

in education in the history of this Nation, 13 percent below last year's level, \$3.3 billion less in education funding.

Do my colleagues know what that means? It means higher taxes in the municipalities that we represent around the country. In my home town, the school budget, they are talking about an increase of 9 cents per 100-dollar assessment. If this level of Federal education cuts continues, the only ones that are going to suffer are the local property taxes or the children in the schools, because the local school boards will have the choice of either cutting the programs, increasing the class size, decreasing the quality of education, or increasing local taxes to pay for it.

This notion that somehow if the Federal Government cuts back that that is something that is not going to have an impact locally, it does have an impact locally. It has an impact in every one of the municipalities that we represent around this country, either taxes are going to go up or the quality of education will decrease.

PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE WAR ON DRUGS

(Mrs. CUBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, while President Clinton claims that he is doing everything he can do to fight the war on drugs, I would like to respectfully give some examples refuting that claim.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have issued the executive order reducing military interdiction efforts including the elimination of 1,000 antidrug positions.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have cut interdiction funds for the Customs Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration. If he was doing all he could, he would not have shortened minimum mandatory sentences for drug traffickers.

If President Clinton was doing all he could, he would not have disbanded Operation Snow Cap which helps foreign countries with DEA agents in cocaine-producing countries. If he was doing all he could, he would not have dropped the drug issue from the top to the bottom of the 229 priorities of the National Security Council.

Obviously, the President is not doing all that he can do, even though it was his promise when he ran for President.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY DOMESTIC ENERGY INDUSTRY

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

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, the question this morning is, Do we think it is smart to import over half the oil

which fuels the economy of this Nation? Is it smart not only economically, but militarily, to be that dependent on foreign oil? And is it smart to continue doing that when we have domestic oil producers such as the hundreds of small companies operating in my district and across Illinois, across this Nation, who could help balance the budget with increased domestic production?

I am joining my colleagues in the bipartisan Oil and Gas Forum to ask some of these questions over the next few weeks as we try to focus on a sound energy policy for this Nation which recognize the resources we have here at home, recognizing the importance of jobs created by a healthy domestic energy industry.

We are talking about Main Street America, from Casey to Carmi in my district, from Pennsylvania to California in this country, small businesses employing a dozen or so people who want to do business in an environmentally responsible way to help our economy, not making it more dependent on forces outside our control.

HOW ABOUT UNIFORMS FOR DRUG DEALERS?

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, this week, Bill Clinton will be holding a forum on youth, crime, and drugs. My hometown of Omaha, NE, saw juvenile arrests for major crimes spike by 20 percent last year. In fact, by last year alone juveniles accounted for almost half of all the major crimes. In Omaha, there were 41 killings, 8 more than in 1994. We even lost one of our police officers to this tide of crime.

Unfortunately, President Clinton is AWOL on the war on drugs. He passed a hug-a-thug crime bill with funding for dance lessons for criminals, and then he cut funding for his own drug czar by 84 percent. His top public health official once suggested that we should legalize illicit drugs.

Instead the liberals are focused on another reform: uniforms for students. Mr. Speaker, I think that is a great idea, but I fully support it at the local level, not the Federal Department of Education level.

But I support another uniform as well: orange prison jump suits for those drug dealers and violent felons terrorizing our communities; as my colleagues know, the drug dealers and violent felons that get off on technicalities because of slick criminal trial lawyers. Hopefully, we can come together with this Youth Crime Violence League and we can come up with a bipartisan answer to solve America's problems together.

THE GINGRICH SOLUTION IS WRONG

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Scott Paper lays off 11,000 workers; their top executive gets millions of dollars in stock options. AT&T lays off 40,000 employees; its top management gets huge bonuses. Revco Drugstore in Twinsburg, OH, lays off 1,100 people; 4 of their executives get \$1 million each.

The Newt Gingrich response: Cut education by \$3 billion, cut Medicare by tens of billions of dollars, cut student loans by \$4 billion. Why? Just to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country.

Mr. Speaker, the Gingrich solution is wrong.

CLINTON'S WAR ON DRUGS A FAILURE

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

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, a month after taking office, President Clinton eliminated 83 percent of the staff at the Office of National Drug Policy. Now, in an apparent campaign year move, the President announced he is doing a complete about-face and will increase staff in that office.

Even though he is 3 years late, I'm glad the President has finally recognized the importance of a strong national drug office. But let us look at what has happened in the years that the President sat on the sidelines and watched the drug world go by.

Drug use among teens has skyrocketed. According to the household survey on drug use, marijuana use by 12- to 17-year-olds has gone from 1.6 million in 1992 to 2.9 million in 1994. The survey also found a 137-percent increase in marijuana use among 12- to 13-year-olds.

Mr. Speaker, actions speak louder than words. President Clinton may be saying a lot now that he is on the campaign trail, but his actions show he has failed in the war on drugs.

STOP PLAYING BUDGET GAMES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today the House will consider yet another temporary spending bill to fund the Government. While the Republican congressional majority is operating the Government in fits and starts, they have been consistent in the targets of their cuts. Their agenda hurts working families.

Just take a look at education. The bill on the House floor today will cut \$3.1 billion from education. That is a \$1.2 billion cut in training for basic reading and math skills.

How does this help our children to succeed? It does not. It hurts our kids. In my State of Connecticut it means

that over 9,000 Connecticut school kids may not get the help that they need in order to compete in the 21st century.

The bill cuts assistance for college loans. That does not help working families.

My colleague prior to me getting up here this morning talked about drugs. They are going to cut the money for safe and drug-free schools. My colleagues bet, actions speak louder than words.

Vocational education and training cut, so that young people cannot get the opportunity to work.

Let us not cheat our children out of their future. Let us try to do something that helps working families.

EXAMINING CORPORATE WELFARE

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

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, in about an hour the House Committee on the Budget will begin its process of developing a new budget for fiscal year 1997. The hearings this morning will focus on the subject of so-called corporate subsidies or corporate welfare. One of our witnesses defines corporate welfare as the use of Government authority to confer special benefits to specific firms or industries where there is no corresponding societal benefit. I am pleased to say that in the balanced budget or in the budget resolution, 1995, the Committee on the Budget identified over \$95 billion worth of unnecessary spending on corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to be releasing today a GAO report to the Committee on the Budget which will outline over 25 different projects that we could undertake to reduce corporate spending or Government spending, unnecessary Government spending, on corporations. It is time, as we face the 1997 budget cycle, to look to individual responsibility, but also corporate responsibility, and I commend the Committee on the Budget for taking the lead in this process.

PLAYING POLITICS WITH THE NATION'S FINANCIAL STANDING

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

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority today will make sure we have more uncertainty with a limited debt limit extension and more gridlock with a sure-to-be vetoed continuing resolution. No wonder the Congress has a negative rating of over 60 percent. We have even surpassed used car salesmen in lack of confidence.

On the debt limit, again we are playing games with the Nation's financial standing, giving a debt limit extension just 2 more weeks simply to gain leverage for the majority's agenda. The continuing resolution cuts education by \$3

billion, 20 percent over the last year, and decimates veterans' programs by \$200 million. In fact, this bill unfairly targets VA Secretary Jesse Brown, who is doing his job with major cuts in his office; pettiness, politics. They do not like his pointing out that VA programs are being cut dramatically. On the chopping block today, student loans, basic reading and math skills, Head Start, safe and drug free schools, vocational education.

Mr. Speaker, let us end this gridlock.

CUT CORPORATE WELFARE AND MILITARY SPENDING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET, NOT THE MIDDLE-CLASS SAFETY NET

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in April of last year, the General Accounting office released a report showing that 73 percent of all foreign corporations operating in the United States paid no income taxes in 1991.

These multinational corporations had sales of \$359 billion in that year, yet 73 percent of them paid no taxes. Imagine that.

Mr. Speaker, it is no wonder we have a \$4.9 trillion debt when profitable corporations get away with paying no income taxes.

Yet, my Republican colleagues insist on slashing Medicare, Medicaid, Education, and the environment to balance the budget. Now I ask you, is that fair?

The American people work hard and pay their taxes. All they ask for in return is a little security in their old age, some fairness in the tax code, and a second chance if they fall through the cracks in our changing economy.

Let us cut corporate welfare and military spending to balance the budget, not the middle class safety net.

THIS FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO CUT REDTAPE AND REDUCE BURDENSOME PAPERWORK

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

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, they are back. The Istook amendment, in a somewhat watered-down form, but still a red-tape-filled, bureaucratic reporting nightmare, is back, made in order as we debate the continuing resolution later today.

Is this aimed at some of the bad guys in this country? No. It is aimed at the Red Cross, the YMCA, our local college or university, even small businesses that may be going through a hard time after a disaster and getting SBA help.

And what will be required? Mr. Speaker, again, as we have seen before, annual reports to the Federal Government about any effort to influence a decision even at the city or county level.

So, the local Y trying to get the city council to help out with the child care effort will have to report that to the Federal Government. The chapter of MADD trying to get a tougher DUI bill through the State legislature is going to have to report about that to the Federal Government. And the small business that got the SBA loan and makes a contribution to a local referendum will have to report that.

Mr. Speaker, this is from the people that were going to lighten the paperwork and reporting burdens from Washington.

CUTTING EDUCATION IS NOT CUTTING THE BUDGET

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

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, if my colleagues want to know why I am voting today against the temporary spending bill, look no further than Rock Branch grade school and over 500 grade schools across West Virginia. This week at Rock Branch I met with parents, teachers, and students to hear firsthand what the cutbacks in education and title I will mean. This is a program that permits 38,000 West Virginia grade school children to have help in upgrading math and reading skills. Parents took time off from work to tell me how their children were not succeeding in school. I wish every Member here could have heard Melissa's mom as she choked back tears talking about how her daughter had moved from failing to passing with honors, or hear Brooke as she showed me how to work a computer, or hear Miss Gibson and Miss Evans, their eyes shining with pride as they talked about the students' progress.

On April 1, Mr. Speaker, West Virginia boards of education though will have to lay off hundreds of teachers and aides across the State of West Virginia, possibly deny 6,500 West Virginia grade schoolers this important learning opportunity, cutting almost \$11 million from West Virginia's most important education program. Cutting grade school education is not cutting the deficit. There is nothing more expensive than ignorance, both individually and to our society.

HELPING WORKING FAMILIES

(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, real wages are down. Thousands of workers have lost their jobs. Families are having a hard time finding the money to send their children to college, to save for retirement, to make ends meet.

Finally, Republicans are taking note. They sound like Democrats talking about the middle class.