

Known as the freeway killer, Bonin, who was executed February 23, confessed to murdering 21 people in southern California in 1979 and 1980. He had been receiving Social Security disability insurance checks since he was diagnosed with a mental illness in 1972, but the Government failed to cut off the payments when he took up residency on death row in 1982. Federal law prohibits him from eligibility for these payments, but Bonin continued to receive monthly disability checks ranging from \$300 in 1982 to \$589 last month.

For such outrageous and indefensible disregard for their responsibility to the taxpayer, and unfortunately this is a circumstance that isn't new, the Social Security Administration get my Porker of the Week Award.

THE REPUBLICANS ARE AT IT AGAIN

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

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, just like that 4-year-old child with a sweet tooth, the Republicans are at it again, reaching back in that cookie jar, trying to grab Medicare cuts, Medicaid cuts, education cuts. Tax cuts for the wealthy is what they are going to balance it with.

This is like the sword of Damocles dangling over our heads by a thread. The elderly are worried, the poor are worried, those who run hospitals, those who are medical providers are worried.

We are looking in the State of Pennsylvania at the possibility of 52 rural and small-town hospitals closing. Many of these actions have been taken already just because of the threats that the Republicans have held over our heads over the past 2 years. They were spanked by the public for their misbehavior, their irresponsible behavior in putting together the 1996 budget, but here they come again, the same irresponsible behavior in 1997. And I think when November rolls around, the public will spank them again.

But just like that 4 year old with its sweet tooth, the Republicans just cannot keep their fingers out of that cookie jar.

THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I coauthored a memorandum asking our community chairmen to look at waste, fraud, and abuse in the administration, examples of dishonesty, and ethical lapses, and influences of labor union bosses and corrupt activities in the labor unions. We are finding now that that particular memo is producing results. I now have information that shows allegations against the labor unions for organized crime activities.

Imagine my surprise, then, when we are exercising our right of the public to

know about what goes on, to have the Democratic freshman, eight of them, write a letter to the Speaker saying that this is something that should not be pursued and, in fact, the memo should be withdrawn. Well, now we know why. We have now gone back and figured out that those eight freshmen who wrote that letter have received over \$1 million from the very labor unions that they are seeking to protect.

That is right: over \$1 million in contributions from those that they do not want investigated.

The public has a right to know about these things; \$1 million in contributions should not get in the way of the public's right to know.

TITLE III OF H.R. 3286 BAD FOR INDIAN CHILDREN

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, in 1978, Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act to prevent "[t]he wholesale separation of Indian children from their families * * * perhaps the most tragic and destructive aspect of American Indian life today." H.R. Rept. No. 95-1386. The law recognizes that Congress, which has "responsibility for the protection and preservation of Indian tribes," believes "that there is no resource that is more vital to the continual existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children." The U.S. Supreme Court in 1988 wrote that "[t]he protection of this tribal interest is at the core of the Indian Child Welfare Act which recognizes that the tribe has an interest in the child which is distinct but on a parity with the interest of the parents."

But title III of H.R. 3286 would significantly undercut this important law. Title III contains provisions that would add a new race-based Indian identity test focusing upon a child's significant cultural, social, and political contacts instead of tribal membership, would ignore the important role of the extended family in Indian culture, would lead to increased litigation, and would have the effect of excluding tribal members from coverage of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

These provisions were written without any effort to discuss or meet with Indian tribes, which are not only the people whose culture and interests are at stake, but are sovereign governments. I reiterate: there have never been hearings on these provisions.

Democrats and Republicans alike on the Resource Committee, which has jurisdiction over the Indian Child Welfare Act, strongly disapprove of railroading this bill through the House without adequate consideration, and I urge my colleagues to vote to strike title III that amends the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Contrary to opponents' assertions, studies since passage of the Indian

Child Welfare Act indicate that it has worked well by motivating courts and agencies to place greater numbers of Indian children into Indian homes. Testimony we received in 1995 indicates that there may have been only 40 contested Indian adoption cases in the past 15 years, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the total number of Indian adoption cases during that period. The vast majority of those problem cases are the direct result of willful violations of the act and can be addressed by changes to the law that promote greater notification and sanctions for violations.

I am prepared to work on amendments to the act in a careful and deliberate manner. But title III of H.R. 3286 is neither careful nor deliberate; it is irresponsible legislation in response to isolated anecdotes, and given the lack of even superficial consideration of its impacts, it does not belong to H.R. 3286.

I urge my colleagues to support our efforts to strike title III on the House floor.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

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

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, I guess the Clinton-Gore reelection team and the Democrats are not raking up enough cash from the trial lawyers and other special interests. While raising millions and millions of dollars in campaign funds at all kinds of fundraisers, Clinton has managed to nail the taxpayers for his opposition research staff. Thanks to Time magazine, American taxpayers have found out White House staff has been doing campaign work for the President.

Imagine my surprise. His rapid-response team White House staff, funded exclusively by the taxpayers, are now blatantly working on campaign-style responses and attacks for the President's campaign.

I guess we really should not be surprised. This administration has been the most partisan and political in history, from their globe-trotting Cabinet members to their bloated White House staff. With Cabinet Secretaries like Bruce Babbitt and Jesse Brown and others running around the country attacking Republicans on the taxpayers' dime, this pattern of taxpayer ripoff for the Clinton reelection is appalling.

And just think: These are the Cabinet officials that are not yet being investigated.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO AMERICAN MOTHERS

(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, I believe that we have come

today and forgotten what weekend this is, and I want to pay tribute to the honorable remarkable mothers, church mothers, foster care mothers, mothers who have adopted, and just mothers, all of our mothers who have nurtured this Nation to its great place that it is.

I rise to honor them for their unselfishness, their determination and their immense love. Mothers exhibit great compassion.

And to the working mothers living on minimum wage, I am simply asking the Republicans to stop being such hard heads and honor our mothers who work hard with an increase in the minimum wage.

And to our elderly mothers, with worn hands, who worked long and hard, I ask the Republicans to stop trying to cut the Medicare which they depend upon.

Oh, we can talk about a lot this morning, but this is a weekend that we should give honor long and hard to the many mothers around this Nation who sacrificed their sons and daughters to go to war an still remained a patriotic American. Therefore this day I pay tribute to the unsung heroines, our mothers. Happy Mothers Day to the mothers of America.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 317, nays 71, answered "present" 1, not voting 44, as follows:

[Roll No. 163]

YEAS—317

Ackerman	Bishop	Cardin
Allard	Bliley	Castle
Andrews	Blute	Chabot
Archer	Boehlert	Chambliss
Bachus	Boehner	Chenoweth
Baessler	Bonilla	Christensen
Baker (CA)	Bono	Chrysler
Baldacci	Boucher	Clayton
Ballenger	Brewster	Clement
Barcia	Browder	Clinger
Barr	Brownback	Coble
Barrett (NE)	Bryant (TN)	Coburn
Barrett (WI)	Bunning	Collins (GA)
Bartlett	Burr	Collins (MI)
Barton	Burton	Combest
Bass	Buyer	Condit
Bateman	Callahan	Conyers
Bentsen	Calvert	Cooley
Bereuter	Camp	Cox
Bilbray	Campbell	Coyne
Bilirakis	Canady	Cramer

Crane	Kelly	Radanovich
Crapo	Kennedy (MA)	Rahall
Creameans	Kennedy (RI)	Ramstad
Cubin	Kennelly	Rangel
Cummings	Kildee	Reed
Cunningham	Kim	Regula
Davis	King	Richardson
de la Garza	Kingston	Riggs
Deal	Klecza	Rivers
DeLauro	Klug	Roemer
DeLay	Knollenberg	Rogers
Dellums	Kolbe	Rohrabacher
Deutsch	LaHood	Ros-Lehtinen
Diaz-Balart	Lantos	Roth
Dicks	Largent	Roukema
Dingell	LaTourette	Roybal-Allard
Doggett	Lazio	Royce
Dooley	Leach	Rush
Doolittle	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Doyle	Lewis (KY)	Sanders
Dreier	Lightfoot	Sanford
Duncan	Lincoln	Sawyer
Dunn	Linder	Saxton
Edwards	Lipinski	Scarborough
Ehlers	Livingston	Schaefer
Ehrlich	LoBiondo	Schiff
Emerson	Lofgren	Schumer
Eshoo	Lowe	Scott
Evans	Lucas	Seastrand
Ewing	Luther	Sensenbrenner
Farr	Maloney	Serrano
Fattah	Manton	Shadegg
Fawell	Manzullo	Shaw
Fields (LA)	Markey	Shays
Fields (TX)	Martinez	Shuster
Flake	Mascara	Sisisky
Foley	McCarthy	Skaggs
Forbes	McCollum	Skeen
Ford	McCrery	Skelton
Fowler	McHale	Slaughter
Frank (MA)	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Franks (CT)	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Franks (NJ)	McIntosh	Smith (WA)
Frelinghuysen	McKeon	Solomon
Frisa	McKinney	Souder
Frost	Meehan	Spence
Ganske	Metcalf	Spratt
Gekas	Meyers	Stearns
Geren	Mica	Stenholm
Gilchrest	Miller (FL)	Stokes
Gilman	Minge	Studds
Gonzalez	Mink	Stump
Goodlatte	Mollohan	Stupak
Goodling	Montgomery	Talent
Gordon	Moorhead	Tate
Goss	Moran	Tauzin
Graham	Morella	Taylor (NC)
Greene (UT)	Murtha	Tejeda
Greenwood	Myers	Thomas
Gunderson	Myrick	Thornberry
Hall (TX)	Nadler	Thurman
Hamilton	Neal	Tiahrt
Hancock	Nethercutt	Torres
Hansen	Neumann	Traficant
Hastert	Ney	Upton
Hayes	Norwood	Vento
Hayworth	Nussle	Vucanovich
Hobson	Obey	Walker
Hoekstra	Ortiz	Walsh
Horn	Orton	Wamp
Hostettler	Oxley	Ward
Houghton	Packard	Watt (NC)
Hoyer	Parker	Watts (OK)
Hunter	Payne (NJ)	Waxman
Hyde	Payne (VA)	Weldon (FL)
Inglis	Pelosi	White
Istook	Peterson (FL)	Whitfield
Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Wilson
Johnson (SD)	Petri	Wise
Johnson, Sam	Pombo	Woolsey
Johnston	Porter	Wynn
Jones	Poshard	Young (AK)
Kanjorski	Pryce	Young (FL)
Kaptur	Quillen	Zeliff
Kasich	Quinn	

NAYS—71

Becerra	English	Green (TX)
Bonior	Ensign	Gutierrez
Borski	Everett	Gutknecht
Brown (CA)	Fazio	Hall (OH)
Brown (FL)	Filner	Hastings (FL)
Brown (OH)	Flanagan	Hefley
Bunn	Foglietta	Hefner
Clyburn	Fox	Heineman
Coleman	Funderburk	Hilleary
Costello	Furse	Hilliard
DeFazio	Gephardt	Hutchinson
Durbin	Gillmor	Jackson (IL)

Jackson-Lee	McNulty	Thompson
(TX)	Meek	Thornton
Jacobs	Menendez	Torkildsen
Johnson, E. B.	Olver	Towns
Klink	Owens	Velazquez
LaFalce	Pallone	Vislosky
Latham	Pastor	Volkmer
Levin	Pickett	Weller
Lewis (GA)	Sabo	Wicker
Longley	Stark	Wolf
Matsui	Stockman	Yates
McDermott	Taylor (MS)	Zimmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Harman

NOT VOTING—44

Abercrombie	Gallegly	Moakley
Armey	Gedenson	Molinar
Baker (LA)	Gibbons	Oberstar
Beilenson	Hastings (WA)	Paxon
Berman	Herger	Pomeroy
Bevill	Hinchey	Portman
Bryant (TX)	Hoke	Roberts
Chapman	Holden	Rose
Clay	Jefferson	Schroeder
Collins (IL)	Laughlin	Smith (MI)
Danner	Martini	Tanner
Dickey	McDade	Torricelli
Dixon	Millender-	Waters
Dornan	McDonald	Weldon (PA)
Engel	Miller (CA)	Williams

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Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I was back in my district and missed two rollcall votes.

On rollcall 162, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 163, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ADOPTION PROMOTION AND STABILITY ACT OF 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The unfinished business is the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3286) to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, May 9, 1996, it is now in order to consider an amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] or his designee. Does the gentleman from Florida seek to offer an amendment?

If not, it is now in order to consider the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alaska [Mr. YOUNG].

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I offer an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. YOUNG of Alaska:

Strike title III.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from