

On the other hand, Hippocrates recognized some 400 B.C. that "Idleness and lack of occupation tend toward evil."

Unemployment rates among our youth is at 17.5 percent. That is three times as large as is in our general population. The unemployment rate for African-American teenagers is almost at 40 percent, and without the summer program, it would be almost 50 percent. If some in Congress have their way, Mr. Speaker, for every employed African-American youth, there would be one unemployed African-American teenager. Surely in 1996 Congress could recognize the wisdom of Hippocrates, which has survived throughout the years.

Also, Mr. Speaker, it costs so little to give a youth a chance, but it costs society so much when we do not give the youth a chance. Last year, the summer program cost less than \$1,500, less than \$1,500. In contrast, conservative estimates are that it costs \$70,000 in prison construction and welfare spending when you have a student dropping out of high school from the ages of 18 to 54. Contrast that, \$70,000 with \$1,500. It cannot be disputed that there is a link between poverty and joblessness, and there is a link between joblessness and those who wind up in prison and those who wind up on our welfare rolls.

If we really want to move from welfare to work, let us give our young people a chance. Let them work. If you really want to fight criminal behavior, let us give our young people an alternative. Let them work. They want to work.

Last year there were two applications for every job available, and there were not enough jobs to go around. The summer employment program is broad-based, both in urban and rural communities. Indeed, there are more youth in rural communities than in urban communities. These young people use this money for critical needs, for going back to school, for clothing and special school items.

Mr. Speaker, we can spend more money to build more jails, open more courts, incarcerate more youth, or we can spend less money, less money, build fewer jails, and employ our young people and give them opportunities. We can get less for more by ignoring the problem, or we can get more for less by giving young people a chance.

Charity is getting something for nothing. A chance is an opportunity to become something rather than nothing. Most American youth I know want to have that chance. When we decide the spending for the rest of the year, I hope we do not disregard our Nation's youth.

Mr. Speaker, remember, idleness breeds evil.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning

business, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HUTCHINSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We pray with the psalmist of old when we ask that You would teach us, O God, to number our days so that we gain hearts of wisdom. As the time goes by and the days become years and we add so many experiences to our life's work, may we learn discernment and sagacity in the ways of the world and may we foster patience and comprehension in our own hearts, and so make judgments of justice and mercy. Bless us, O God, this day and every day, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. FORBES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THREAT OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is fighting, threatening a Government shutdown, for \$7 million more to send to foreign countries to educate their students on the environment and rainfall measurement techniques. He wants to give \$10 million more to the National Endowment for the Arts. He wants more money to establish a new Federal program to help guide people through the 160 Federal job training programs. Only the Clinton administration would want to create a new program to make the maze of 160 overlapping programs understandable. Fur-

ther, Clinton wants \$2 million for the Ounce of Prevention Council which in a year and a half has produced one glossy magazine and administered zero grants. White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta's wife works for this program and is paid \$300 per day.

It is simply hypocritical to say you are for a balanced budget and then demand \$8 billion for more spending. In January, the President said, "The era of Big Government is over." He also vowed to never shut down the Government again. Unfortunately, he has abandoned these pledges already to return to the traditional liberal tax and spend philosophy. That the President would support paying Mrs. Leon Panetta \$300-a-day to produce one magazine but is not willing to give Americans families a \$500-tax cut is the height of arrogance.

THE COURTS IN AMERICA

(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, 10 years ago Terry Clark was sentenced to death for killing a 9-year-old girl. Clark admitted he did it. He said, I grabbed her from her bike. I raped her. Then I shot her in the head three times.

The death sentence was overturned on a technicality. But now, once again, a New Mexico jury has sentenced Clark to death. This time Clark says, "Do not kill me. It will serve no purpose and you will destroy the health of my aged mother."

Mr. Speaker, did Clark ever consider the health of the victim's family or the victim? Unbelievable here, Mr. Speaker.

The father now says, lethal injection is too good for this bum. And I agree. When a bum like Clark, after 10 years killing a 9-year-old helpless victim, is still drawing breath in America, there is something wrong with the courts of America.

It is time for Congress to say, good night sweet prince, Clark. It is time for you to meet your maker, Jack. You do not go around killing people in America.

LAST STAND FOR BIG GOVERNMENT

(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, call it Big Government's \$8 billion last stand. It comes right on time, less than 3 months after President Clinton declared the era of Big Government is over. Well, of course, the President's policies have not exactly helped end Big Government's reign. We cannot forget the President's \$16 billion pork barrel stimulus package, raising taxes to pay for more social spending. And even

then the Democrat controlled Congress shot that idea down. But Big Government's biggest supporter did not stop there.

The President raised taxes by \$260 billion and used the money to increase spending. He vetoed the Republican balanced budget plan, the only realistic plan that achieved a balanced budget. Now he wants to raise taxes by \$8 billion so he can spend more money on such important Government initiatives as step aerobics, massage schools, and helping kids in other countries learn how to measure rainwater.

Mr. Speaker, the era of Big Government may be coming to an end, but with this \$8 billion pork barrel package, the President has made it clear he is going down fighting.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday 27 House Republicans sent a letter to Chairman LIVINGSTON asking that the House include additional funds for education. I want to commend our Republican colleagues who believe, as I do, that these massive cuts in education will affect the future of our children.

Education is not a waste. It is not pork. And our young people are not expendable resources. On the contrary, education is the key to our children's future and the key to our country's future success. Cutting our commitment to education is the equivalent of declaring war on ourselves. One need only look at our world competitors and see who is lengthening the school year, raising their standards and improving the product of their school system and adding money to education funding rather than cutting it.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to consider what we are doing in our education system, both in terms of funding and also the message we are sending to our Nation's children. We hear so much about providing a better future for our children and grandchildren. It is time to put our money where our mouth is.

SECRETARY O'LEARY

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, Steven Covey has the seven habits of highly effective people. Let me propose the seven habits of a highly ineffective Energy Secretary.

First, always have Madonna's jet on the runway, ready to go at any time. Second, make sure you have plenty of champagne and caviar on ice. Third, make sure you always have a five-star hotel and restaurant booked. Fourth,

always take a huge entourage with you on your trips. Remember, the more the merrier. Fifth, lavishly spend as much taxpayer money as you can on those feel-good self-help workshops.

Sixth, even if you run out of money, you can transfer money from a nuclear storage program or just furlough your employees. Seventh, if you run into any trouble, just blame Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Secretary O'Leary, the congenital flier, has some bad travel habits. It is time to revoke her free ride and end the indefensible practice of furloughing DOE workers while spending lavishly on those feel-good self-help workshops and on her personal travel budget.

MAHMOUD ABDUL-RAUF'S FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, the actions of NBA basketball player, Chris Jackson, now Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, are despicable. This superrich, NBA star should be thankful for the opportunity American free enterprise bestowed on him. Instead he refused to stand and show respect for the Stars and Stripes during the national anthem. He said he could not do so because "Old Glory" is a symbol of tyranny and oppression. He earns \$2.6 million per year—over \$31,000 per game. If that is "tyranny and oppression" there are many waiting in line to be oppressed. Now, Abdul-Rauf says he wants to move to Canada. Maybe he will be willing to pay back the cost of his education at LSU and his salary from the Denver Nuggets—all conspirators in his "tyrannical and oppressive" United States. Mr. Speaker, I lived for 6 years in a Communist regime where real tyranny and oppression existed. America is paradise. Millions of Americans have fought and died to protect Abdul Rauf's freedom of speech. If Abdul-Rauf believes the flag represents tyranny and oppression, I say let him try Iran and see if they will tolerate his disrespect and pay him millions to play basketball. When this poor "oppressed" millionaire leaves, I'll say good riddance.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHO TRUSTS TERRORISTS

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

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday on this floor the distinguished gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] made the following statement, that he had overheard a Republican Member of this House say this, and I quote: "I trust Hamas more than I trust my own Government."

Mr. Speaker, this has to be one of the most morally reprehensible statements

I have heard ever made by any public official. For any Member of this body to say that he would trust a terrorist organization that proudly kills innocent women and children more than he trusts his own Government has no right to be a part of this Government.

I respect Mr. HYDE'S disgust at that statement. I share that disgust. I would like to further request that Mr. HYDE let the American people know who this Member of Congress is. The people of this country have a right to know who in this body is willing to say he respects and trusts a terrorist organization more than his own Government.

THE PRESIDENT HAS THE SAME OLD REMEDIES ON THE BUDGET

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

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today the Clinton administration introduced its budget for 1997. I'm sure that liberals all across Washington are pleased to see more taxes, more money for the Federal bureaucracy, and more of the status quo.

The rest of America, I suspect, will not be as enthusiastic. Bill Clinton has no plan to save Medicare, he has no plan to reform welfare, and he offers the same old big government remedies that have failed for the last generation.

Mr. Speaker, just a few weeks ago, Bill Clinton asked Congress to give him \$8 billion in additional spending for his liberal constituencies. Now, he is asking for billions and billions more. today, the national debt stands at 5 trillion, 35 billion, and 165 million dollars. It's time for Bill Clinton to stop playing political games with our children's future. Clinton's new budget offers crystal clear proof that there is no reason to believe that he wants to balance the budget.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

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

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago the United States fought a war in the Persian Gulf to safeguard our access to a plentiful supply of crude oil in the Middle East. In 1991, the United States had a lot at stake in the Persian Gulf, and since then not much has changed. This country must make it a top priority to protect its access to a plentiful supply of crude oil—which is why we went to war in the first place. This Nation will fight for energy.

The gulf crisis prompted a need for dramatic changes in U.S. energy policy. Since that time, we have made some movement forward by allowing the export of crude oil in Alaska, and providing drilling and exploration incentives for offshore drilling. I applaud