

as President, the special interest lobbying group of trial lawyers is a heavy contributor to his reelection campaign.

Democrat Senator JAY ROCKEFELLER said it best: "Special interests and raw political considerations in the White House have overridden sound policy judgment."

Raw political considerations drove the President to veto welfare reform after he promised to "end welfare as we know it." Political considerations made the President veto tax cuts and a balanced budget after he promised both. It is time for Bill Clinton to consider the American people—and not special interest lobbyists—for a change.

ANOTHER CONTINUING RESOLUTION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, here they go again. Again the Republican leadership is going to bring up today another one of these stopgap funding measures, the continuing resolution. I think many people have forgotten that the Government was closed down on two occasions, at least two occasions, by the Republicans in this last year, and they are still moving forward with these temporary spending measures, last week and now again this week, for 1 more week. What it means is a great deal of uncertainty back in our districts, particularly when it comes to education.

Many teachers are now getting pink slips and being told they are going to be laid off. The school boards do not know whether they are going to have funding for education because of the continual assault against education. They are proposing the largest cut in the history of this country in education, over \$3 billion. It is not fair, because the American people have told us over and over again that education is a priority, that they want to prioritize in terms of funding here.

Why should we be cutting back on education funding at the Federal Government and making the local school boards have to pay more in their taxes, in their local property taxes? It is not fair. We should put a stop to it.

THE PRESIDENTIAL VETO THREAT

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

Mr. GEKAS. Madam Speaker, the vicious, vindictive veto looms over the American people once again, this time threatening the lives and health of 8 million Americans who right at this moment, because of their health problems, have medical devices in their bodies, heart valves, pacemakers, brain shunts, a whole host of things, knee replacements, hip replacements. But the

availability of these medical devices is threatened by the veto that the President has threatened to issue because of some quarrel that he has with other elements of the Trial Lawyers Association, et cetera.

Now, the suppliers of these medical devices, elements of the medical devices, are going out of business, in many respects because they are being sued out of their existence. What we have tried to do with the measure that is about to be vetoed is to make sure that the suppliers will feel comfortable in sending these supplies for the medical devices to be made available to the American people.

CONTINUING ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, once again today we are going to have a continuing resolution. What is continuing about this resolution is the resolution of the Republicans to continue to attack the American education system.

In this continuing resolution, once again the Republican Party will put forth the largest cuts to education in the history of this country. They will put forth cuts in programs of title I to put in jeopardy those children in our school systems that most need an education. They will put forth cuts in the DARE Program, the program that brings our community police, our young children, and the campaign against drugs in schools and drugs in young people's lives together. They will cut that program. Over \$3 billion in cuts will be in this continuing resolution, which continues their assault on our education system.

They do this at a time when more and more parents are reevaluating education because they now understand how terribly important it is to the future of their children's success and our economic existence. The Republicans should stop this attack on the American education system.

LET US PUT AN END TO PARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, here we go again. As the American people look to this Congress to find innovative solutions, the guardians of the old order, those who tell us that big government is always the best answer, those who would confuse the process of education with the Washington bureaucrats in the Department of Education, seek to strike fear in the heart of every American.

We do not need to be involved in name calling. In fact, we need to get

past partisanship. That is why, Madam Speaker, I noted with interest the comment of the junior Senator from the State of Nebraska in talking about the proposed budget of the President of the United States. "The budget, this budget, is the same smoke and mirrors. It is ridiculous. They are just not serious."

Madam Speaker, the fact is we will always have differences, but let us work together constructively, end the fear mongering, and solve problems for America.

AMERICA LOSING JOBS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, the standard of living in America is going down. Family income dropped from \$30,000 in 1989 to \$27,000 in 1993. But economists still say "Don't worry, NAFTA is creating jobs."

Let us check out those jobs. One million jobs were created by temporary agencies; 800,000 jobs, restaurants and bars; 400,000 jobs, health clubs and casinos; 400,000 jobs in Government.

The truth is, the American worker is losing a factory job with full benefits and is now washing dishes and waiting on tables. But Government economists still tell us this is an unfair study, that 1989 was actually a boom year.

Boom year? Beam me up, Madam Speaker. The truth is, with economists like this, the only growth industry in America is our bars, restaurants, and Government, and we pay for all of it.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of these jobs.

ENERGY SECURITY

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

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, as we note the fifth anniversary this month of the successful conclusion of the Persian Gulf war, we must also rededicate ourselves to achieving energy security. Five years after defeating Saddam Hussein's armies, America still depends on other nations to meet the majority of our petroleum needs. We as Americans face the prospect of depending on foreign nations, often unstable nations, to provide us with up to 68 percent of our oil supply within the next 20 years. That is a dependence on foreign oil that America should not be exposed to.

America does not lack for proven oil reserves. Today, the House Resources Committee has scheduled a hearing on America's oil and natural gas resource base and Federal initiatives to encourage domestic oil and gas exploration. I strongly urge my colleagues to pay close attention to this hearing. Experts from the industry will discuss the promise of oil and natural gas development in America. For example, did you

know we have over 60 years worth of proven oil and gas reserves waiting to be developed? Why are we not relying on our own resources rather than on unstable foreign resource?

Today at the Resources Committee we will hear answers from America's oil and natural gas industry on how we, as leaders of this Nation, can help make America more secure against the threat of oil supply disruptions. I strongly encourage my colleagues to listen.

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS HURTING AMERICA'S CHILDREN

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

Mr. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, today House Republicans will bring up another temporary funding bill to keep the Government running for another week. Sound familiar? It should, because that is exactly what happened last week.

If enacted, this will be the 11th temporary spending bill to become law this year. Republicans are lurching from one temporary bill to the other, desperately clinging to their deep cuts in education and environmental protection.

It is almost halfway through the Federal fiscal year, and Republicans still have not funded major parts of the Government for the rest of the year. Among those paying the price for these budget games are local school districts. Many have already let teachers go because they still do not know if they will get enough funding to hire them for next year. This is unfair to our Nation's children, who will suffer from larger classes and less help with basic skills like reading and writing. But who asked for these deep education cuts? Certainly not working families, who overwhelmingly support funding for education.

Let us not hold education hostage to politics.

AMERICA TOO DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN OIL

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

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are condemned to repeat them. It has been 5 years since the gulf war, and yet the United States has not yet seemed to learn the dangers of being dependent on other for our energy needs.

In fact, the United States is more dependent on foreign oil than ever before. More than 50 percent of our oil is imported, with about 20 percent coming from the Persian Gulf. We continue to lose producing wells, independent exploration and producing companies, as well as expertise. Talk about

downsizing and exporting jobs—more than 500,000 jobs have been lost in oil and gas. And yet we go right along—acting as though domestic energy production is a luxury rather than a necessity of life in an unstable world.

Madam Speaker, it's time we learned from the past and take steps now to put us on the road to energy independence.

ASSAULT ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, still high on the agenda of this Gingrich Congress is the assault on public education. It began last year with school lunch. You will remember the Speaker's assault and attempt to destroy a program that had enjoyed 50 years of bipartisan support to assure and guarantee school lunches for our Nation's young people. Then it was on to college. Let us add \$5,000, the Speaker said, to the cost of going to college for those families that have struggled to get their kids through public school.

This year it is back to our smallest children. It is the program of giving not a Head Start, but a wrong start, to millions of American children. In my hometown it means cutting prekindergarten for 2,300 children in half. That is the program of placing obstacles in the way of opportunity for America's young children.

I know Speaker GINGRICH was very gleeful yesterday at this microphone as he blocked educational opportunities for immigrant children. Well, what about all the people that have been here and spent all of their lives and generations in this country and the hopes and aspirations of their parents? Let us stand up against this assault on public education.

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BIG GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION

(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. Madam Speaker, as we have heard this morning the rhetoric from the other side about education, let us talk about education in this country for just 1 second. Since the mid-1960's, the Great Society, billions of dollars thrown at education, and where are our kids today? Where are students today? Has money helped the education in this country coming from the Federal Government? I say no.

The SAT scores have gone down. Drugs have gone up. Illegitimacy has gone up. Where is education in this country today? Billions of dollars thrown at it from the Federal Government. I think it is time we give it back

to the parents and the communities and let them give their children a good education.

WHICH REPUBLICAN MEMBERS TRUSTS HAMAS?

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, this morning I saw one of the most blessed sights that any husband or parent could ever see: My wife, cuddling in her arms, our 3-month-old son, both of them happy, healthy, and safe. But as I left them, I was haunted by the words spoken by a Republican House Member on the floor in this House last Wednesday when that person said: "I trust Hamas more than I trust my own Government."

Madam Speaker, Hamas is a terrorist organization that proudly murders innocent women and children. Every parent and every person in America should be outraged that a Member of this Congress could place trust in terrorists that would destroy the lives of innocent children and the families who love them. The Republican Member of this House who made this extremist, morally repugnant statement owes it to his or her colleagues and the people of this Nation to admit his or her identity.

BIG GOVERNMENT AND OUR CHILDREN

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

Mr. LARGENT. Madam Speaker, we have heard this morning about the cruel Republicans cutting education. Let us talk about our children for just a minute. Less than a month ago, the President of the United States stood at that podium and said the era of big government is over. Now, everybody on this side of the aisle stood up and applauded when he said that, and nobody on this side said anything about it. They sat in their seats.

Why was that? Because nobody believed him when he said that. The era of big government is not over. Otherwise, why is the President asking for more and more money? Why is this a concern for our children? Why should parents be concerned about government continuing to spend more and more money? I will tell you why. A child born today will owe \$187,109 over their lifetime just to pay their share of the interest on the national debt.

If we continue things, the status quo in Washington, they will face an effective tax rate of 84 percent in their lifetime; 84 cents of every dollar they earn will go to the government at one level. That is wrong. Let us do make the savings and think about our children and the future.