

"SEC. 620. (a) *AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH FEES.*—In carrying out the inspections required under this title and in developing standards pursuant to section 604, the Secretary may establish and impose on manufactured home manufacturers, distributors, and retailers such reasonable fees as may be necessary to offset the expenses incurred by the Secretary in conducting such inspections and administering the consensus standards development process and for developing standards pursuant to section 604(b), and the Secretary may use any fees so collected to pay expenses incurred in connection therewith. Such fees shall only be modified pursuant to rulemaking in accordance with the provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

"(b) *DEPOSIT OF FEES.*—Fees collected pursuant to this title shall be deposited in a fund, which is hereby established in the Treasury for deposit of such fees. Amounts in the fund are hereby available for use by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a). The use of these fees by the Secretary shall not be subject to general or specific limitations on appropriated funds unless use of these fees is specifically addressed in any future appropriations legislation. The Secretary shall provide an annual report to Congress indicating expenditures under this section. The Secretary shall also make available to the public, in accordance with all applicable disclosure laws, regulations, orders, and directives, information pertaining to such funds, including information pertaining to amounts collected, amounts disbursed, and the fund balance."

SEC. 808. ELIMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT.

Section 626 (42 U.S.C. 5425) is hereby repealed.

SEC. 809. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act, except that the amendments shall have no effect on any order or interpretative bulletin that is published as a proposed rule pursuant to the provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code, on or before that date.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

MRS. CLINTON'S FINGERPRINTS ON BILLING RECORDS II

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, last week I spoke about the new revelations that Mrs. Clinton's fingerprints were found on the billing records found in the White House. These records had been under subpoena by the special prosecutor for over 2 years, and they could not be found, and they turned up in the private living quarters of the First Lady and the President.

Today I would like to expand on this topic and raise some of the many, many unanswered questions that remain to be resolved. According to the Washington Post, the documents that were found in the Clinton's personal residence were copies and not the originals. The originals disappeared during the campaign for President in 1992.

This raises a very serious question: Where are the originals? Who has the originals? Why were they removed from the Rose law firm files and never replaced? They disappeared right after reporters started asking questions about the Whitewater Development Corp.

It is widely believed that the billing records were removed from the law firm by Vincent Foster. The copies found in the White House residence had handwritten notes in the handwriting of both Mr. Foster and the First Lady. It is now well known that after Mr. Foster's death, a box full of documents were removed from his office and locked up in the Clinton's personal residence at the White House. This was done by Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff, Maggie Williams. We are told that the records, the Clinton's personal records, were later turned over to their lawyer, David Kendall, but the question remains, did these also include these phone records, these billing records, that were later found, 2 years later, up at the White House residence?

This also raises numerous other questions. Were the billing records in Vince Foster's office before he died? Were they originals or were they copies? Did Maggie Williams, the First Lady's personal secretary, remove these billing records from his office and take them to the Clinton's residence along with the other information? Were either the originals or copies of the billing records turned over to Mr. Kendall with the Clinton's other personal records? Who else's fingerprints were found on these records?

It has been reported in Newsweek that Maggie Williams was recalled to testify before the grand jury after these records were turned over to the Independent Counsel. Here is a very interesting point: After the billing records were found in January, White House aides insisted to reporters that the records definitely did not come from Vince Foster's office. However, they also told reporters that they did not know how the records got into the personal residence of the First Lady and the President, and we are still trying to determine the chain of custody.

Now, if these White House aides had no idea how the records got into the personal residence in the first place, how could they be so sure they did not come from Vince Foster's office? The important thing to remember is that whoever knew that these records were in the White House and did not turn them over to the independent counsel is guilty of obstruction of justice. Whoever knew these records were in the White House and did not turn them over to the congressional committees that had subpoenaed them is guilty of contempt of Congress.

One more point: The Washington Post reported that David Kendall was called to the White House after the records were discovered. He and White House lawyer Jane Sherburne discussed the fact that the FBI would probably

want to check the records for fingerprints. However, they went ahead after they may have had this discussion and photocopied every single page of the documents. Did these two lawyers intentionally make it more difficult for the FBI to obtain fingerprints from the pages of the documents by handling these documents and photocopying them?

It is very important to remember that these records contain information that casts serious doubts about Mrs. Clinton's sworn statements about her legal work for Madison Guaranty. There are two central questions that must be resolved: First, is it plausible that these records were found in Mrs. Clinton's personal residence, had her fingerprints on them, and her handwriting on them, and she had not seen them since 1992? Second, who has the originals of these billing records? These questions must be answered and answered very quickly.

THE NEW BUDGET: DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget released in the last 2 days is truly a throwback to the Republican budget that was rejected overwhelmingly by the American people just last year.

Last year, the American people examined the Republican proposals to cut Medicare, to pay for tax breaks for the privileged few, for wealthy Americans, and the American people said, "These are not our values. These are not our priorities. This is not what we want to see. We don't want to see the funding for education, for environment, for Medicare and Medicaid, slashed." And because the American people really spoke out, they rose up against this budget last year, Congress in the end passed a budget that protects our Nation's priorities.

Yesterday, when the congressional majority, when their leadership unveiled their new budget, it was as Yogi Berra once said, *deja vu* all over again. We see the same skewed priorities, the same skewed values, and a willingness to do harm to working middle-class families in this country.

One of the most disturbing parts of this budget is the way that it undercuts medical protection for our Nation's seniors. Republicans propose cutting \$168 billion from Medicare, once again they propose, and their proposals and these Medicare cuts will result in less choice for seniors in choosing their doctors, the potential for closing down hospitals in this country, and for creating a second rate health care system for seniors in the United States of America.

The \$168 billion they want to cut from Medicare is not, do not let them fool you, is not necessary to make the

Medicare system solvent. They may say that, but again, do not let them fool you, and do not buy it, the way you did not buy it in the last go-round.

The money that is being cut is not going to be put back into the Medicare trust fund. Once again, it is going to pay for tax breaks. The President proposed extending the solvency of Medicare for the same amount of time without making the same deep cuts in the Medicare system.

They are using the money from these Medicare cuts to fund \$176 billion in unnecessary tax breaks.

If you want to know the real agenda of the Republican leadership on Medicare, all you need to do is to recall the words of House Speaker NEWT GINGRICH on Medicare not too many months ago. Not years ago, but not too many months ago. The Speaker said, "Now we don't get rid of it in round one, because we don't think that is the politically smart thing to do, and we do not think that is the right way to go through a transition. But we believe it is going to wither on the vine, because we think people are voluntarily going to leave it."

The majority leader of the other body said that he was proud to have voted in 1965 against Medicare because "it is a system that does not work." These people truly believe that Medicare is a wrong system, a bad system, and that it needs to be destroyed. Do not let them kid you in the direction they want to take the Medicare system. That is what the Republicans really want to do to Medicare. They want it to wither on the vine.

The Republican assault on health care for seniors does not stop with Medicare. In their budget they also propose cutting Medicaid by \$72 billion. That cut, combined with the block grant approach, will jeopardize the guarantee of coverage for folks who are in nursing homes. Most people do not understand what Medicaid is about. It is seniors who are in nursing homes that Medicaid covers.

In addition to cuts in Medicare and Medicaid, they propose including risky medical savings accounts in the Medicare system, a system that would allow wealthy seniors to operate out of the Medicare system, thereby weakening the program, allowing those who are most ill, most frail, to stay in traditional insurance programs, driving those premiums up, and not allowing people to be able to get health care.

To sum up, what this new Republican budget amounts to is yet another assault on the health care system for our Nation's seniors. Unless they withdraw this budget and rework their proposals, I expect that they will ignite, and I certainly hope they do, the same firestorm that forced their retreat last year. Their proposal is wrong and irresponsible.

ALASKAN OIL SALES RESPONSIBLE FOR GASOLINE PRICE HIKES

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, last week the President of the United States ordered oil to be pumped from the strategic petroleum reserve in an effort to counter rising gasoline prices. What is behind all this? Why are gasoline prices soaring, and why now? Why are price increases most dramatic on the West Coast?

Many factors can impact the price of oil. In this case, two Government actions are pushing up the price of gasoline. First, of course, the President's gas tax is making a bad situation worse. The gas tax hits the low-income working families the hardest and should be repealed immediately.

But just last week, at the same time that he ordered additional oil out of our strategic reserves, the President authorized the export of Alaskan oil to Asia. At a time when gas prices are soaring, he chose to send United States gasoline to Asian nations instead of to American consumers.

We had a ban on exporting Alaskan oil. The ban was part of an agreement that allowed the building of the pipeline in the first place. In fact, the pipeline would not have been built without that agreement. This agreement should never have been broken. As we face soaring oil prices at home, we are preparing to reduce domestic supplies of oil by shipping it overseas.

I saw it coming. Everyone should have seen this coming. During congressional consideration of that legislation to end the ban on export of Alaskan oil, I vigorously warned of higher gasoline prices, opposing even members of my own party. The majority of Congress argued that if we allow this oil to be exported, higher prices will be charged, with the result of revenue increase to the Treasury. But higher oil prices mean higher gasoline prices. That is not very complicated. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure that out. Legislation was then passed allowing the President to export the oil at his discretion.

Did not the Congress and the President realize that reducing the oil supply from Alaska would dramatically raise gas prices, especially on the West Coast? Of course price increases in the United States were sure to follow, as markets reacted in anticipation of falling supply and increasing demand.

The President's decisions contradict each other. He is opening the strategic petroleum reserve to lower the price of oil. At the same time this President allows shipments of American oil to Asian consumers. He is making the problem worse than it needs to be, and, as usual, working people and their families are paying the price.

It makes no sense to release our strategic reserves at the same time we are

exporting needed Alaskan oil. Mr. President, please be consistent and stop playing politics with the price of gasoline.

TRIBUTE TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR WILLIAM E. COLBY

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, all of Washington and the Nation watched over some 7 days as America wondered what happened to the former Director of the CIA, William Colby. William Colby served his country in war and in peace. He served it with integrity and with commitment.

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Tragically, his body was found 7 days after his canoe was discovered. He had drowned.

I had the opportunity of talking to his widow, Sally Shelton Colby, and when I talked to her, she was thankful for the volunteers and paid personnel of so many agencies who had throughout her vigil exercised their skill and their judgment in the search for an answer to why he was missing.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of more than 100 individuals, both paid and volunteer, who spent many hours in the cold waters and on the shoreline of the Wicomico River searching for the late William Colby.

The search ended early Monday morning after his body was discovered near the shoreline, ending, Mr. Speaker, an intense search that began on the 28th of April. There were many agencies and organizations involved in the search, as is always the case when neighbors get in trouble. That search was headed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police. They did an outstanding job, and I want to recognize not only them but all the participants in this search, including the sheriff of Charles County, MD, Fred Davis, and the men and women of the Charles County Sheriff's Department who handled press inquiries, protected the Colby residence, and facilitated in the search.

The search involved countless volunteer hours and assistance from the Maryland State Police, aviation division; the Charles County dive team, who were the first divers in the search; the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and emergency medical team; the 7th District Volunteer Fire Department, Boat 5 from the home county of myself, St. Mary's County; the Marbury Volunteer Fire Department, using their rescue boat and dive team; the Bel Alton Volunteer Fire Department; the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department dive team, led by Sheriff Voorhaar; the Calvert County dive team; the U.S. Coast Guard; the Prince George's County dive team, Companies