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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.

"WHO DO YOU TRUST?"

(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. Madam Speaker, the entire world has been shocked, appalled, and reviled by the latest wave of terrorist attacks by Hamas in Israel. More than 50 innocent men, women, and children have been killed by suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

So I was similarly shocked and reviled to hear a comment made on the House floor last week in the course of debate on the so-called antiterrorist bill. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, said this: "Early in the day standing back there, I heard a dear friend of mine, a great Republican say, 'I trust Hamas more than I trust my own Government.'"

He went on to say those words hurt. Those words do hurt indeed. But who, Madam Speaker, who, Mr. HYDE, who on the Republican side really believed they could trust Hamas more than our own Government? Who among my colleagues truly believes they can trust a terrorist organization that sends suicide bombers to rob innocent children more than the U.S. Government?

Madam Speaker, the American people have a right to know who among their elected Representatives trusts Hamas more than the United States. Until that person steps forward, or is identified, a cloud hangs over each and every Republican Member of this House.

COLORECTAL CANCER

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. TOWNS].

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the health issue that is very important to a vulnerable population; namely, Medicare beneficiaries. This year, colorectal cancer will claim an estimated 54,000 lives. This is the second leading cancer killer in the United States; 134,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year, most of them in the elderly population. And we are talking about cutting Medicare.

Madam Speaker, we know that early detection will save lives and save money. The technology exists to eradicate more than 90 percent of colorectal cancer in this country. Let us work toward a Medicare package or preventative benefits, one which will include colorectal cancer screening. It makes good health sense, and it makes good economic sense.

I urge my colleagues to move forward in addressing this disease in the Medicare population, the group most vulnerable to colorectal cancer.

VOTE AGAINST REPEAL OF ASSAULT WEAPON BAN

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the Bible says, by your deeds ye shall know them. Now last week by amendment, the Republicans gutted the terrorism bill. Many people asked why did they take out the guts of that bill? By their own words, from the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], we know the answer: Because Members on the Republican side trust Hamas more than they trust their own Government.

They were afraid that, if we put the power in the hands of the Government to deal with terrorism, we might turn our eyes away from the Middle East and come to look at some of the organizations in this country. People on this floor have forgotten Oklahoma City. People have forgotten what has happened.

Madam Speaker, we cannot allow our Government to be powerless in the face of terrorist organizations wherever they come from. Now, tomorrow we are going to add insult to injury. The police officers of this country want the assault weapon ban kept in place. But the Republicans, led by the Speaker, are going to bring out a repeal of that ban to this floor to put those guns on the street again.

I urge my colleagues to vote against that bill.

WE CAN FIGHT TERRORISM WITHOUT VIOLATING OUR CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. MCINNIS. Madam Speaker, I yield to my good friend, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON].

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

The so-called antiterrorism bill infringed upon the liberties, the constitutional rights of the people of this country. While we are concerned about law and order and fighting terrorism, we do not want to violate the Constitution and hurt the liberties that our forefathers gave to us.

My colleagues on the other side are saying because we did not vote for the terrorism bill the way they wanted it, that we are sanctioning the terrorist activities that took place in Israel where 50 or 60 people were killed by terrorist activities by the Hamas organization. That is a ludicrous argument. We hate that just as much as anybody. We deplore those actions. We want to see those people brought to justice, and our Government is doing everything possible to stop that terrorism, not only there but in the United States.

But in the process, we must not violate the constitutional rights and liberties of American citizens.

A REPUBLICAN MEMBER TRUSTS HAMAS

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

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, the fact of the matter is that the antiterrorism bill passed last week in this body allows Hamas to raise funds in the United States of America, to raise their funds to go out and to kill innocent men and women and children. We had one Member, a colleague from the Republican side of the aisle, say that it was he or she who trusted Hamas more than they trust their own government.

Let me tell my colleagues, how can any Member trust a despicable organization, a bloodthirsty and terrorist organization? The pain and the misery that Hamas has caused may be abstract for some of my colleagues, but it is not for me, and it is not for my constituents. Last year my constituent Joan Davenney of Woodbridge, CT, was in Israel. She was a teacher at the Ezra Academy on a fellowship in Israel studying ways to improve curriculum at her school, a decent, wonderful young woman. Let me say that she was on one of those buses. She was killed by the terrorist organization Hamas. A sad day indeed when Republicans can defend Hamas on this floor.

THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT ASK SECRETARY O'LEARY TO RESIGN

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, Vice President GORE, in his national performance review, indicated that Clinton's Secretary of Energy, Secretary O'Leary, and the Department of Energy, was 40 percent inefficient in their environmental management and it is going to cost the taxpayers \$70 billion over the next 30 years.

Madam Speaker, what does that mean to taxpayers or what is that like? What is the equivalent of being 40 percent inefficient? That is like filling your car with gasoline, putting 10 gallons of it in, or running 10 gallons out of the pump and 4 of it goes on the ground and 6 of it goes in your tank. That is like sitting down at a restaurant, for every five bites you attempt to take, two of them end up in your lap. That is like sending your child to school and expecting your child to sleep for more than 2½ hours every day.

Forty percent inefficient, I think that is too much for the taxpayers. Seventy billion dollars, too much of a burden for the taxpayers. Yet it is condoned by Mr. Clinton. He will not call for reforms. He will not abolish the waste. He will not ask Secretary O'Leary to resign.