

said, that neither she nor her family would ever fly on ValuJet. But after the crash, a DOT spokesman said ValuJet is completely safe. It is perfectly OK.

Yesterday, after a Three-Stooges-type soap opera, the Government, who has been speaking out of both sides of their mouth on the ValuJet incident, did the following thing. They grounded ValuJet as unsafe, and they threw the top safety man, Tony Broderick, to the wolves.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. It is evident after this soap opera that the only call the flying public can make is to Ghostbusters, because the FAA is out to lunch with a bunch and the DOT has gone for soup with the group. Think about it.

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FBI FILEGATE SCANDAL?

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, in order to help me and the American people decipher the police state tactics of the FBI files scandal, I tried to figure out what an innocent bureaucratic mistake was. I thought it might help to look up the word "innocent" in the dictionary. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary states that the word "innocent" has the following definition: free from guilt through lack of knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, this really did not help, because how could anyone realistically have a lack of knowledge that all of the names in the files in question were Republican White House personnel? Certainly the White House should know our former Secretary of State James Baker, who was on the list, is not really a security risk.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I ask just one thing of the Clinton White House with regard to the new FBI Filegate scandal. It is the same question we have asked with so many of the scandals down at this White House: When are we going to hear the truth?

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN DISMANTLING OF MEDICARE

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

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, as Yogi Berra once said, it is *deja vu* all over again: another Republican dismantling of Medicare; a little smaller than before, but just as unnecessary, and still a bad policy. Doctors can charge thousands of dollars in bills that Medicare will not cover; hospitals are cutting even more than before, and these cuts, along with the Republicans' Medicaid cuts, will close many rural hospitals in districts all over this country. Seniors are still herded into managed care plans where they cannot choose their

own doctor. That means less choice and continually rising premiums.

Once again, Republicans demand that seniors pay more and more and get less and less. Once again, seniors will pay for the tax cuts for the well off. This plan was never intended to improve Medicare. As Speaker GINGRICH has already said, this plan is intended to see Medicare wither on the vine. It is still a bad deal for America's seniors.

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PRIVACY RIGHTS AND FILEGATE

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, when the privacy rights of American citizens are in jeopardy, partisan politics has no place.

That is why I stood up to Members of my own party in fighting against giving the FBI more leeway to conduct warrantless wiretaps. I have opposed the so-called digital telephony scheme which would have expanded the FBI's power to eavesdrop on American homes. And I have taken on Members of my own party when I fought against the odious 1-800-BIG-BROTHER employee computer registry plan.

Thus, I am absolutely astounded by some of the political professionals in this town who have rushed blindly to defend the White House on this FBI file scandal. There is no excuse for White House operatives to rummage through the private FBI background files of political opponents. None. People who sacrifice all dignity in order to help the White House Stonewall and on filegate lose any right to call themselves civil libertarians. It is disgraceful and they should be ashamed.

DOLE'S ANTIENVIRONMENT RECORD

(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. Mr. Speaker, Bob Dole's first campaign swing through California had a chilling message for every voter who cares about the environment.

Bob Dole endorsed Governor Wilson's Ward Valley nuclear dump, although the bankrupt developer has yet to build a radioactive waste facility without serious safety problems.

Bob Dole endorsed the \$2 billion Auburn Dam for Sacramento Valley developers, situated smack on top of an earthquake fault, ignoring a cheaper and more environmentally safe flood control alternative.

Bob Dole endorsed logging of a giant ancient, redwood forest in violation of the Endangered Species Act to benefit a giant timber corporation.

And Bob Dole embraced subsidized agribusinesses who refuse to share water with California cities, fisheries,

wetlands, and refuges. No surprise, because Bob Dole's campaign manager is a lawyer representing the biggest subsidized growers and polluters in our State.

This is Bob Dole's scorched Earth campaign for California's environment, designed by lawyers, lobbyists, and special interests. It will be rejected by California voters because Bob Dole is no friend of our environment.

WHAT IS THREATENING ABOUT MEDICAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS?

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, taking power and influence out of the hands of bureaucrats in Washington and returning it to the American people is something the American people want and that the Congress is trying to provide.

Medical savings accounts, MSA's, are one way to return power and influence over health insurance to individuals.

With an MSA, you do not need anyone's permission to spend money on health care. It is your money to spend or save as you see fit.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about losing your health care insurance if you switch jobs or lose your job—your MSA is yours and it goes with you. That is true portability.

With an MSA, you do not have to worry about the potential for ruinous out-of-pocket costs. Out-of-pocket costs are limited to the amount of the deductible; and catastrophic insurance kicks in with full coverage after that.

With an MSA, the power and influence over health care spending is in the hands of the individual Americans who choose to have an MSA to pay for their health care.

Why is this power and influence for individuals so threatening?

One person should not deny millions of Americans reform, including MSA's, that will make health insurance more portable and affordable.

TRIBUTE TO 1996 TOSHIBA/NSTA EXPLORAVISION AWARDS PROGRAM

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

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, more than 40 students will come to our Nation's Capital to receive top honors in the 1996 ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association [NSTA].

The ExploraVision Awards Program is the largest K-12 student science competition in the world. The competition asks students to work in teams to use their imaginations to envision what technology will be like 20 years from now.

As a longstanding member of the House Science Committee, I have worked hard to improve science education in this country.

The competition is just one great example of a successful business-education partnership that encourages students to pursue careers in science. I have been supporting this outstanding program since its launch in 1992.

The ExploraVision Awards give students the opportunity to identify future technological needs and develop the kind of technological thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future.

I am proud to recognize the achievements of this year's winners and proud to be the honorary cochairperson of the 1996 ExploraVision Awards weekend.

CLINTONOMICS

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I submit the latest "Say what, Mr. President?" and the credit goes to Clinton appointee Richard Rominger who last night proclaimed to the Georgia Farm Bureau that, and I quote, "During this administration, the national debt has fallen \$15,000 per family of four."

"How so?" asks our numbers-crunching colleague, MAC COLLINS, because the national debt has risen steadily during this administration.

"Well," answered a shameless Rominger, "the annual deficit had been rising and since it is not rising as much, the \$15,000 represents the additional amount saved had it kept rising."

Let me put that in English. I weigh 170 pounds. I have never weighed 190 pounds. But according to Clintonomics, I lost 20 pounds if I add up all the sundae and desserts that I have said "no" to.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is Clintonomics. It is like an Oliver Stone movie—it is exciting, it is entertaining, but it is not based on reality.

HIGH-TECHNOLOGY JOBS BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, soon we will be voting on the President's special request for a waiver for most-favored-nation status for China. I am here today to talk about one of the myths that has been circulated, and that is that most of the jobs that we are losing to China are low-technology jobs. Indeed, one of the greatest assaults on the American worker is being made right now with the transfer of technology to China. For example, Boeing used to make all of its tail sections for the 737 in Wichita, KS. Now, in the last couple of years, they have trans-

ferred the production of half of those tail sections to Xi'an, China, where workers make \$50 a month on these high-technology jobs, thereby taking jobs from the American worker that are high-technology.

In addition to that, if you wish to sell into the Chinese market, you must build a factory there and then turn over your technology plans to some institute there which then passes it around among the Chinese where you have now created your competitors.

This is a very important issue, Mr. Speaker. If intellectual property is a \$2 to \$3 billion loss, this is over a \$100 billion loss. It does harm to the American worker and steals America's economic future.

ROBBING OUR UNION EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, employees have a right to know why their hard-earned money is being taken out of their pockets and being used by union leaders. They also deserve the right to stop it if they choose.

Why would anyone oppose legislation which gives workers the right to know where their money is going? Because it is a cash cow.

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney publicly vowed his union's intention to spend \$35 million to fund campaign and political activities—\$35 million right out of the pockets of rank and file union members.

More than 62 percent of these hard-working men and women said in a poll that they do not approve. They do not want their dues going to campaign and political purposes.

And most did not even know about President Sweeney's political attack with their hard-earned money.

We need to stop this ripoff and give our hard-working families a break. There is a way. Support the Worker Right-To-Know Act.

MEDICARE OVERBILLING

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican plan on Medicare calls for \$168 billion in cuts in the growth, as they say. They say they need to cut this much in order to save Medicare, but the President's budget saves Medicare for \$44 billion less in the cuts in growth.

Perhaps this is the Republican majority way of paying for financially irresponsible tax cuts. These are the same tax cuts that increase the deficit for the next 2 years. We will not hear that from that microphone over there.

But there is more. In the Speaker Gingrich House Republican Medicare plan there is a provision that would

allow health care providers to bill seniors more now than they are for current services paid for by Medicare. So, in other words, not only are we going to cut Medicare but seniors are going to have to pay more for services that have been provided by Medicare. The Gingrich plan would weaken the provision, thereby opening the door for higher out-of-pocket expenses for our seniors.

The Republican majority's first priority is tax cuts, even though they increase the deficit. Then they want to cut Medicare, education, and all the rest in order to pay for it. These are not the priorities of the American people.

THE RIGHT CHOICE TO SAVE MEDICARE

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, hearing my dear friend from Texas reminds me of that great country and western song entitled "That's my story and I'm sticking to it." The same tired old bromides based on fear and not on facts still exist within the liberal minority.

I daresay what we fail to hear from that microphone is the stunning reality that the bipartisan trustees of the Medicare trust fund told us not 2 weeks ago that if we fail to act, Medicare, as we know it, goes broke in 5 years, quite possibly in 4.

The key difference is this, Mr. Speaker: When we get past the name calling and the playground taunts, those of us in the new majority are willing to work to govern, to save, preserve, protect, and improve a program for the next generation, while our dear liberal friends are so willing to abandon reality they are thinking only of the next election. The American people will make the right choice.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to talk about health care, because Americans want health care and they want health care reform.

Interestingly enough, there is bipartisan support for health care reform, reforms which would provide portability, which is the right of a person to transfer their health insurance when they change jobs, and also a provision that would ban prohibitions against preexisting conditions, so if their child has asthma, they can still get health care. There is bipartisan support in both houses.

We ought to pass it because the American people want it. But why do we not pass it? Because the Republican majority wants to overreach again. They want medical savings accounts.