee, which is specifically forbidden in the House rules, is my point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will reiterate the principle in this matter. The Chair will repeat the admonitions of the Chair from June 26, 1996, September 12, September 17, and September 24.

It is an essential rule of decorum in debate that Members should refrain

from references in debate to the conduct of other Members, where such conduct is not the question actually pending before the House, by way of a report from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or by way of another question of the privileges of the House.

This principle is documented on pages 168 and 526 of the House Rules and Manual, and reflects the consistent rulings of the Chair in this and in prior Congresses and applies to 1-minute and special order speeches.

The fact that a resolution has been noticed pursuant to rule IX does not permit such references where that resolution is not actually pending.

Neither the filing of a complaint before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, nor the publication in another forum of charges that are personally critical of another Member, justify the references to such charges on the floor of the House. This includes references to the motivations of Members who file complaints and to members of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

As cited on page 526 of the Manual, this also includes references to concluded investigations of sitting Members by the Standards Committee. (July 24, 1970). Clause 1 of rule XIV is a prohibition against engaging in personality in debate. It derives from article 1, section 5 of the Constitution, which authorizes each House to make its own rules, and to punish its Members for disorderly behavior, and has been part of the rules of the House in some relevant form since 1789. This rule supercedes any claim of a Member to be free from questioning in any other place.

On January 27, 1909, the House adopted a report that stated the following: "It is the duty of the House to require its Members, in speech or debate, to preserve that proper restraint which will permit the House to conduct its business in an orderly manner and without unnecessarily and unduly exciting animosity among its Members," from Cannon's Precedents, Volume VIII, at Section 2497. This report was in response to improper references in debate to the President, but clearly reiterated a principle that all occupants of the Chair in this and in prior Congresses have held to be equally applicable to Members' remarks in debate toward the Speaker and each other.

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The Chair asks and expects the cooperation of all Members in maintaining a level of decorum that properly dignifies the proceedings of the House.

The gentleman from Georgia may proceed in order.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, quote, the committee concludes that your conduct of allowing the routine presence in your office of Mr. Jones demonstrates a continuing pattern of lax administration and poor judgment that has concerned this committee in the past, unquote.

NEWT GINGRICH has repeatedly shown his willingness to break House rules to suit his needs. The charges being investigated by the outside counsel, James Cole, are far more serious and involve violations of the law, including tax fraud.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CHRYSLER. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, he is referring to matters that are before the House Ethics Committee which are specifically forbidden in the House rules, is my point of order.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, may I be heard on the point of order?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will hear the gentleman.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Let me say to the gentleman from the other side, there comes a time when an injustice is so great, when you must even challenge the rule to demonstrate that injustice. I know the gentleman from the other side and the Members from the other side would not like for this report to come out.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The Chair again sustains the point of order, and the gentleman will proceed in order.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. There now exists a \$500,000 report from the outside counsel. Later today or tomorrow, the House will once again consider a privileged resolution I have offered calling for the release of the outside counsel's report. The public deserves the right to see that report. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote for the release of the secret Gingrich ethics report.

ISSUES OF ETHICS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that, and I certainly hope that the Democrats who are so hung up on bringing down NEWT GINGRICH to the extent of breaking House rules in terms of issues in front of the Ethics Committee, will show equal compassion and curiosity when we review the Gephardt ethics allegations and a lot of other ethics allegations on some of their Members. If we are going to bring this House down to such partisan ferocity, then maybe my colleagues want to consider that.

Why does the Democrat Party not concern themselves with why the President will not reveal his health care records? Why Susan McDougal will not talk but would rather go to jail even if, as the President has publicly said, a pardon is out there? Why do my colleagues not have any curiosity of who hired Craig Livingstone?

Let us just admit, this is politicking on taxpayer time, with taxpayer equipment, in a taxpayer-paid facility. I