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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority's assault on public education continues.

A few days ago, Republican members of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee charged that the Federal Government administers 760 education programs, and yet, test scores in math, reading, and science continue to fall.

This outrageous statement is typical of the Republican attack on public education and needs to be corrected.

Most of the programs listed have absolutely noting to do with student achievement.

The Republican definition of "education programs" include: FBI advanced police training, disaster assistance, radiation control, and coal miners respiratory impairment treatment.

The FBI advance police training program was never intended to raise math, reading, and science test scores of our school children.

Instead of offering constructive solutions, the House Republicans have proposed the largest cuts in education funding in our Nation's history.

If Republicans are serious about securing a better future for our children, then they need to reevaluate their efforts to deny title I assistance; to eliminate Goals 2000; and to slash funding for safe and drug-free schools.

It's time to end the hypocrisy and put our money where our mouth is in education.

THE PRESIDENT'S NEW BUDGET

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, The President has introduced a new budget designed to warm the heart of every liberal in Washington. It contains tax increases, more spending for Washington bureaucracy, and more for entitlements. Also, to the glee of liberals, the new budget has no serious welfare reform, no serious Medicare reform, and no serious entitlement reform, and no cuts in spending until the out years.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, Washington liberals should be very proud of this new budget. It avoids touch choices. It protects the status quo, and, it expands big government.

I doubt, however, the rest of America will share in the enthusiasm of Washington liberals. The rest of America is tired of picking up the tab for Washington's 30-year Spend-a-Thon. The rest of America, plus all their children and grandchildren, are going to have to pay off the \$5 trillion national debt.

Mr. Speaker, isn't it about time that Bill Clinton acted in the interest of the American people instead of Washington's liberals.

VOTING VALUES MORE IMPORTANT THAN TALKING VALUES

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the conventional wisdom is that Democrats do not talk about values, and so I guess the assumption is we do not have values. Well, maybe we have not talked about values because we felt we were voting our values, and we felt that voting our values was a whole lot more relevant than talking values.

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What do I mean by that? I think the value of education is one of the most fundamental values there is to every American family. Any American family who gets their child into the schools that they want to go in and see them go forward, it is like winning the lottery. It is better than winning the lottery, because you are what your children become.

Yet the people on the other side who love to talk values are gutting this educational value. They are gutting it by cutting \$3.3 billion out of educational funding, going right at that basic math skills, right at basic reading skills and at drug-free schools. Those are the core of how we build a good public school system. They would rather build B-2 bombers.

Mrs. Speaker, something is wrong.

BIG GOVERNMENT IS NOT OVER WITH PRESIDENT'S SUBMITTED BUDGET

(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, the President has submitted his budget to Congress and here is the big surprise. The era of big government is not over. Once again, the President has said one thing and done another. His actions simply do not match his words. He said he would reduce spending and balance the budget, but what has he done? He has proposed more of the same old business that has piled up \$5 trillion of debt.

The President's budget has it all, billions in unneeded spending for wasteful programs, cleverly hidden tax increases, a back door increase on capital gains that will hurt the little guy. I had hoped that the President would have used this opportunity to offer a serious plan and engage in good-faith negotiations to balance the budget and get the economy moving again. Instead, he chose to favor his own reelection over the country's business. Now we can only hope that this is the last Clinton budget we will ever have to deal with.

INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, all across America on blackboards in all of our public schools and private schools, of course, we see something being written on the board and the word comes out "investment." If I might, I-N-V-E-S-T-M-E-N-T, investment. And a little hand is writing it. That is what the President's budget is promoting, investment in our children.

As I listened this morning as we pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, there were some long and strong young voices in the echo, proud Americans. Yet we have a Congress that refuses to acknowledge the word "investment" on the blackboards of America. The budget by the President gives us \$1 billion for title I, for basic and advanced skills assistance, investment in our children; for those middle-class parents who are struggling to educate their college-aged children, with Pell grants. Whoever said the GI bill was not worth something when our young men came back from World War II and they were able to secure a college education—investment.

Mr. Speaker, we talk about the superhighway. We cannot get our young people into the superhighway and understanding the high technology without teaching the children and the teachers. Business tells us that—investment. Support the President's budget, but more importantly, tell the Republicans that we believe in investing in education for our children.

PRIVATE CONTRACTOR COLLECTS THOUSANDS FOR GOVERNMENT FOR ONLY \$54

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

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago the Federal Government finally got around to using the services of the National Credit Management Corp. of Hunt Valley, MD, a company located in my congressional district.

Under the terms of the contract, NCMC would send collection letters to companies and individuals that owed the Government money.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission turned over 100 accounts to NCMC and paid the company \$54 for the entire project. These were accounts that the NRC had previously tried unsuccessfully to collect. In just 3 weeks, those initial 100 letters sent out by NCMC have brought in \$63,000.

What I would like to know, Mr. Speaker, is why every agency of the Federal Government is not taking advantage of private debt-collection services? More than \$50 billion in nontax

debt is owed to the Federal Government. Another \$60 to \$70 billion in tax debt is owed to the IRS. Every day the Government does not collect its delinquent debt costs taxpayers millions of dollars, while many companies, such as the National Credit Management Corp., stand ready to collect that debt.

KENNEDY-KASSEBAUM HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in this era of corporate downsizing and mass layoffs, working families have to fear, not only losing their jobs, but also their health insurance.

To allay this fear, 53 Senators have cosponsored the bipartisan, Kennedy-Kassebaum health care reform bill which is likely to pass in the Senate. Here in the House, Mr. Speaker, 186 Members—from both parties—have cosponsored a similar health care reform bill sponsored by Republican Congresswoman MARGE ROUKEMA.

Fearing broad bipartisan support for health care reform, however, the ninjas in the Republican leadership have begun their clever sabotage of the only real chance that health care reform has in this Congress. Rather than supporting the Roukema bill, they are pushing their own bill which they know the President will have to veto. Sadly, Mr. Speaker, I am sure the insurance industry is standing by to handsomely reward this sabotage.

POMBO-CHAMBLISS AMENDMENT WILL HELP REDUCE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(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, after years of Congress failing to address out-of-control immigration, the 104th Congress is set to pass much needed immigration reform. We all want to crack down on illegal immigration. There are two amendments to be offered today, which are very important to the agricultural community in America. The Pombo-Chambliss amendment will help reduce illegal immigration. The Goodlatte amendment only makes a bad program worse. The current guestworker program simply does not work and further tinkering will not help. We need a new program that will make sure seasonal agricultural workers do not stay in this country. The Pombo amendment assures that these legal temporary workers will only be hired when American workers cannot be found. They will only be admitted for the seasonal job for which they were hired, 25 percent of their pay will be withheld and paid to them in their home country. Nonworking family members are not

eligible. Any workers that disobeys the rules will be permanently barred from the program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on Pombo and "no" and Goodlatte.

TWO EXAMPLES OF BRAVERY

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

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay my respects to two servicemen from my district who were recently killed in military training accidents. Two brave men, Marine Capt. David Holley, and Army CWO Walter Fox, were involved in aircraft crashes. Both of these men grew up in my district, Captain Holley in Pottsville and Chief Fox in Barnesville. Both had outstanding military records and gave their lives in service to this country.

Captain Holley was a member of the 533d Marine All-weather Attack Fighter Squadron and is presumed dead after his F-18 went down over the Atlantic Ocean. His father, Dave Holley, and mother Darly are good friends of mine. Captain Holley was an outstanding young man, and his loss is a true tragedy.

Chief Warrant Officer Fox was a member of the 160th Special Operations Air Regiment and was killed when his MH-47E Chinook helicopter crashed in Kentucky last week. He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and had a distinguished service record.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth District of Pennsylvania, I want to honor both Captain Holley and Chief Fox and let their families know that our thoughts and best wishes are with them. Chief Warrant Officer Fox and Captain Holley were great Americans, and their lives and sacrifices will not be forgotten.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION MUST ENFORCE THE LAWS

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

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was the lead witness presenting testimony before the House International Operations and Human Rights Subcommittee, on the matter of terrorist regimes influencing the U.S. political process. I urged hearings be held and investigations and prosecutions be initiated, if warranted, against American citizens such as Louis Farrakhan, for travels to terrorist regimes, and then acting to subvert the American political process.

The administration was called to testify and failed to appear. It is unacceptable that this administration would duck its responsibility to the American people and its obligation to the U.S. Congress to answer questions

about the prosecution of American passport, visa, Federal election campaign laws, and others currently on the books.

It is ironic that just as Congress has begun fully debating whether current laws are adequate to protect us against acts of terrorism, our Government consciously takes a walk when presented with evidence that a U.S. citizen, like Louis Farrakhan and his organization in this country, are engaging in activities with known terrorist regimes.

EDUCATION IS AMERICA'S FUTURE

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

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, in school districts across the Nation, teachers are being laid off, students face classrooms that will be even more crowded, needed equipment and supplies cannot be purchased, and parents are being told that they can no longer depend on after school programs.

We talk about restoring families and helping our young people. Yet, Members of this House seem ready to abandon education by making the largest cuts in America's history.

Now those who want to make these unprecedented cuts will argue that we are spending too much on education. To them, I would say, "how quickly we forget."

How quickly we forget that when America led the world in educational achievement, for every \$10 the Government spent, \$1 went for education.

Today, however, for every \$10 the Government spends, only ten cents—one thin dime—goes for education.

We must restore these cuts, and they are cuts. We must invest in America's families, America's children, and America's future workers.

GET RID OF THE IRS

(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, today the Committee on Ways and Means is in hearings to begin the process of replacing our current tax system.

I applaud the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER], the chairman, for addressing this issue head on. He said that we have got to pull the IRS out by the roots. We can no longer support a tax system that places enormous burdens on our families, businesses, and the future of this country.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves better. We deserve a new tax system that will reduce the role of the Federal Government and get the IRS out of our lives. It must be a system that promotes economic growth, savings, and investment. It must be simple and, most importantly, it has to be fair.

I believe that, guided by these principles, we can develop an entirely new