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H.R. 2594. An act to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2685. An act to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank.

H.R. 3056. An act to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another country; and

H. Con. Res. 132. Concurrent resolution relating to the trial of Martin Pang for arson and felony murder.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3259) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 773. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes; and

S. 1311. An act to establish a National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side.

INTRODUCTION OF RABBI MELVIN J. GLAZER

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

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today of introducing Rabbi Melvin J. Glazer, who has just offered the opening prayer today.

Rabbi Glazer was born in Atlanta, GA, in 1947. In 1969, he was graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in philosophy and from the Jewish Theological Seminary with a BHL in modern Hebrew literature. He received an M.A. from JTS in 1972 and was ordained in 1974. In May 1995, he received a doctor of ministry from the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before assuming his duties at Olam Tikvah, he pursued his calling in On-

tario, Canada; Nashville, TN; Grand Rapids, MI; and Princeton and South Orange, NJ. Wherever he has made his home, Rabbi Glazer played a vital and constructive role in the life of his community.

Rabbi Glazer and his wife Donna are the proud parents of four children. The eldest, Avi, age 18, is a freshman at Brandeis University. Ilan, age 16, attends Woodson High School in Fairfax County. Shoshane and Rafi are students at the Geshur Jewish Day School in Fairfax, where their mother is teaching today.

Rabbi Glazer defines his role as a cleric and teacher as helping "complete the work begun by God so long ago".

"We are commanded to 'get our hands dirty' in repairing this world of ours," he likes to say. It is entirely fitting that such a man can be with us here in this great Chamber today.

I am delighted to present Rabbi Melvin J. Glazer.

MORE EXTREMISM FROM THE GINGRICH-DOLE REVOLUTION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago at approximately this time the Republicans held their signing ceremony for their Contract with America and its centerpiece, the crown jewel, the tax break, that would have primarily benefited wealthy Americans.

Shortly thereafter, the Gingrich-Dole revolution began, and attempts were made to make the largest Medicare cuts in history and the healthy care guarantees for children, families, and seniors, and the disabled under the Medicaid Program, turn back the clock on environmental protection, cut student loans, and eliminate the 100,000 Cops on the Beat Program and other effective tools for fighting crime.

The net results of these extreme Gingrich-Dole proposals was the Government shutdown of 1995, and it was the Democrats that ultimately stopped these extremist Republican measures.

One would think that the Gingrich-Dole team learned their lesson, but now we hear a repeat, if my colleagues will, on an even grander scale, with Dole's new economic plan that would usher in more extremism and draconian cuts to vital programs. Again the Democrats will be there stopping this Republican extremism.

THE UNITED NATIONS: ONE BIG MESS

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

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, right now the U.N. General Assembly is meeting in New York City and it is demanding we give more and more money to the United Nations.

Now even Boutros Boutros-Ghali has proposed the idea of a new international tax, which means the American people pay income tax plus U.N. tax. How do my colleagues like that?

Last year alone, the United Nations spent more than \$4.6 billion. Guess how much our share was? Almost one-third. One-third we pay to the United Nations to support this.

Look at the United Nations chart, how complicated, how messy it is. This is what the United Nations looks like. Look at this. This is nothing. I took as an example one of the small agencies down in the Food Agriculture Organization. Look at how messy that is. That is what that is, one small agency, one small operation. Look at how complicated it is. If we look at some other agencies such as the International Development Program, I need a sixth of this.

That is what we are asking the United Nations to cut, by 22 percent, and my colleagues are calling us draconian, mean-spirited.

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT SAYS "I KNOW NOTHING"

(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, Colombian President Ernesto Samper has been commended worldwide for presenting a new antinarcotics strategy to the United Nations. Politicians all over the world are singing his praises. I am one politician that does not.

Last week, 9 pounds of heroin were found on President Samper's private plane. He says, "I know nothing." Reports say the drug lords financed his presidential campaign to the tune of \$6 million. President Samper says, "I know nothing."

The truth is, President Samper is more forgetful than Sergeant Shultz, and it does not take Chief Inspector Clouseau to figure this out.

When we can find heroin and cocaine as easy as Tylenol on the streets of America, the President of Colombia must be drafting the antinarcotics strategy for the world, and we are paying the piper. If he is Serpico, I am the Jolly Green Giant.

I yield back the balance of all addiction in this country.

IS MEXICO REALLY IN DIRE STRAITS?

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

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on January 31, President Clinton announced he was assembling a bailout for Mexico. This plan offered direct loans up to \$20 billion for Washington, DC, and \$27.8 billion from international agencies to help Mexico through its economic crisis. But did Mexico need all of it?

The Mexican economic crisis began in late December 1994, and President Ernesto Zedillo was inaugurated as the Mexican President on December 1, 1994. Is Mexico really in dire straits?

The President of Mexico claims to make \$8,000 a month. This past weekend in an article the Mexico Civil Alliance has found that the Mexican President has a secret fund of \$86 million approved by Mexico's Congress for 1996 to use at his discretion. The Mexican mayor received a \$100,000 Christmas bonus.

Again, did we really need to bail Mexico out without any questions? Or did we simply give their Government more money to use at their discretion to give bonuses and have secret funds?

No more executive orders for bail-outs. Where is the economic accountability for our taxpayers?

UNFREEZE THE REPORT

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues know, at this time of year communities all over America are organizing their fall coat drives to help the less fortunate. Well, as my colleagues might imagine, here in the Gingrich Congress it takes a little different twist. Speaker GINGRICH, instead of organizing a coat drive, has organized a giant ice bucket drive, and I brought my ice bucket along. He is asking Members to turn in their ice buckets.

Now why do my colleagues imagine that speaker GINGRICH needs so much ice?

Mr. Speaker, the reason is clear. There is an ethics report here in this Congress that is sizzling, it is hot. He needs as much ice as he can dump on that report to keep it in the deep freeze until after the election.

We say to the Speaker, we wish him well in his ice bucket gathering, but there is not enough ice in this Congress to keep in deep freeze the report of your ethical misconduct. We call on the Speaker and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to release the report on the tax violations, on the misconduct.

Stop pouring ice on it, Mr. Speaker. Do something constructive in these waning days. Unfreeze the report.

JUST SAY NO TO UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHIES

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

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about trust and the violation of privacy. Two highly publicized unauthorized biographies, one to be written by a Democratic consultant and another by a Republican consultant, are examples of a problem that transcends partisan politics and resonates throughout our culture.

We are a nation that values an individual's right to privacy, yet time and time again unauthorized books are written based on rumor and innuendo that purport to expose the private lives of public figures for all to see.

There was a time, Mr. Speaker, when trust and loyalty were cherished and truly personal matters were kept private. But today, if pecuniary interests are at stake, anything is fair game. This is symbolic of the lack of discretion and respect that is permeating our society and contributes to a breaking down of integrity in relationships. In the end analysis, sensationalism sells, truth is denigrated, and all unauthorized biographies become suspect.

Our courts may find that unauthorized biographies filled with inaccuracies and insinuations cannot be prohibited in our free society. However, we can just say no and refuse to buy them. Perhaps then, without profit to publish, this rubbish will disappear from our culture.

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FDA CRAZINESS

(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, by the way, I agree with the previous speaker.

Mr. Speaker, drug use by teenagers has exploded in this country, yet the President only seems to want to ignore it.

Now we have found out that the FDA is trying to prevent parents from purchasing a home drug testing kit.

Why? Because families won't be able to address the issue correctly, and it will cause family discord.

Can they be serious? A recent poll showed that 96 percent of parents felt they should have the right to direct and control the upbringing and discipline of their children.

The President wants to let the FDA eliminate smoking and cigarettes, but he won't even give parents a chance to handle their own teenager's drug use.

This is the last straw. The President and the FDA have lost it. Maybe they did inhale.

I yield back the balance, urging the FDA to just don't do it.

THE 104TH CONGRESS IN REVIEW

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, we are about to reach the end of the fiscal year. As they like to say, why do we not have a year in review, or rather, how about the 104th Congress in review?

Let us see. In the spring of 1995, the Republican majority brought us cuts in the school lunch program. I do not un-

derstand that, why we would take funds away from a vital program that helps young people get decent nutrition so they can learn. At any rate, the Democrats fought back.

Then in the summer of 1995, they brought us \$270 billion in cuts in Medicare, and also cuts in Medicaid, to finance big tax breaks for the wealthy, people like your local Congressman, your doctor, your local lawyer, your accountant. They do not need big tax breaks. We certainly need to protect the integrity of Medicare.

Then in the winter of 1995 and 1996, they gave us two Government shutdowns because they could not get their way. Even when President Clinton submitted a balanced budget approved by CBO they were not satisfied. Those Government shutdowns cost the taxpayers a whopping \$1.4 billion and caused tremendous hardship.

Then we had the spring of 1996 stop-and-go government because they wanted to cut education. I do not think the grade is going to be very good.

WHITE HOUSE BURIES CRITICAL DRUG REPORT

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, here it is, the Washington Times headline for today: "White House Buries Critical Drug Report."

Mr. Speaker, let me quote the story. The Clinton administration, which has cut drug interdiction efforts by nearly \$630 million since 1992, is sitting on a Pentagon commission report suggesting that President Clinton's shift to a drug treatment strategy has failed. The report, sent to the administration officials in May but never made public, said interdiction was the most successful and cost-effective way of dealing with the Nation's drug problem.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot believe that the White House actively suppressed knowledge of this report. It boggles the minds to know that when confronted with evidence of failure of their own policies, that the White House would look the other way. It is simply too much to accept that the President would do virtually nothing, knowing full well of the explosion of teen drug use. This is unbelievable.

VICTIMS RIGHTS

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

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday a Congressman tried to stop Congress from forbidding sale of guns to child abusers. Shame. Yesterday in Portland, OR, my town, a man opened fire in a church, injuring four people, including a pregnant woman.

The NRA opposed the Brady bill. The NRA opposed the assault weapon ban. I