

need to know the facts so that we can know who is governing this country and what they stand for.

If the little guy who keeps this Government going is stepped upon and abused like this, America will not be the same country. We must stand up for America and our ideals.

IN SUPPORT OF THE COALITION BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTERT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the staff, who I know I am keeping late. I hope what I say is worth hearing to the American people.

If you have been listening to the budget debate, you have heard Member after Member talk about reducing the deficit, and it is not so, folks, and the Congressional Budget Office has scored the plan put forward by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH] for next year, the only year that this Congress could really vote on, because we are only elected for 2 years at a time.

The truth of the matter is that the budget by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. KASICH], as introduced, would increase the annual operating deficit of this Nation from \$236 to \$270 billion, and hidden in there is the theft of about \$100 billion from the trust funds that people pay into when you pay your FICA taxes, your social security taxes. That is not a plan to balance the budget. You do not balance the budget by taking your first step backwards.

There is a plan to balance the budget. It was put together by a group of people, mostly conservative Democrats, but some of them are now Republicans. It is called the Coalition budget. When compared to the Kasich budget, it would save this Nation \$33 billion in the first 2 years and \$53 billion in the first 3 years, the years that really count, the years where you can presume Members of Congress who are now Members of Congress will be around to live by it to make sure it works rather than saying someone 7 years from now is going to do what this Congress would not do.

Unfortunately, Speaker GINGRICH has now twice ruled that the Members of this body cannot even vote on this measure. But there is something that can be done about it. There is a discharge petition where Members of this body, if 218 Members of this body will go down and sign it, then we can vote on the Coalition budget. We can get to a balanced budget quicker. We can do it with less pain and less borrowing, and to tell you the effect of the borrowing is every 2 minutes in this Nation we have to go out and borrow a million dollars just to pay the interest on the national debt, every 2 minutes, \$1 million in interest payments on the national debt.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. SKELTON. As a supporter of the Democratic Coalition conservation budget, there were an awful lot of people that did vote for it, and it is looking better and better every day.

I would like for you to explain what you touched on a moment ago about the larger deficit on the operating expenses, please.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Well, again, the American people, and I do not think the press explains this very well, there are two things we are dealing with. No. 1 is the accumulated debt over many years, where the Nation spent more money than it collected in taxes. That is \$5 trillion. Until we will get to the balanced budget, every year they are spending more money than they are collecting in taxes, and that is the annual operating deficit. The annual operating deficit under the Kasich budget, as approved by the majority of the Republicans in the House, will borrow \$270 billion for this fiscal year.

Mr. SKELTON. In other words, it is going to cost the Americans more?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. It will cost the Americans more. And they keep saying they have a 7-year plan to balance the budget, but the first step is a step backward, not a step toward balancing the budget, a step toward larger deficit.

Mr. SKELTON. The budget I voted for, the Democratic Coalition budget, does not do that? Is that correct?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. The Coalition budget is a step in the right direction. It would not borrow as much. Both of them, unfortunately, borrow money for the first year. It borrows less money, and cumulatively it borrows less, \$50 billion less than the Republican plan.

TRIBUTE TO BRETT FAVRE

On a much lighter note, I am going to brag on a fine young man from the State of Mississippi, from a community that I doubt is even on the map, who last week was voted the most valuable player in the NFL, a young man by the name of Brett Favre, who is the most deserving of that of any American I can think of. His mom and dad are public school teachers back in south Mississippi. His dad was his high school football coach.

He went on and played for the University of Southern Mississippi. By sheer hard work and determination, he has been recognized as the finest football player in the United States of America. It could not happen to a nicer family. It could not happen to a nicer guy.

Congratulations, Brett Favre.

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT BALANCING THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, in California time right now it is 7 o'clock, and I hope that many people from my district will turn on their TV and watch me tonight. I think people are tired of listening to all of this bashing each other about balancing the budget. I want to talk about some different perspective about this balancing the budget.

The Government waste, that is what I would like to talk about tonight, the waste and fraud is everywhere, Medicare, Medicaid; you are talking about waste and fraud. It is unbelievable. Food stamps, my golly, they are buying at a discount rate, turning around and selling it, buying drugs. It is total wasting, all kinds of fraud going on.

The EITC, that is supposed to help people who have children, dependents. Now what happens? They changed the law back in 1987. Now anybody can receive a cash payment from the Government, even prison inmates. Waste and fraud, just beyond control. Welfare, we all know that.

Housing, my golly, we have got housing projects put together by a Federal agency. It is unbelievable. All the housing is empty right now and defaulted. It is just unbelievable waste and fraud going on.

We have more than 9,000 Federal programs overlapping each other. Nobody knows who is doing what. Each time there is a problem, we allocate the money and set up another agency to take care of this certain sector of the people, and this is going on, I do not know how many years, last 40 years. "You have got the problem? Come and see us, we have got a program for you."

Let me give you one bizarre story I read this morning in the Washington Post, Washington Times, and U.S.A. Today about the Department of Energy. It is a frightening story which I would like to share with you tonight and with the people of California.

DOE, Department of Energy, was founded back in 1977 by Mr. Carter during this energy crisis. This is a temporary agency. Their job is to manage oil control, oil price control, and rationing; second responsibility is to find the energy alternative to oil, imported oil, because we are afraid that someday oil-producing nations will control us. That is all it is. It is a domestic issue. They have got to stay and do energy research and oil price control. That is what their job is.

Today they have got 20,000 employees. They should have been gone a long time ago, 20,000 employees. What are they doing? Seventy percent of their money goes into weapons testing. Can you imagine, weapons testing? That should be done by DOD, Defense Department. Only 16 percent of the money goes to R&D, development of energy. I mean, this is just really ridiculous.

But let me tell you a real horror story. The agency Secretary, supposed to be in charge of the entire Department of Energy, she spent 130 days

overseas, took 16 overseas trips, higher than any other Cabinet official except the Secretary of State. Let me tell you typical example of a trip she took, recent trip to South Africa. The agency Secretary took 51 staff members and 68 guests, 119 people. They chartered a luxury jet, which is often chartered by Madonna. It has a wet bar and all this. It cost the taxpayers \$560,000.

Next trip, to India, she took 63 staff members and 72 guests, mostly from environmental groups. It cost taxpayers \$720,000.

Next trip, to China, cost you and I \$845,000.

Trip to Pakistan was \$500,000.

Adding this together, 4 out of 16 trips cost taxpayers \$2.6 million. My God, is that not something?

But two trips alone, India and South Africa, they have 1,600 pages of expenses and a quarter million dollars missing. They could not find where they spent it.

Now, this is the kind of stuff going on. This is the typical example of Government waste and fraud before our eyes, and here we are talking balancing the budget.

The question is: Why is it? Why spend so much money, 130 days and 16 trips? why is that? Well, they said, "We are going to get some contracts." Today's paper says that is not true. They did not get any contracts whatsoever.

It is really embarrassing, and I think if she curtails the trips, we could balance the budget easily.

THE BUDGET DEFICIT AFFECTS REAL HUMAN BEINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I hope more than the citizens of Missouri stay tuned to the proceedings of this House tonight via the courtesy of C-SPAN, Mr. Speaker, to hear the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. HANCOCK] give what will probably be one of the more enlightening 30-minute special orders on taxation destroying this country and what we are doing here.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I just called my home, and my daughter-in-law is still waiting patiently for the baby that we thought was coming a few hours ago, not here yet. If she makes it past midnight, it will be on the birthday of her daughter, Haley. That is No. 10 for my Sally and me. I really believe with all my heart, Mr. Speaker, that that is what we are fighting for here, for my three beautiful Griffin grandchildren out in California, Kevin, Colin, and Erin. Their mom is Robin. They married a Griffin. I call them my in team here and in California; No. 3 will join Haley and Robert K. Dornan III. Then there is my youngest daughter, with beautiful Liam Christopher Dornan Penn, the only redhead in the gang of 10. Four of my five were redheads. He is something really special.

Then there is, what have I got, 1, 2, 3, 4, then there is the original 3, the Colbins live out here in Virginia, Ricky, my first grandson, Tara, my first granddaughter, both of them soccer stars, Anna, another soccer star coming up, all of them exceptional students. These are names and faces of human beings that, pardon me for using an overworked word, I have bonded with all of them. They know me almost as well as they know their parents. They think their grandmother, my Sally, is the most world-class person to ever love a grandchild. They are real human beings. They are real human beings, and I cannot put an insufferable \$5 trillion, soon to be \$6 trillion debt before we begin to reverse this, on their back.

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I said earlier that the whole debate here in its simplest terms is we won the day on the 7 years. It will be a 7-year balanced budget plan, no matter what Clinton and the gang at the White House does. But we should not be passing out medals on our side because this side wants to spend \$13 trillion. They cannot throw off that tax-and-spend mindset that was locked in during Franklin Delano Roosevelt's days. He is not a hero of mine, the way he is of our hard-charging Speaker. He began this lunge towards socialism, and on this side we do not want to spend \$13 trillion over the next 7 years. We want to spend \$12 trillion.

Do you see what we are fighting here about, all the citizens in America, Mr. Speaker, that follow the proceedings of this House? \$13 trillion, \$12 trillion. \$12 trillion is a bloody disgrace. It is too much government.

Although my heart goes out to any Government worker who is proud of their job, selected to be a civil servant, and feels they are contributing to a better life in this country, and wants to be on their job, and there was never a doubt for an instant they would not be paid. It was all this dislocation of steady money coming in, and mortgage payments. And I understand that, I am making mortgage payments and a car payment. I understand that the banks will not wait. We have taken care of that here today.

But remember this: All this angst about civil servants, and I turned on the network news tonight and here is this psychiatrist saying the civil servants are underdoing trauma, psychological disorder, they are going to need counseling, and some of them will have to be put under a suicide watch. Then they showed clothes testing at a burning manikin, and somebody came right out and said that the Republican part of this House, usually they like to focus in on the 73 freshmen, as though they are aliens that came to this place, they are going to cause children to die.

So for the next 2 minutes let me tell you what I saw in Germany and in Hungary over the last 4 days at the railheads: People on the Federal pay-

roll, and not all of them so young, men and women, who are going to Bosnia and an uncertain mission. They are freezing. And one of the greatest writers, and I will put his articles in about the land mines, Col. David Hackworth, the highest decorated living American, as good a writer as he is, he did not have it correct here.

He talks about the land mines, and then he says they are going to ship their equipment down there, hunker down, ride down and meet up with their equipment.

They are not. These young men and women stay with their vehicles, their Bradleys, their Abrams tanks, their Humvee vehicles, and I never saw so many complicated armored systems as in this 1st Armored Division, whose beautiful pin I am wearing, Old Ironsides. They stay with their equipment, fingers cold, lashing it down, riding on the trains. The women rightfully complaining about no porta-potties, talking about how the men have a different way to go out in the field.

Mr. Speaker, let me put about six articles in the RECORD here that I was going to use in my special order. Think about these young men and women during the break.

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GOING TO BOSNIA A GOOD WAY TO SEE
DANGER, GROW OLD FAST

(By David H. Hackworth)

TUZLA, BOSNIA.—This place ain't exactly happy valley. After months of catching Serb cannon fire and hard fighting in the nearby mountains, things are grim. The war has left this city of about 110,000—mainly Muslims—bent, broken and bleak.

Even though the guns are now silent, few people smile. Most act like they had too much local plum brandy the night before and are wearing a head-throbbing hangover. All are waiting for the Yanks to kick-start them out of their misery and into the good life provided by Marshall Plan-type underwriting.

But the "Amerikinci" are slow in coming. So far, only a few dozen aircraft have landed at the airbase that sits just south of the city. These planes are bringing in the vital technicians who will lay the logistic base to support our 20,000 U.S. troopers.

The warriors will not come by air. They'll ship their heavy stuff by rail from Germany to Hungary. After the peace accord is signed, they'll marry up with their gear and roll in over 120 miles of rugged road—locked, cocked and ready.

Once on the ground, America's Task Force Eagle will be the Tuzla high sheriff, with the mission of keeping the Serbs and Muslims from going back to blowing each other away.

It's too early to tell if this can be done without a few High Noons. I have a gut feeling that the main Bosnian combatants will cool it and wait out NATO's one-year say. One Muslim says that if his folks "are not armed," the war will start again just as soon as NATO leaves, and his side will lose.

The way it looks now, except for hit-and-run attacks by small bands of crazies, the big killers will be the mines, the bad roads and the many drunken Bosnian drivers.

No one knows how many mines are scattered across this savaged land. United Nations reports say there are over eight million mines and booby-traps in Bosnia alone.

I spent two days with Swedish mine-clearing team working 10 miles out of Tuzla clearing a field of widow-making anti-personnel mines, a dangerous and painstaking duty.