

leadership will say that that is less than what they asked for the year before. But what the American people do not know is that the Republicans left a loophole that allows for unnamed tax breaks to be inserted later. The chairman of the Budget Committee, JOHN KASICH, has said, and I quote, "We expect a full complement of tax cuts. If there isn't, I will head south."

No wonder the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

THE NEED FOR ETHICS AND HONESTY IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, as Republicans and Democrats in this House we disagree about many things, but we should not disagree for a moment on the need for ethics and honesty in Government.

During the administration of Ronald Reagan I worked in the White House, in the counsel's office, as a senior associate counsel to the President. I was proud of the reputation that that independent office in the White House maintained as a post-Watergate creation to make sure that after Richard Nixon and the Watergate offenses, never again was a President in a position of lacking the kind of independent honest advice that was necessary to make sure that there would not be lawbreaking within the White House itself. That office has maintained its reputation in a dignified way through Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush.

Sadly, in this administration the opposite has been true. Most recently the deputy counsel to the President has been named in a criminal indictment as an unindicted co-conspirator. This is not a hard question. Bruce Lindsey must resign. If he refuses to do so, the President himself must demand it. We as Members of Congress interested in honesty and ethics in Government must demand it.

FAMILIES FIRST—THE AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

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

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, today the Census Bureau tells us something that the average American already knows, and that is, according to census figures, the income disparity between the richest and the poorest in this country is bigger than ever. Bigger than ever, because we have been living under the Gingrich budget which says we must cut everybody in the middle class so the rich can get even more tax cuts, and we must continue to lift the deficit because guess who loans the

money to the Government? The rich. So they are getting it both ways. It is absolutely amazing.

And what are we supposed to do? What are families supposed to do, normal families? I guess we are back to trickledown. I do not know about you, but the people in my area have been waiting for trickledown for years now, and they have not even gotten damp.

I think we have finally got to take this families first agenda that the Democrats have come up with and go out there and remind people it is the middle class that built this Government, and it is the middle class that is getting tromped on by this Government. Families first is the agenda for the future.

FILEGATE

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

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, would it not be interesting to see President Clinton's secret FBI file?

It would answer a lot of questions most Americans have been wondering about for a long time.

We would see his health records, credit history, FBI background interviews, travel history, high school and college records, anti-Vietnam-war activities, and just about everything else we would want to know about his past.

Will we ever see these records? No.

Why not? Because it would be an invasion of privacy. In other words, it would be against the law.

President Clinton, do not violate the privacy of innocent citizens, if we are not allowed to see these records.

CHINA MFN MEANS DEATH OF AMERICAN JOBS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Members of this body will soon be asked to vote on most-favored-nation trading status for China.

Mr. Speaker, this softball, this Barbie doll, and this figurine from "Beauty and the Beast," are all manufactured in China with cheap labor, maybe by prison labor, maybe by child labor. Children in China making "Beauty and the Beast" figurines, children in China making Barbie dolls for children in America, 12-year-olds in China making softballs for 12-year-olds in America.

China has run up a huge trade surplus with the United States. By the U.S. Commerce Department's own calculation, that surplus will cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs. This deficit is growing every month and soon will exceed Japan's. The result is the death of American jobs. Hardship for American families, distress in American communities.

Mr. Speaker, China does not play by the rules. Children in China making softballs and Barbie dolls for children in America. Kill MFN.

SUPPORT FAMILIES FIRST, NOT THE GINGRICH BUDGET

(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 am extremely happy this morning that we finally have the real news that I hope America can attend to, and that is that the rich earn more than all of the middle class. Does anyone realize that there are Americans making \$7,800 a year?

Maybe that will cease and desist all of the talk shows who begin to talk about those who do not want to work and those who do not want to do, and begin to understand what the Democrats are speaking about in not cutting Medicare and Medicaid, what the Democrats are speaking about in offering a new agenda for America, and that is families first, so that we can send our young people to college, so that we can keep the Pell grants, so that we can ensure that the environment is safe, and yes, so that we can increase the minimum wage for those individuals who want to take to the work rolls and not to the deadbeat rolls.

I hope that we will reject the Gingrich budget that does not put families first, and that now for once the truth will be known: The rich are getting richer and the poor, yes, are getting poorer, and the middle class are caught in between. Join us in an effort to make sure that this Congress speaks for families first and not support the Gingrich budget.

REPUBLICAN GIMMICKS HURT AMERICA

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

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, the right-wing radical Republicans seem to always take the side of the rich and privileged in America. They act as if they really care about America and working families and the middle class. There is no better case in point than Medicare.

The Republicans are using smoke and mirrors, political double talk, and all the gimmicks from the Nixon-Reagan school of politics. But they still would not be able to fool the American public. They know the American public really knows that the Republicans want to kill Medicare because it is the only way that they can save their Republican friends' tax cuts.

The bottom line is that Democrats want to honor the Medicare contract and the Republicans do not. The Medicare contract should be first.

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PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on National Security; Committee on Resources; Committee on Science; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CHAMBLISS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO OFFER ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3662, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the further consideration of H.R. 3662, notwithstanding the order of the House of Wednesday, June 19, 1996, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK] be allowed to offer an amendment regarding the Pictured Rocks National Park to be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 455 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3662.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3662) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. BURTON of Indiana in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Wednes-

day, June 19, 1996, the bill had been read through page 80, line 4. Pending was amendment No. 28, offered by the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS].

Pursuant to the order of the House of that day, the bill is considered read.

The text of the remainder of H.R. 3662, as amended pursuant to House Resolution 455, is as follows:

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive Order issued pursuant to existing law.

SEC. 302. No part of any appropriation under this Act shall be available to the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture for the leasing of oil and natural gas by noncompetitive bidding on publicly owned lands within the boundaries of the Shawnee National Forest, Illinois: *Provided*, That nothing herein is intended to inhibit or otherwise affect the sale, lease, or right to access to minerals owned by private individuals.

SEC. 303. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which congressional action is not complete.

SEC. 304. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 305. None of the funds provided in this Act to any department or agency shall be obligated or expended to provide a personal cook, chauffeur, or other personal servants to any officer or employee of such department or agency except as otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 306. No assessments may be levied against any program, budget activity, subactivity, or project funded by this Act unless advance notice of such assessments and the basis therefor are presented to the Committees on Appropriations and are approved by such Committees.

SEC. 307. (a) COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICAN ACT.—None of the funds made available in this Act may be expended by an entity unless the entity agrees that in expending the funds the entity will comply with sections 2 through 4 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a-10c; popularly known as the "Buy American Act").

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS; REQUIREMENT REGARDING NOTICE.—

(1) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.—In the case of any equipment or product that may be authorized to be purchased with financial assistance provided using funds made available in this Act, it is the sense of the Congress that entities receiving the assistance should, in expending the assistance, purchase only American-made equipment and products.

(2) NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.—In providing financial assistance using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency shall provide to each recipient of the assistance a notice describing the statement made in paragraph (1) by the Congress.

(c) PROHIBITION OF CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS FALSELY LABELING PRODUCTS AS MADE IN AMERICA.—If it has been finally deter-

mined by a court or Federal agency that any person intentionally affixed a label bearing a "Made in America" inscription, or any inscription with the same meaning, to any product sold in or shipped to the United States that is not made in the United States, the person shall be ineligible to receive any contract or subcontract made with funds made available in this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and ineligibility procedures described in sections 9.400 through 9.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 308. None of the funds in this Act may be used to plan, prepare, or offer for sale timber from trees classified as giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) which are located on National Forest System or Bureau of Land Management lands in a manner different than such sales were conducted in fiscal year 1995.

SEC. 309. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated or expended by the National Park Service to enter into or implement a concession contract which permits or requires the removal of the underground lunchroom at the Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

SEC. 310. Where the actual costs of construction projects under self-determination contracts, compacts, or grants, pursuant to Public Laws 93-638, 103-413, or 100-297, are less than the estimated costs thereof, use of the resulting excess funds shall be determined by the appropriate Secretary after consultation with the tribes.

SEC. 311. Notwithstanding Public Law 103-413, quarterly payments of funds to tribes and tribal organizations under annual funding agreements pursuant to section 108 of Public Law 93-638, as amended, may be made on the first business day following the first day of a fiscal quarter.

SEC. 312. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for the AmeriCorps program, unless the relevant agencies of the Department of the Interior and/or Agriculture follow appropriate reprogramming guidelines: *Provided*, That if no funds are provided for the AmeriCorps program by the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies fiscal year 1997 appropriations bill, then none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for the AmeriCorps programs.

SEC. 313. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used (1) to demolish the bridge between Jersey City, New Jersey, and Ellis Island; or (2) to prevent pedestrian use of such bridge, when it is made known to the Federal official having authority to obligate or expend such funds that such pedestrian use is consistent with generally accepted safety standards.

SEC. 314. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or expended to accept or process applications for a patent for any mining or mill site claim located under the general mining laws.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not apply if the Secretary of the Interior determines that, for the claim concerned: (1) a patent application was filed with the Secretary on or before September 30, 1994, and (2) all requirements established under sections 2325 and 2326 of the Revised Statutes (30 U.S.C. 29 and 30) for vein or lode claims and sections 2329, 2330, 2331, and 2333 of the Revised Statutes (30 U.S.C. 35, 36, and 37) for placer claims, and section 2337 of the Revised Statutes (30 U.S.C. 42) for mill site claims, as the case may be, were fully complied with by the applicant by that date.

(c) PROCESSING SCHEDULE.—For those applications for patents pursuant to subsection (b) which were filed with the Secretary of the Interior, prior to September 30, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior shall—